



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 01

P.S./M.S. 279

PS 279 CAPT MANUEL RIVERA, JR

New York City Public Schools
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 1,065

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

All students, staff members and stakeholders share in the leadership of this school. Leadership is a natural outcome of the education and experiences provided to all members of the PS/MS 279 community. Our school is a place where opportunities to learn and lead result from team efforts, formal exchanges of knowledge, as well as shared work and responsibility. This vision aims to give our students and staff the opportunity to fully develop and express their intelligence, creativity, cultural heritage and personal power. This opportunity is provided through our relevant academic and social instruction that is standards-driven, activity-based and outcome-focused.

Principal's Statement

Teamwork for teachers and children is the most important theme at PS/MS 279. As a whole school we have focused our grade teams on using student achievement data to plan and deliver instruction that meets the specific needs of each student in every class. Teacher teams also write curriculum and plan instruction together. For the past two years our collective focus has been to provide individualized assisted learning opportunities to each of our students. Through the collective support of four lead teachers and three coaches working with teachers on every grade, we have been able to move student achievement forward in all areas.

Special Academic Programs

Wilson Reading after school program; English Language Learners' after school program; Community Word 7th grade poetry project; 1st Grade Reading Recovery Program; READ program for early childhood literacy improvement; CHCF K to 8 Academic Enrichment After School; CIS Chess In the Schools middle school academic enrichment.

Extracurricular Activities

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; CHAMPS athletic program for fitness, flag football and basketball; CHCF After School program; American Ballroom Theater - ballroom dance program for 4th and 5th grades (2006 fall semester gold medal champs); CIS Chess Teams compete locally and nationally.

Community Support

Partnerships with Community Word non-profit community education organization, Ann Taylor Retailers, Northwest Bronx CCC for parent leadership training, Chess-In-The-Schools, and the Committee for Hispanic Children & Families;

Parent/School Support

Parent fundraising purchases trips and graduation attire for K and 8th grade. Offered workshops supporting families in assisting with students' academic success and meeting the community's needs. Learning Leaders has trained literacy volunteers for work in the K to 2 classrooms; CCB 10 trains parent leaders.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

Restructuring - Year 2

This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: YES; 2005-06: YES; 2006-07: YES

The Division of Assessment and Accountability (DAA) compiled this report primarily from central databases and information provided by this school's principal. Throughout the report, N/A indicates that information was not available or did not apply to this school. The 2005-2006 Annual School Report is a supplement to the New York State Education Department's School Report Card for New York City Schools. Consult the Parent Guide for an explanation of the data in this report. Other DAA reports can be obtained online at www.nyc.gov/daa.

STUDENTS

Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 1065 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
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Major Crimes

Property Crimes	6	0.7
Crimes Against Persons	0	0.5
Other Crimes	5	4.9
Non- Criminal	11	7.0

Similar-Size Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1001-1250 students.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ourschools/schoolsafety.htm>

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	9.9	7.4	5.4
Similar schools	6.2	5.7	4.8
City schools	7.0	6.3	5.1

* Students enrolled as of Oct. 31, 2005 who immigrated to the U.S. within the last three years.

Recent Immigrants' Place of Birth

Percent of students	2006
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	3.6
BANGLADESH	0.5
MEXICO	0.3

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gender Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
Part-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELL	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over-age for grade	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent eligible for free lunch	N/A	N/A	N/A
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A

* This information is for the students who were on register as new 9th and 10th graders on October 31, 2005 and came from another school.

* Not applicable to elementary and middle schools

Admission to Other Schools in September 2005

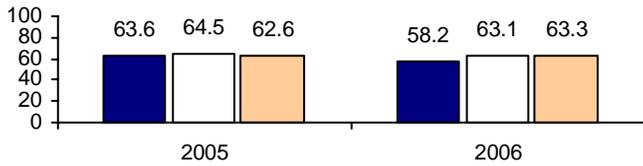
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
BRONX LAB SCHOOL	X	11	265	7	4.1
HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHO	X	11	455	7	4.1
BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF BUS	X	10	412	6	3.5

* Leavers are students who left their school for any reason.

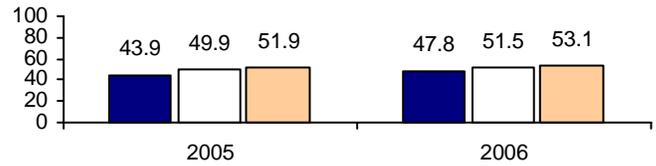
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

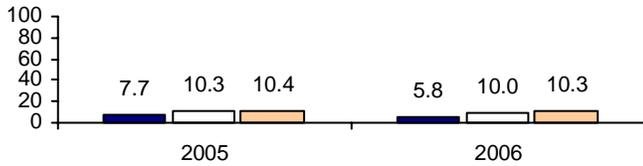
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



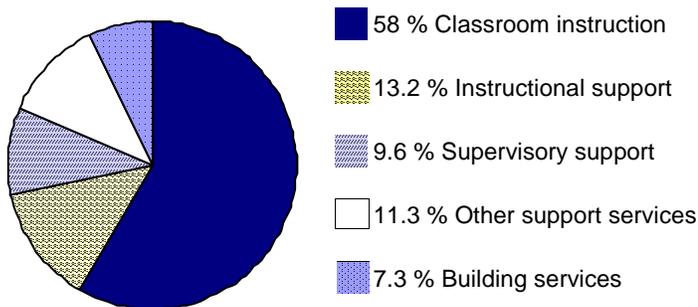
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,196	\$11,330	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,738	\$13,418	N/A
City schools	\$12,106	\$12,764	N/A

Note: The state calculation of school expenditures per student for direct and indirect services in 2004 was \$12,896 for all New York City schools. An average of \$13,085 was calculated for all New York State schools including those in New York City.

How money was spent in this school in 2005 (Direct Services Only)



0.6 % is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	111.2	106.8	111.8
Similar schools	78.0	77.4	78.0
City schools	83.5	79.3	79.9

*When over 100%, school has exceeded official capacity.