



2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

Region 02

H.S. 404

SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

New York City Public Schools

Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 390

Students on May 1, 2006:

School Mission Statement

The School For Excellence is dedicated to students developing intellectual skills including literacy, mathematics, science and critical thinking, and an informed sense of social responsibility.

The multicultural curriculum integrates academic instruction with creative arts. Our project and portfolio-based curriculum encourages students to develop innovative ideas and expand their world view.

Our graduates will be able to succeed in higher education and career opportunities of their choosing. All adults in the school community collaborate as partners in helping students reach their goals.

Principal's Statement

The School For Excellence is one of several small schools that have replaced the original Morris High School and now form the Morris High School Campus. Our theme is Arts integration which means that applicants must be willing to participate in curriculum related projects in various art forms including poetry, drawing, painting, photography and acting. We participate in all campus sports. All students complete a variety of assessments including mandatory portfolio presentations. In our first three years we have compiled a solid record of success in state Regent's exams averaging 80% pass rates in both ELA and Math+.

Special Academic Programs

The School For Excellence, in collaboration with Hostos Community College, offers advanced placement classes. We also offer Project Adventure classes and work with various museums, cultural institutions including the Whitney Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Facing History and Ourselves, and the American Social History Project.

Extracurricular Activities

Our students participate in PSAL basketball and volley ball for both boys and girls as well as boys baseball. Additionally, we have a Karate Club, a Drama Club, a campus magazine, a chess club, and a Spanish Club. Our students are also eligible to participate in activities offered by other schools on the Campus.

Community Support

We are supported by the Institute for Student Achievement which is a community based organization and a partner in the school. We also receive support from the New York City Writing Project, Princeton Review, and our local politicians especially Mr. Carrion, Bronx Borough President.

Parent/School Support

Our parents have ESL classes, GED classes and Computer classes as a result of the work of our Parent Coordinator and the Parent's Association.

2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

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 390 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

	This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
Major Crimes			
Property Crimes		1	1.1
Crimes Against Persons		1	1.2
Other Crimes		15	8.9
Non- Criminal		43	25.3

No separate data is available for this school. Multiple schools are found at a single address, and the incident data have been consolidated so that the same data are reported for all those schools. These schools are included in this consolidated location: MORRIS ACADEMY FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDIES|BRONX INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL|SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE|BRONX LEADERSHIP ACADEMY II HIGH SCHOOL|HIGH SCHOOL FOR VIOLIN AND DANCE, Similar-Sized Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 1501-1750 students

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

Recent Immigrants*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	3.1	2.8	2.1
Similar schools	18.6	17.2	16.1
City schools	11.6	9.8	7.6

* 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
GHANA	0.8
JAMAICA	0.5
BELGIUM	0.3

Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender Male	44.4	52.6	50.5
Gender Female	55.6	47.4	49.5
Part-time Special Education	6.8	4.8	5.8
Full-time Special Education	6	7.1	5.2
ELL	0.9	31.8	12.8
Over-age for grade	42.7	44.1	29.9
Percent eligible for free lunch	42.7	44.1	29.9
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	85.2	87.3	89.8
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	13.2	14.8	32.7
Mathematics (tested only)	15.2	22.5	40.8

* 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

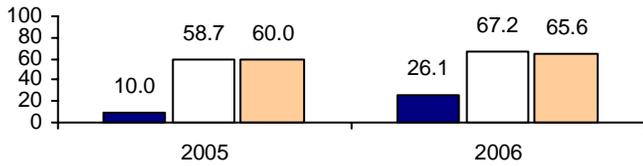
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			Number	Number	Percent

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

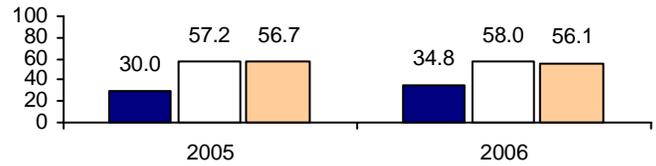
SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

TEACHERS

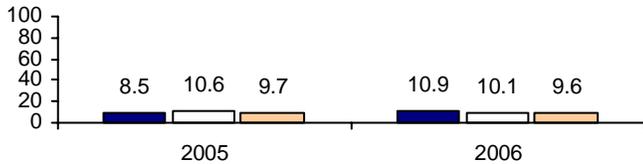
Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School



Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere



Average Days Absent



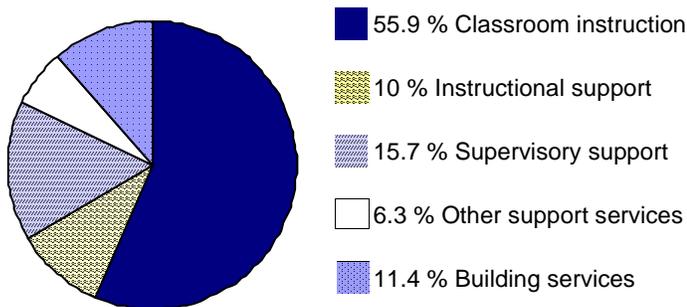
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$10,267	\$10,615	N/A
Similar schools	\$12,305	\$13,341	N/A
City schools	\$11,138	\$11,607	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)



0.7% is used for District Support.

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Capacity

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	74.2	109.3	100.8
Similar schools	112.6	111.4	100.6
City schools	106.0	106.4	103.5

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

PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS ON REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

	2004-2005				2005-2006			
	Number	55 - 100	65 - 100	85 - 100	Number	55 - 100	65 - 100	85 - 100
	Tested	Percent	Percent	Percent	Tested	Percent	Percent	Percent
ENGLISH								
This School	105	52.4	21.0	1.9	93	65.6	31.2	0.0
Similar Schools	9697	65.0	43.4	5.6	10106	64.8	44.3	4.9
City Schools	63738	78.1	61.6	16.6	70344	77.6	62.9	16.6
MATH A								
This School	79	67.1	40.5	1.3	96	85.4	58.3	2.1
Similar Schools	11806	73.8	49.1	5.9	11040	76.6	50.8	6.4
City Schools	74616	81.2	61.0	13.6	76930	83.1	62.3	13.9
MATH B								
This School					3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Similar Schools	1381	45.3	31.6	6.4	1646	48.5	35.8	7.9
City Schools	18163	70.4	58.5	16.3	21205	68.9	56.4	15.5
CHEMISTRY								
This School								
Similar Schools	1506	54.5	29.6	3.3	1256	62.9	36.3	4.1
City Schools	23988	77.5	55.9	10.5	24062	79.3	58.0	13.1
LIVING ENVIRONMENT								
This School	134	66.4	44.0	0.0	79	86.1	59.5	0.0
Similar Schools	8523	59.1	37.9	2.5	8198	66.8	42.2	2.8
City Schools	62307	72.7	55.2	10.6	65322	76.0	56.5	9.7
GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY								
This School	83	84.3	47.0	8.4	116	77.6	55.2	7.8
Similar Schools	11391	55.7	33.8	5.3	10341	55.5	33.8	6.6
City Schools	73666	68.8	51.1	15.3	77999	66.6	49.4	16.5
U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT								
This School	46	73.9	21.7	4.3	34	73.5	38.2	0.0
Similar Schools	8448	64.3	43.4	10.1	9336	70.5	48.1	12.0
City Schools	60352	76.4	61.9	25.6	65271	79.8	64.0	27.7
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH								
This School	12	91.7	75.0	0.0	10	100.0	100.0	0.0
Similar Schools	2296	96.7	95.1	71.0	2414	97.5	94.7	71.5
City Schools	22273	98.1	96.3	66.7	21600	98.2	96.2	67.4

These data are based on all students, including General Education and Special Education students, regardless of services received.

OTHER INDICATORS

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) IN 2005-2006

Percent of 11th and 12th graders taking SAT

	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
11th and 12th grade enrollment	149	12924	100890
Percent taking SAT	34.2	28.7	36.1

Average SAT Scores*

SAT Section	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
Verbal	366	371	444
Mathematics	350	385	467

* Scores on each segment of this test range from 200 to 800.

STUDENT PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

Post-high school plans of the 2006 graduates*

	This ** School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
4-Year college	47.5	25.7	44.3
2-Year college	15.3	28.5	16.2
Employment	1.7	3.2	3.3
Military services	0	0.7	0.9
Other	35.6	41.9	35.2

** Data are not reported if the total number of 2006 graduates are less than 20.

* These are student reports, which do not include IEP diplomas or local certificates.