Department of Education

Progress Report 2007-08

MIDDLE SCHOOL

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	**J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott (19K218)**
PRINCIPAL	**Joseph Costa**
ENROLLMENT	**860**
SCHOOL TYPE	**MIDDLE SCHOOL**
PEER INDEX	**2.96**

Progress Report Grade

B

What does this grade mean?

Schools are assigned letter grades based on their overall Progress Report score. Schools that get As and Bs are eligible for rewards. Schools that get Ds and Fs, or 3 Cs in a row, face consequences, including change in school leadership or school closure.

How did this school perform?

- This school's overall score for 2007-08 is 54.2
- This score places the School in the 37 percentile of all middle schools Citywide–i.e., 37 percent of those schools scored lower than this school
- This school did not meet its improvement target from last year

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	**6.2** out of 15	**C**
Student Performance	**18.3** out of 25	**A**
Student Progress	**27.4** out of 60	**B**
Additional Credit	**2.3** (15 max)	
Overall Score	**54.2** out of 100	**B**

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 49.7–65.8 receive a letter grade of B
- 45% of schools earned a B in 2007-08

Middle School Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	65.9–106	30% of schools
B	49.7–65.8	45% of schools
C	39–49.6	16% of schools
D	29.4–38.9	7% of schools
F	11.1–29.4	2% of schools

In This Report:

Each school's Progress Report (1) measures student year-to-year progress, (2) compares the school to peer schools and (3) rewards success in moving all children forward, especially children with the greatest needs. The Progress Report measures four areas:

School Environment
uses parent, teacher and secondary student surveys and other data to measure necessary conditions for learning: attendance, academic expectations, communication, engagement and safety and respect.

Student Performance
measures student skill levels in English Language Arts and Math.

Student Progress
measures average student improvement from last year to this year in English Language Arts and Math.

Closing the Achievement Gap
gives schools additional credit for exemplary gains among high-need students.

The back page provides specific information about how the school performed in each of these areas.

Quality Review Score
This school's 2007-08 Quality Review score is:
Proficient
To see this school's Quality Review report, find the school's Web site at http://schools.nyc.gov/, click 'Statistics' and scroll down to Quality Review Report.

State Accountability Status
Based on its 2006-07 performance, this school is:
Restructuring - Year 4
This status is determined by the New York State Department of Education under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. It is separate from the school's Progress Report Grade.

Additional Information

Closing the Achievement Gap

Schools earn additional credit when their high-need students make exemplary gains. These gains are based on the percentage of high-need students who improve by at least one-half of a proficiency level in English Language Arts or Math (e.g., student improves from 2.25 to 2.75 in ELA, or 3.20 to 3.70 in Math). Schools earn additional credit for any one of the five high-need categories of students if the percentage of students in that category who achieve exemplary gains is in the top 40% of all schools citywide.

This component can only improve a school's Progress Report grade. It cannot lower a school's grade.

Credit	Exemplary Proficiency Gains	Student Group
		English Language Arts
+0.75	26.7%	English Language Learners
	23.9%	Special Education Students
	22.3%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	24.4%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	17.8%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Mathematics
	17.4%	English Language Learners
	17.9%	Special Education Students
	27.7%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	18.9%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	44.4%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide

(-) indicates less than 15 students in this category

Peer Schools

Each school's performance is compared to the performance of schools in its peer group. Peer schools are those New York City public schools with a student population most like this school's population. Each school has up to 40 peer schools.

For Elementary and K-8 Schools, peer schools are determined based on the percentage of students at each school that are English Language Learners, Special Education, Black/Hispanic and Title I eligible.

For Middle Schools, peer schools are determined based on the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered Middle School.

The peer schools for J.H.S. 218 James P. Sinnott are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
15K497	School for International Studies	30Q235	Academy for New Americans
32K162	J.H.S. 162 The Willoughby	14K071	Juan Morel Campos Secondary School
15K592	Khalil Gibran International Academy	30Q126	Albert Shanker School for Visual and Performing Arts
20K062	J.H.S. 062 Ditmas	12X270	Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship: A College E
11X287	The Forward School	03M247	M.S. M247 Dual Language Middle School
32K296	J.H.S. 296 The Halsey	10X206	I.S. 206 Ann Mersereau
14K126	John Ericsson Middle School 126	20K223	J.H.S. 223 The Montauk
05M195	I.S. 195 Roberto Clemente	07X221	South Bronx Preparatory: A College Board School
11X144	J.H.S. 144 Michelangelo	08X367	Archimedes Academy for Math Science and Technology App
01M301	Technology Arts and Sciences Studio	05M344	Academy of Collaborative Education
01M450	East Side Community High School	18K068	I.S. 068 Isaac Bildersee
17K531	School for Human Rights The	08X376	Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy A College Board Sch
04M635	Academy of Environmental Science Secondary High Sch	01M509	Marta Valle Secondary School
01M292	Henry Street School for International Studies	11X142	J.H.S. 142 John Philip Sousa
32K349	I.S. 349 Math Science & Tech.	10X243	West Bronx Academy for the Future
06M348	Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School	32K347	I.S. 347 School of Humanities
29Q192	I.S. 192 The Linden	09X166	J.H.S. 166 Roberto Clemente
15K464	Secondary School for Research	01M332	University Neighborhood Middle School
12X269	Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists	08X366	Urban Assembly Academy of Civic Engagement
10X308	Bronx Dance Academy School	11X370	School of Diplomacy

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Results by Category

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HOW TO INTERPRET THIS CHART

A school is evaluated by asking how far its score in each categroy has moved along the range of scores for all schools. These charts show that movement as a percentage. In the example to the right, the school's score is 75% of the way from the lowest to the highest score in the City.

If a school performs at the top end of the range, the bar will be fully shaded. If a school performs at the low end of the range, the bar will not be shaded. If a school performs in the middle of the range, half the bar will be shaded

		0% Min	25%	50%	75%	100% Max
Attendance 90%	**75.0%**	80.0%				100.0%

In this example, the school's attendance is 90%. This is 75% of the way from the lowest attendance at any school (80%) to the highest attendance (100%).

Below, the green charts on the left compare the school to its peer group. The blue charts on the right compare the school to schools Citywide. Peer scores count three times as much as City scores. Peer and City ranges are based on the outcomes of schools from 2005-08.

School Environment

Comprises 15% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.414 x 15 = 6.2

C

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:		Your School Relative to City Horizon:		Number of students
		0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max		0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max		
Survey Scores (10 points)						
Academic Expectations:	7.3	**60.7%**	5.6 – 8.4	**55.6%**	5.8 – 8.5	
Communication:	6.2	**50.0%**	4.7 – 7.7	**46.2%**	5.0 – 7.6	
Engagement:	6.4	**53.3%**	4.8 – 7.8	**50.0%**	4.9 – 7.9	
Safety and Respect:	6.4	**42.4%**	5.0 – 8.3	**36.4%**	5.2 – 8.5	
Attendance (5 points)	87.9%	**23.3%**	85.8% – 94.8%	**23.7%**	84.8% – 97.9%	

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.731 x 25 = 18.3

A

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:		Your School Relative to City Horizon:		Number of students
		0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max		0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max		
English Language Arts						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	39.8%	**77.9%**	18.0% – 46.0%	**43.6%**	2.6% – 88.0%	827
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	2.90	**77.4%**	2.49 – 3.02	**49.1%**	2.34 – 3.48	827
Mathematics						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	59.5%	**83.8%**	16.1% – 67.9%	**55.7%**	8.5% – 100.0%	833
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.13	**82.5%**	2.28 – 3.31	**55.6%**	2.09 – 3.96	833

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.457 x 60 = 27.4

B

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:		Your School Relative to City Horizon:		Number of students
		0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max		0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max		
English Language Arts						
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	60.7%	**61.9%**	45.9% – 69.8%	**64.8%**	41.0% – 71.4%	801
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	79.5%	**48.0%**	67.2% – 92.8%	**56.6%**	61.5% – 93.3%	259
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.19	**47.6%**	0.09 – 0.30	**40.0%**	0.07 – 0.37	495
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	(0.06)	**85.2%**	(0.29) – (0.02)	**72.4%**	(0.27) – 0.02	306
Mathematics						
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	49.7%	**37.0%**	33.7% – 76.9%	**30.3%**	35.5% – 82.3%	811
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	58.4%	**34.6%**	42.4% – 88.6%	**30.8%**	44.5% – 89.7%	269
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.13	**28.6%**	(0.01) – 0.48	**24.6%**	(0.01) – 0.56	312
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	(0.16)	**36.5%**	(0.35) – 0.17	**30.6%**	(0.31) – 0.18	498