

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 50
- This score places the School in the 28 percentile of all elementary schools Citywide—i.e., 28 percent of those schools scored lower than this school
- This school achieved between 75% and 100% of its improvement target from last year

### This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	P.S. 055 Benjamin Franklin (09X055)
PRINCIPAL	Luis Torres
ENROLLMENT	703
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	67.19

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
<b>School Environment</b>	8.6 out of 15	<b>B</b>
<b>Student Performance</b>	12.7 out of 25	<b>B</b>
<b>Student Progress</b>	23.4 out of 60	<b>B</b>
<b>Additional Credit</b>	5.3 (15 max)	
<b>Overall Score</b>	50.0 out of 100	<b>B</b>

### How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 45.8–59.5 receive a letter grade of B
- 38% of schools earned a B in 2007-08

### Elementary Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	59.6–100	45% of schools
B	45.8–59.5	38% of schools
C	32.6–45.7	13% of schools
D	28.4–32.5	3% of schools
F	9.6–28.4	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 3**

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
<b>English Language Arts</b>		
	23.3%	English Language Learners
	34.2%	Special Education Students
	29.8%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	34.2%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
<b>Mathematics</b>		
+1.5	40.0%	English Language Learners
+1.5	47.5%	Special Education Students
+1.5	37.0%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	28.6%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	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 P.S. 055 Benjamin Franklin are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
12X134	P.S. 134 George F. Bristow	12X050	P.S. 050 Clara Barton
06M128	P.S. 128 Audubon	06M008	P.S. 008 Luis Belliard
09X042	P.S. 042 Claremont	31R018	P.S. 018 John G. Whittier
09X058	P.S. 058	07X161	P.S. 161 Ponce De Leon
05M161	P.S. 161 Pedro Albizu Campos	06M192	P.S. 192 Jacob H. Schiff
10X085	P.S. 085 Great Expectations	10X059	P.S. 059 The Community School of Technology
06M028	P.S. 028 Wright Brothers	09X028	P.S. 028 Mount Hope
10X306	P.S. 306	09X064	P.S. 064 Pura Belpre
07X043	P.S. 043 Jonas Bronck	09X002	P.S. 002 Morrisania
07X030	P.S. 030 Wilton	06M132	P.S. 132 Juan Pablo Duarte
06M048	P.S. 048 P.O. Michael J. Buczek	07X154	P.S. 154 Jonathan D. Hyatt
09X132	P.S. 132 Garret A. Morgan	10X159	P.S. 159 Luis Munoz Marin Biling
30Q092	P.S. 092 Harry T. Stewart Sr.	06M098	P.S. 098 Shorac Kappock
06M004	P.S. 004 Duke Ellington	04M102	P.S. 102 Jacques Cartier
04M072	P.S. 072	12X198	P.S. 198
09X163	P.S. 163 Arthur A. Schomburg	09X110	P.S. 110 Theodore Schoenfeld
04M206	P.S. 206 Jose Celso Barbosa	04M155	P.S. 155 William Paca
07X049	P.S. 049 Willis Avenue	04M146	P.S. 146 Ann M. Short
06M115	P.S. 115 Alexander Humboldt		
06M005	P.S. 005 Ellen Lurie		

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# Results by Category

SCHOOL P.S. 055 Benjamin Franklin  
PRINCIPAL Luis Torres

## HOW TO INTERPRET THIS CHART

A school is evaluated by asking how far its score in each category 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.

Attendance  
90%



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:  
0.575 x 15 = 8.6

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### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.4

Communication:

7.2

Engagement:

6.7

Safety and Respect:

7.0

### Attendance (5 points)

93.4%

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	
7.4	52.2%					42.3%					
7.2	63.6%					57.7%					
6.7	55.2%					46.9%					
7.0	33.3%					24.1%					
93.4%	80.0%					58.3%					

## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
0.509 x 25 = 12.7

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### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

33.9%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.71

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

79.1%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.43

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	0% Peer Min	25%	50%	75%	100% Peer Max	0% City Min	25%	50%	75%	100% City Max	
33.9%	28.8%					11.8%					310
2.71	32.1%					11.1%					310
79.1%	86.1%					55.3%					316
3.43	83.1%					46.6%					316

## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
0.39 x 60 = 23.4

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### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

52.6%

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

69.2%

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.20

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

(0.20)

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

57.8%

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

68.3%

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.36

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

(0.05)

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	0% Peer Min	25%	50%	75%	100% Peer Max	0% City Min	25%	50%	75%	100% City Max	
52.6%	23.3%					28.2%					302
69.2%	31.2%					26.1%					65
0.20	14.3%					11.8%					207
(0.20)	14.3%					6.7%					95
57.8%	59.8%					41.0%					307
68.3%	55.8%					51.5%					63
0.36	71.1%					56.6%					110
(0.05)	60.0%					47.1%					197