

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	Aspire Preparatory School (11X322)
PRINCIPAL	Steven Cobb
ENROLLMENT	334
SCHOOL TYPE	MIDDLE SCHOOL
PEER INDEX	3.18

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 51.1
- This score places the School in the 28 percentile of all middle schools Citywide—i.e., 28 percent of those schools scored lower than this school
- This school did not have a 2008 target because it did not receive a grade last year

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	4.6 out of 15	D
Student Performance	13.9 out of 25	B
Student Progress	30.3 out of 60	B
Additional Credit	2.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	51.1 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: **In Good Standing**

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
	4.5%	English Language Learners
+0.75	31.6%	Special Education Students
	18.6%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	18.4%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Mathematics
+0.75	33.3%	English Language Learners
	28.9%	Special Education Students
+0.75	38.5%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	30.2%	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 Aspire Preparatory School are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
24Q073	I.S. 73 - The Frank Sansivieri Intermediate School	11X180	I.S. 180 Daniel Hale Williams
28Q217	J.H.S. 217 Robert A. Van Wyck	18K285	I.S. 285 Meyer Levin
31R072	I.S. 072 Rocco Laurie	84K608	Kings Collegiate Charter School
84K357	Kipp Amp (Always Mentally Prepared) Charter School	05M302	Kappa IV
24Q005	I.S. 5 - The Walter Crowley Intermediate School	14K582	M.S. 582
09X215	Kappa	20K609	Urban Assembly School for Criminal Justice
31R002	I.S. R002 George L. Egbert	08X131	J.H.S. 131 Albert Einstein
21K096	I.S. 096 Seth Low	13K527	Urban Assembly Institute of Math and Science for Young W
21K690	Brooklyn Studio Secondary School	12X316	Kappa III
31R061	I.S. 061 William A Morris	24Q093	I.S. 093 Ridgewood
30Q010	I.S. 010 Horace Greeley	13K103	Satellite Three
22K078	J.H.S. 078 Roy H. Mann	10X237	Marie Curie High School for Nursing Medicine and Allied Hea
02M896	Greenwich Village	28Q072	M.S. Q072 Catherine & Count Basie Middle School
84M335	Leadership Village Academy Charter School	10X045	J.H.S. 045 Thomas C. Giordano
13K266	M.S. K266 - Park Place Community Middle School	17K382	Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration: A
20K227	J.H.S. 227 Edward B. Shallow	27Q226	J.H.S. 226 Virgil I. Grissom
10X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science	10X324	Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching & Learning
29Q109	Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School	08X282	Young Women's Leadership School Bronx Campus
29Q238	I.S. 238 Susan B Anthony	30Q145	I.S. 145 Joseph Pulitzer
84K355	Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School	84M336	Kipp Infinity Charter School

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Results by Category

SCHOOL **Aspire Preparatory School**
PRINCIPAL **Steven Cobb**

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:
0.309 x 15 = 4.6

D

Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

Your School's Score

6.4

24.1%

5.7

8.6

Communication:

5.6

26.7%

4.8

7.8

Engagement:

5.7

30.0%

4.8

7.8

Safety and Respect:

6.1

25.8%

5.3

8.4

Attendance (5 points)

91.3%

37.2%

88.4%

96.2%

Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:

Your School Relative to City Horizon:

Number of students

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.556 x 25 = 13.9

B

English Language Arts

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

51.1%

48.5%

29.2%

74.4%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.02

55.4%

2.71

3.27

Mathematics

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

67.6%

56.5%

29.8%

96.7%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.26

54.8%

2.58

3.82

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.505 x 60 = 30.3

B

English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

54.9%

44.0%

42.8%

70.3%

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

81.0%

56.1%

63.5%

94.7%

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

0.17

31.4%

0.06

0.41

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

(0.07)

60.7%

(0.24)

0.04

Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

61.5%

51.4%

36.8%

84.9%

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

71.3%

52.7%

46.2%

93.8%

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

0.38

56.2%

(0.12)

0.77

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

(0.06)

42.6%

(0.26)

0.21

Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:

Your School Relative to City Horizon:

Number of students

This Year's Score:
0.505 x 60 = 30.3