

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	<b>Bronx Charter School for Better Learning (84X718)</b>
SCHOOL LEADER	<b>Ted Swartz</b>
ENROLLMENT	<b>283</b>
SCHOOL TYPE	<b>ELEMENTARY</b>
PEER INDEX	<b>43.51</b>

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
- This score places the School in the 39 percentile of all elementary schools Citywide—i.e., 39 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
<b>School Environment</b>	11.6 out of 15	<b>A</b>
<b>Student Performance</b>	13.9 out of 25	<b>B</b>
<b>Student Progress</b>	28.5 out of 60	<b>B</b>
<b>Additional Credit</b>	0.0 (15 max)	
<b>Overall Score</b>	54.0 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 did not receive a Quality Review in 2007-08.

**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
		<b>English Language Arts</b>
-		English Language Learners
-		Special Education Students
-		Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
38.1%		Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-		Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		<b>Mathematics</b>
-		English Language Learners
-		Special Education Students
-		Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
11.4%		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 Bronx Charter School for Better Learning are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
08X304	P.S. 304 Early Childhood School	02M011	P.S. 011 William T. Harris
30Q085	P.S. 085 Judge Charles Vallone	84X407	Bronx Charter School for Children
30Q150	P.S. 150 Queens	22K193	P.S. 193 Gil Hodges
24Q012	P.S. 012 James B. Colgate	20K179	P.S. 179 Kensington
30Q084	P.S. 084 Steinway	13K282	P.S. 282 Park Slope
03M163	P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith	03M075	P.S. 075 Emily Dickinson
27Q064	P.S. 064 Joseph P. Addabbo	30Q234	P.S. 234
28Q206	P.S. 206 Horace Harding	11X097	P.S. 097 Bronx
27Q063	P.S. 063 Old South	84K701	Brooklyn Charter School
22K197	P.S. 197 Brooklyn	29Q095	P.S. 095 Eastwood
31R011	P.S. 11 Thomas Dongan School	02M198	P.S. 198 Isador E. Ida Straus
27Q100	P.S. 100 Glen Morris	24Q877	51 Avenue Academy (The Path To Academic Excellence)
84K593	Excellence Charter School of Bedford Stuyvesant	29Q135	The Bellaire School
31R013	P.S. 013 M. L. Lindenmeyer	31R022	P.S. 022 Graniteville
01M110	P.S. 110 Florence Nightingale	27Q090	P.S. 090 Horace Mann
06M314	Muscota	24Q199	P.S. 199 Maurice A. Fitzgerald
30Q152	P.S. 152 Gwendolyn Alleyne	11X153	P.S. 153 Hellen Keller
84Q704	Merrick Academy Charter School	28Q054	P.S. 054 Hillside
22K217	P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School	14K132	P.S. 132 The Conselyea School
24Q013	P.S. 013 Clement C. Moore	30Q166	P.S. 166 Henry Gradstein

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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 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:  
**0.772 x 15 = 11.6**

**A**

### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.8

60.0%

Communication:

7.4

69.2%

Engagement:

7.0

61.3%

Safety and Respect:

8.4

72.7%

### Attendance (5 points)

96.3%

104.4%

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	
7.8	6.3				8.8	6.3				8.9	
7.4	5.6				8.2	5.7				8.3	
7.0	5.1				8.2	5.2				8.4	
8.4	6.8				9.0	6.3				9.2	
96.3%	91.6%				96.1%	88.5%				96.9%	

## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**0.555 x 25 = 13.9**

**B**

### English Language Arts

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

68.9%

57.1%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.18

52.6%

### Mathematics

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

86.0%

60.8%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.53

43.4%

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	
68.9%	49.5%				83.5%	25.8%				94.4%	164
3.18	2.98				3.36	2.60				3.59	164
86.0%	64.3%				100.0%	53.2%				100.0%	164
3.53	3.17				4.00	2.82				4.13	164

## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**0.475 x 60 = 28.5**

**B**

### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

55.6%

34.5%

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

63.6%

11.5%

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

0.28

33.3%

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

(0.07)

34.8%

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

72.2%

73.5%

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

72.2%

57.9%

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

0.32

46.4%

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

0.03

65.4%

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	
55.6%	47.4%				71.2%	44.8%				72.5%	106
63.6%	59.6%				94.5%	60.0%				95.3%	33
0.28	0.18				0.48	0.16				0.50	39
(0.07)	(0.15)				0.08	(0.22)				0.08	67
72.2%	47.8%				81.0%	41.1%				81.8%	107
72.2%	47.9%				89.9%	46.0%				89.3%	36
0.32	0.06				0.62	0.06				0.59	18
0.03	(0.14)				0.12	(0.21)				0.13	89