



This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	Beacon High School (03M479)
PRINCIPAL	Ruth Lacey
ENROLLMENT	1085
SCHOOL TYPE	HIGH SCHOOL
PEER INDEX	3.35

Progress Report Grade

A

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 78.4
- This score places the School in the 88 percentile of all high schools Citywide—i.e., 88 percent of those schools scored lower than this school
- This school met 100% of its improvement target from last year

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	12.0 out of 15	A
Student Performance	12.6 out of 25	B
Student Progress	49.8 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	4.0 (16 max)	
Overall Score	78.4 out of 100	A

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 64.2-106.5 receive a letter grade of A
- 39% of high schools earned an A in 2007-08

High School Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	64.2-106.5	39% of schools
B	43.5-64.1	44% of schools
C	34.3-43.4	12% of schools
D	29.7-34.2	3% of schools
F	26-29.6	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

evaluates a high school's success in graduating students.

Student Progress

evaluates annual student advancement toward graduation through credit accumulation and passed Regents. In the weighted Regents pass rate measures, schools receive more points if they are able to help high need students pass the exams.

Closing the Achievement Gap

gives schools additional credit for moving high-need students toward graduation.

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: Well Developed

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 earning 11 or more credits in their first, second, or third years of high school. These measures of progress are highly predictive of high school graduation.

Schools can also earn additional credit based on their percentage of students in the lowest third Citywide earning a 75 or higher for the first time on an ELA or Math Regents or graduating with a Regents Diploma.

Schools earn additional credit if the percentage of students, in any of these categories, 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	Additional Credit Category
Credit Accumulation		
-	-	English Language Learners
+2	90.3%	Special Education Students
-	-	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
Lowest Third Citywide Regents		
-	-	ELA
-	-	Math
+2	22.2%	Regents Diploma

(-) 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 High Schools, peer schools are determined based on three factors: 1) the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered High School, 2) the percentage of special education students, and 3) the percentage of students who enter high school 2 or more years overage. A lower peer index indicates a higher need population.

The peer schools for Beacon High School, ranked in order from highest to lowest peer index, are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
13K430	Brooklyn Technical High School	22K555	Brooklyn College Academy
10X696	High School of American Studies at Lehman College	17K590	Medgar Evers College Preparatory School
01M696	Bard High School Early College	84M709	Harlem Village Academy Charter School
06M692	High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineer	02M408	Professional Performing Arts High School
27Q323	Scholars' Academy	02M545	High School for Dual Language and Asian Studies
03M485	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art an	02M519	Talent Unlimited High School
28Q680	Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary Sci	26Q415	Benjamin N. Cardozo High School
02M416	Eleanor Roosevelt High School	05M499	Frederick Douglass Academy
01M539	New Explorations into Science, Technology and Mat	04M435	Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics
14K449	Brooklyn Latin School, The	27Q650	High School for Construction Trades, Engineering and Archit
30Q580	Baccalaureate School for Global Education	26Q495	Bayside High School
02M411	Baruch College Campus High School	28Q620	Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Education High Sch
22K535	Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences	30Q575	Academy of American Studies
13K670	Benjamin Banneker Academy		
02M412	N.Y.C. Lab School for Collaborative Studies		
30Q501	Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School		
17K543	Science, Technology and Research Early College H		
02M418	Millennium High School		
22K405	Midwood High School		
03M541	Manhattan / Hunter Science High School		

The Progress Report is a key component of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's and Chancellor Joel I. Klein's Children First reforms. The Progress Report is designed to assist administrators, principals and teachers in accelerating the learning of all students. The Progress Report also enables students, parents and the public to hold the NYC Department of Education and its schools accountable for student achievement and improvement and for ensuring a high quality education for every student in NYC's public schools. If you have any questions or comments about the Progress Report, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/SchoolReports/ProgressReports/> or send us an email at pr_support@schools.nyc.gov.

Results by Category

SCHOOL Beacon High School
PRINCIPAL Ruth Lacey

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



In this example, the school's attendance is 95%. 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:
0.802 x 15 = 12

A

Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations

Communication

Engagement

Safety and Respect

Attendance (5 points)

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
8.2	82.6%	96.2%	
7.0	77.8%	84.6%	
7.5	85.7%	96.6%	
8.1	73.1%	93.5%	
94.9%	69.5%	89.9%	

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.503 x 25 = 12.6

B

Four Year

Graduation Rate

Weighted Diploma Rate

Six Year

Graduation Rate

Weighted Diploma Rate

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
87.4%	48.4%	82.3%	230
169.1%	22.0%	71.9%	230
91.8%	70.9%	87.2%	243
165.6%	22.7%	72.0%	243

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.83 x 60 = 49.8

A

Credit Accumulation

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 1st Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 1st Year

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 2nd Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 2nd Year

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 3rd Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 3rd Year

Average Completion Rate for Remaining Regents

Weighted Regents Pass Rates

English

Mathematics

Science

United States History

Global History

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
97.9%	91.5%	96.8%	284
95.3%	91.2%	94.8%	86
96.1%	85.5%	94.0%	284
94.3%	89.2%	96.6%	88
94.9%	82.5%	92.1%	255
90.0%	81.0%	92.5%	70
1.03	45.8%	57.7%	218
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