

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	I.S. 096 Seth Low (21K096)
PRINCIPAL	Denise Sandra Levinsky
ENROLLMENT	1101
SCHOOL TYPE	MIDDLE
PEER INDEX	3.24

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 2008-09 is 77.1
- This score places the School in the 42 percentile of all Middle schools Citywide—i.e., 42 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	8.2 out of 15	B
Student Performance	18.8 out of 25	A
Student Progress	41.8 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	8.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	77.1 out of 100	A

Quality Review Score

This school's 2008-09 Quality Review score is: Underdeveloped with Proficient Features
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 2008-09 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.

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 68.0-100 receive a letter grade of A
- 78% of schools earned an A in 2008-09

Middle School Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	68.0-100	77.6% of schools
B	54-67.9	18.5% of schools
C	43.0-53.9	3.0% of schools
D	33.0-42.9	0.9% of schools
F	0-32.9	0% 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.

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).

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	26.0%	English Language Learners
	24.2%	Special Education Students
+1.5	33.3%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	25.6%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	30.8%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
Mathematics		
	25.0%	English Language Learners
+0.75	35.8%	Special Education Students
+1.5	51.6%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	32.3%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	42.9%	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 I.S. 096 Seth Low are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
10X118	J.H.S. 118 William W. Niles	21K690	Brooklyn Studio Secondary School
23K697	Teachers Preparatory High School	31R061	I.S. 061 William A Morris
21K303	I.S. 303 Herbert S. Eisenberg	30Q010	I.S. 010 Horace Greeley
15K821	Sunset Park Prep	22K078	J.H.S. 078 Roy H. Mann
22K278	J.H.S. 278 Marine Park	02M896	Greenwich Village
13K113	J.H.S. 113/Old 294 Edmonds Center	84M335	Leadership Village Academy Charter School
24Q125	I.S. 125 Thom J. McCann Woodside	13K266	M.S. K266 - Park Place Community Middle School
15K443	New Voices School of Academic & Creative Arts	20K227	J.H.S. 227 Edward B. Shallow
10X225	Theatre Arts Production Company School	10X413	Bronx High School for Medical Science
01M345	Collaborative Academy of Science Technology & Law	29Q109	Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School
23K522	Mott Hall IV	29Q238	I.S. 238 Susan B Anthony
84X703	Bronx Prep Charter School	84K355	Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School
29Q259	Pathways College Preparatory School: A College Board Sr	11X322	Aspire Preparatory School
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

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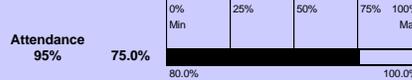
Results by Category

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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.



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:	Survey Scores (10 points)	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
8.2 out of 15					
B	Academic Expectations:	7.1	48.0% 5.9 - 8.4	48.1% 5.8 - 8.5	
	Communication:	6.0	37.5% 5.1 - 7.5	38.5% 5.0 - 7.6	
	Engagement:	6.4	52.0% 5.1 - 7.6	50.0% 4.9 - 7.9	
	Safety and Respect:	7.0	53.6% 5.5 - 8.3	54.5% 5.2 - 8.5	
	Attendance (5 points)	94.0%	67.5% 88.6% - 96.6%	70.2% 84.8% - 97.9%	

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:	English Language Arts	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
18.8 out of 25					
A	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	67.9%	84.4% 34.8% - 74.0%	76.5% 2.6% - 88.0%	1045
	Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.14	76.1% 2.79 - 3.25	70.2% 2.34 - 3.48	1045
	Mathematics				
	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	77.2%	71.1% 35.8% - 94.0%	75.1% 8.5% - 100.0%	1087
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.46	71.6% 2.68 - 3.77	73.3% 2.09 - 3.98	1087	

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:	English Language Arts	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
41.8 out of 60					
A	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	66.0%	96.0% 44.4% - 66.9%	82.2% 41.0% - 71.4%	1007
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	85.4%	77.1% 65.5% - 91.3%	75.2% 61.5% - 93.3%	349
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.27	60.7% 0.10 - 0.38	66.7% 0.07 - 0.37	417
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.00	90.9% (0.20) - 0.02	93.1% (0.27) - 0.02	590
	Mathematics				
	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	65.6%	59.8% 40.8% - 82.3%	64.3% 35.5% - 82.3%	1020
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	73.4%	56.7% 50.4% - 91.0%	63.9% 44.5% - 89.7%	349
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.36	55.9% (0.02) - 0.66	64.9% (0.01) - 0.56	240
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	(0.01)	51.2% (0.23) - 0.20	61.2% (0.31) - 0.18	780	