

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	The Urban Assembly School for the Urban Environment (14K330)
PRINCIPAL	Kourtney Cole
ENROLLMENT	166
SCHOOL TYPE	MIDDLE
PEER INDEX	2.88

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 74.5
- This score places the School in the 36 percentile of all Middle schools Citywide--i.e., 36 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	8.8 out of 15	B
Student Performance	22.3 out of 25	A
Student Progress	38.1 out of 60	B
Additional Credit	5.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	74.5 out of 100	A

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.

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 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.

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
		<b>English Language Arts</b>
		English Language Learners
+1.5	45.0%	Special Education Students
+1.5	31.3%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	18.2%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		<b>Mathematics</b>
		English Language Learners
+1.5	63.2%	Special Education Students
+0.75	41.2%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	30.3%	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 The Urban Assembly School for the Urban Environment are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
09X166	J.H.S. 166 Roberto Clemente	06M218	I.S. 218 Salome Urena
01M332	University Neighborhood Middle School	06M346	Community Health Academy of the Heights
08X366	Urban Assembly Academy of Civic Engagement	12X098	J.H.S. 098 Herman Ridder
11X370	School of Diplomacy	13K596	Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy VII Middle Sch
13K336	Academy of Business and Community Development	14K050	J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells
12X341	Accion Academy	12X190	I.S. 190
12X271	East Bronx Academy for the Future	27O053	I.S. 053 Brian Piccolo
12X318	I.S. X318 Math Science & Technology Through Arts	18K588	Middle School for Art and Philosophy
17K353	Elijah Stroud Middle School	10X391	M.S. 391
03M256	M.S. 256 Academic & Athletic Excellence	15K463	Secondary School for Journalism
16K584	M.S. 584	05M469	Choir Academy of Harlem
12X217	School of Performing Arts	12X129	P.S. 129 Twin Parks Upper
15K442	New Horizons School	04M045	J.H.S. M045 John S. Roberts
84M353	New Heights Academy Charter School	08X123	J.H.S. 123 James M. Kieran
06M143	J.H.S. 143 Eleanor Roosevelt	10X390	M.S. 390
12X267	Bronx Latin	15K462	Secondary School for Law
18K211	I.S. 211 John Wilson	08X337	The School for Inquiry and Social Justice
12X286	Fannie Lou Hamer Middle School	10X244	The New School for Leadership and Journalism
09X117	I.S. 117 Joseph H. Wade	09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development
10X399	M.S. 399	09X323	Bronx Writing Academy

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# Results by Category

SCHOOL: The Urban Assembly School for the Urban Environment  
 PRINCIPAL: Kourtney Cole

## 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: **8.8 out of 15**

**B**

### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.3

Communication:

6.9

Engagement:

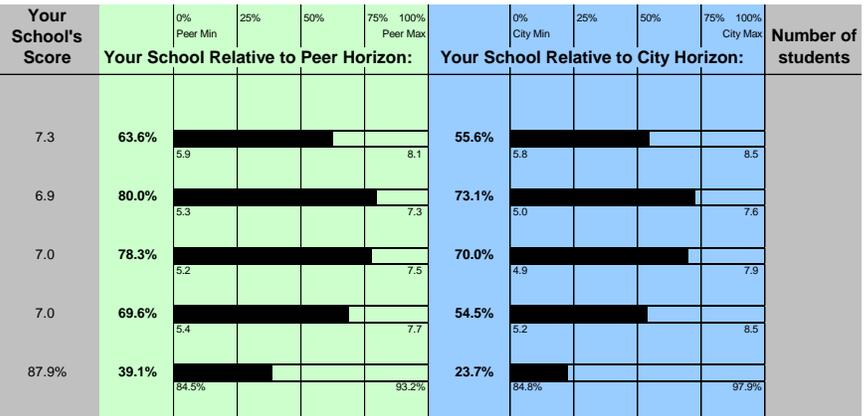
7.0

Safety and Respect:

7.0

### Attendance (5 points)

87.9%



## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **22.3 out of 25**

**A**

### English Language Arts

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

43.5%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.94

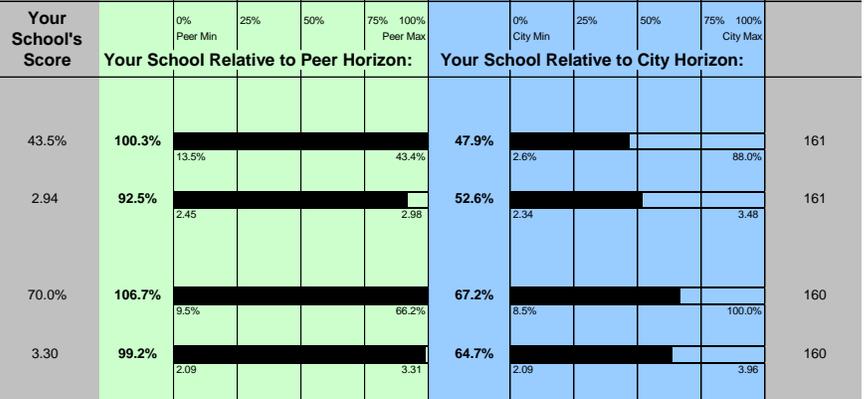
### Mathematics

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

70.0%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.30



## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **38.1 out of 60**

**B**

### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

56.0%

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

72.3%

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

0.17

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

(0.16)

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

71.6%

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

82.2%

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

0.48

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

0.07

