

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	PS 503: The School of Discovery (20K503)
PRINCIPAL	Bernadette Fitzgerald
ENROLLMENT	788
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	58.82

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 76
- This score places the School in the 34 percentile of all Elementary schools Citywide—i.e., 34 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score		Category Grade
School Environment	12.3 out of 15		A
Student Performance	18.3 out of 25		A
Student Progress	40.9 out of 60		A
Additional Credit	4.5 (15 max)		
Overall Score	76.0 out of 100		A

Quality Review Score

This school's 2008-09 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.

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
- 87% of schools earned an A in 2008-09

Elementary Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	68.0-100	87.2% of schools
B	54-67.9	10.8% of schools
C	43.0-53.9	1.4% of schools
D	33.0-42.9	0.3% of schools
F	0-32.9	0.3% 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	34.2%	English Language Learners
+1.5	57.9%	Special Education Students
+0.75	44.8%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
Mathematics		
	17.2%	English Language Learners
+1.5	41.0%	Special Education Students
	26.5%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	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 PS 503: The School of Discovery are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
25Q201	P.S. 201 Kissena	84X705	Family Life Academy Charter School
32K075	P.S. 075 Mayda Cortiella	19K158	P.S. 158 Warwick
27Q104	P.S. 104 The Bays Water	08X100	P.S. 100 Isaac Clason
11X103	P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez	05M197	P.S. 197 John B. Russwurm
11X076	P.S. 076 The Bennington School	11X111	P.S. 111 Seton Falls
19K224	P.S. 224 Hale A. Woodruff	03M165	P.S. 165 Robert E. Simon
17K092	P.S. 092 Adrian Hegeman	13K054	P.S. 054 Samuel C. Barnes
16K026	P.S. 026 Jesse Owens	24Q019	P.S. 019 Marino Jeantet
30Q149	P.S. 149 Christa McAuliffe	17K289	P.S. 289 George V. Brower
84X730	Bronx Charter School for Arts	13K056	P.S. 056 Lewis H. Latimer
14K018	P.S. 018 Edward Bush	17K399	P.S. 399 Stanley Eugene Clark
16K028	P.S. 028 The Warren	29Q118	P.S. 118 Lorraine Hansberry
08X138	P.S. 138 Samuel Randall	03M145	P.S. 145 The Bloomingdale School
05M129	P.S. 129 John H. Finley	09X053	P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim
29Q181	P.S. 181 Brookfield	32K151	P.S. 151 Lyndon B. Johnson
18K219	P.S. 219 Kennedy-King	31R031	P.S. 031 William T. Davis
27Q253	P.S. 253	10X007	P.S. 007 Kingsbridge
16K005	P.S. 005 Dr. Ronald McNair	14K017	P.S. 017 Henry D. Woodworth
28Q080	P.S. 080 Thurgood Marshall Magnet	30Q076	P.S. 076 William Hallett
13K305	P.S. 305 Dr. Peter Ray	22K269	P.S. 269 Nostrand

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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 2005-06.

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
12.3 out of 15					
A	Academic Expectations:	8.0	76.2% 6.4 - 8.5	65.4% 6.3 - 8.9	
	Communication:	7.3	68.2% 5.8 - 8.0	61.5% 5.7 - 8.3	
	Engagement:	7.4	76.9% 5.4 - 8.0	68.8% 5.2 - 8.4	
	Safety and Respect:	8.2	80.0% 6.2 - 8.7	65.5% 6.3 - 9.2	
	Attendance (5 points)	95.2%	106.1% 88.2% - 94.8%	79.8% 88.5% - 96.9%	

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
18.3 out of 25					
A	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	60.6%	76.4% 32.7% - 69.2%	50.7% 25.8% - 94.4%	386
	Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.11	77.1% 2.74 - 3.22	51.5% 2.60 - 3.59	386
	Mathematics				
	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	86.3%	86.6% 50.2% - 91.9%	70.7% 53.2% - 100.0%	393
	Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.51	74.7% 2.95 - 3.70	52.7% 2.82 - 4.13	393

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
40.9 out of 60					
A	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	68.2%	80.9% 44.1% - 73.9%	84.5% 44.8% - 72.5%	333
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	86.7%	72.8% 63.4% - 95.4%	75.6% 60.0% - 95.3%	83
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.36	67.7% 0.15 - 0.46	58.8% 0.16 - 0.50	152
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	(0.01)	74.2% (0.24) - 0.07	70.0% (0.22) - 0.08	181
	Mathematics				
	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	59.7%	60.6% 41.1% - 71.8%	45.7% 41.1% - 81.8%	342
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	69.6%	58.4% 42.4% - 89.0%	54.5% 46.0% - 89.3%	92
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.42	69.8% 0.05 - 0.58	67.9% 0.06 - 0.59	72
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.00	69.7% (0.23) - 0.10	61.8% (0.21) - 0.13	270