

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith (03M163)
PRINCIPAL	Virginia Pepe
ENROLLMENT	615
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	41.67

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 76.6
- This score places the School in the 35 percentile of all Elementary schools Citywide—i.e., 35 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	9.2 out of 15	B
Student Performance	19.9 out of 25	A
Student Progress	42.2 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	5.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	76.6 out of 100	A

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 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		
+1.5	36.8%	English Language Learners
	41.7%	Special Education Students
+1.5	54.3%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	64.7%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
Mathematics		
	15.8%	English Language Learners
+0.75	31.4%	Special Education Students
	20.0%	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 P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
08X014	P.S. X014 Senator John Calandra	27Q064	P.S. 064 Joseph P. Addabbo
28Q121	P.S. 121 Queens	28Q206	P.S. 206 Horace Harding
02M002	P.S. 002 Meyer London	27Q063	P.S. 063 Old South
30Q002	P.S. 002 Alfred Zimberg	22K197	P.S. 197 Brooklyn
25Q029	P.S. 029 Queens	31R011	P.S. 11 Thomas Dongan School
14K031	P.S. 031 Samuel F. Dupont	27Q100	P.S. 100 Glen Morris
30Q078	P.S. 078	84K593	Excellence Charter School of Bedford Stuyvesant
14K110	P.S. 110 The Monitor	31R013	P.S. 013 M. L. Lindenmeyer
30Q070	P.S. 070 Queens	01M110	P.S. 110 Florence Nightingale
20K160	P.S. 160 William T. Sampson	06M314	Muscola
02M001	P.S. 001 Alfred E. Smith	30Q152	P.S. 152 Gwendolyn Alleyne
27Q065	P.S. 65 - The Raymond York Elementary School	84Q704	Merrick Academy Charter School
04M497	Central Park East I	22K217	P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School
24Q088	P.S. 088 Seneca	24Q013	P.S. 013 Clement C. Moore
21K212	P.S. 212 Lady Deborah Moody	84X718	Bronx Charter School for Better Learning
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

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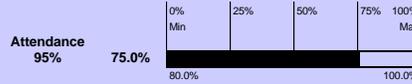
Results by Category

SCHOOL P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith
PRINCIPAL Virginia Pepe

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: **9.2 out of 15**

B

Survey Scores (10 points)

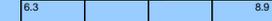
Academic Expectations:

7.8

54.2%



57.7%



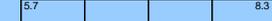
Communication:

7.0

50.0%



50.0%



Engagement:

7.5

73.3%



71.9%



Safety and Respect:

8.0

50.0%



58.6%



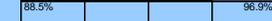
Attendance (5 points)

94.8%

68.1%



75.0%



Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **19.9 out of 25**

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English Language Arts

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

76.9%

72.1%



74.5%



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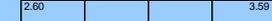
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.33

80.4%



73.7%



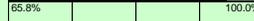
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Mathematics

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

95.3%

86.3%



90.0%



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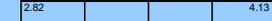
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.90

77.7%



82.4%



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Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **42.2 out of 60**

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English Language Arts

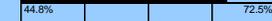
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

67.3%

84.3%



81.2%



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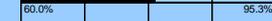
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

78.9%

55.1%



53.5%

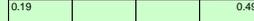


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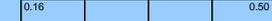
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.43

80.0%



79.4%



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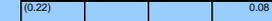
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

0.02

73.9%



80.0%



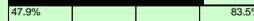
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Mathematics

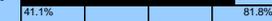
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

75.5%

77.5%



84.5%



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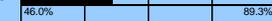
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

62.0%

32.0%



37.0%

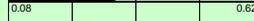


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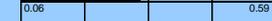
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.31

42.6%



47.2%



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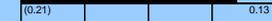
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

0.08

82.1%



85.3%



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