

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	P.S. 234 (30Q234)
PRINCIPAL	Thea Pallos
ENROLLMENT	655
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	45.03

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 99
- This score places the School in the 95 percentile of all Elementary schools Citywide--i.e., 95 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	12.0 out of 15	A
Student Performance	19.8 out of 25	A
Student Progress	55.9 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	11.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	99.0 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
- 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.

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:

Improvement (year 1) - Basic

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>		
+1.5	57.1%	English Language Learners
+1.5	56.8%	Special Education Students
+1.5	61.3%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	72.2%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
<b>Mathematics</b>		
+1.5	30.0%	English Language Learners
+1.5	38.9%	Special Education Students
+1.5	51.6%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	33.3%	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. 234 are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
28Q206	P.S. 206 Horace Harding	11X097	P.S. 097 Bronx
27Q063	P.S. 063 Old South	84K701	Brooklyn Charter School
22K197	P.S. 197 Brooklyn	29Q095	P.S. 095 Eastwood
31R011	P.S. 11 Thomas Dongan School	02M198	P.S. 198 Isador E. Ida Straus
27Q100	P.S. 100 Glen Morris	24Q877	51 Avenue Academy (The Path To Academic Excellence)
84K593	Excellence Charter School of Bedford Stuyvesant	29Q135	The Bellaire School
31R013	P.S. 013 M. L. Lindenmeyer	31R022	P.S. 022 Grantville
01M110	P.S. 110 Florence Nightingale	27Q090	P.S. 090 Horace Mann
06M314	Muscola	24Q199	P.S. 199 Maurice A. Fitzgerald
30Q152	P.S. 152 Gwendolyn Alleyne	11X153	P.S. 153 Hellen Keller
84Q704	Merrick Academy Charter School	28Q054	P.S. 054 Hillside
22K217	P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School	14K132	P.S. 132 The Conselyea School
24Q013	P.S. 013 Clement C. Moore	30Q166	P.S. 166 Henry Gradstein
84X718	Bronx Charter School for Better Learning	27Q060	P.S. 060 Woodhaven
02M011	P.S. 011 William T. Harris	84X255	Bronx Charter School for Excellence
84X407	Bronx Charter School for Children	13K020	P.S. 020 Clinton Hill
22K193	P.S. 193 Gil Hodges	28Q086	P.S. Q086
20K179	P.S. 179 Kensington	28Q050	P.S. 050 Talfourd Lawn Elementary School
13K282	P.S. 282 Park Slope	27Q096	P.S. 096
03M075	P.S. 075 Emily Dickinson	29Q035	P.S. 035 Nathaniel Woodhull

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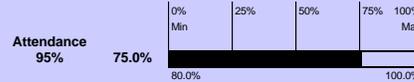
# Results by Category

SCHOOL P.S. 234  
PRINCIPAL Thea Pallos

## 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: **12 out of 15**

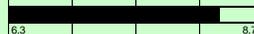
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### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

8.3

83.3%



76.9%

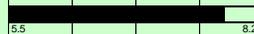


Number of students

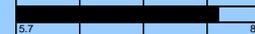
Communication:

7.8

85.2%



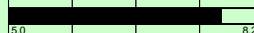
80.8%



Engagement:

7.7

84.4%



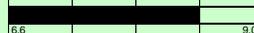
78.1%



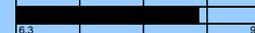
Safety and Respect:

8.4

75.0%



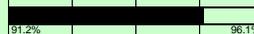
72.4%



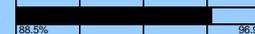
### Attendance (5 points)

95.0%

77.6%



77.4%



## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **19.8 out of 25**

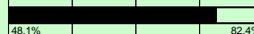
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### English Language Arts

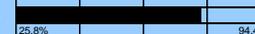
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

76.3%

82.2%



73.6%

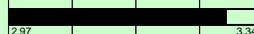


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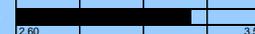
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.29

86.5%



69.7%



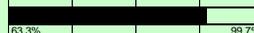
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### Mathematics

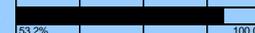
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

92.0%

78.8%



82.9%



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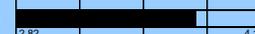
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.76

75.3%



71.8%



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## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **55.9 out of 60**

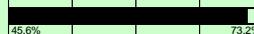
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### English Language Arts

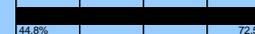
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

71.6%

94.2%



96.8%

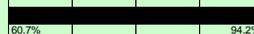


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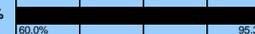
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

95.4%

103.6%



100.3%

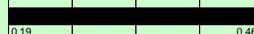


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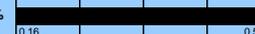
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.55

133.3%



114.7%



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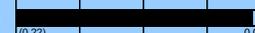
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

0.06

82.8%



93.3%



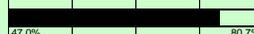
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### Mathematics

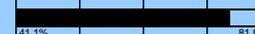
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

75.3%

84.0%



84.0%

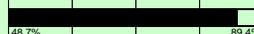


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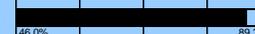
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

85.5%

90.4%



91.2%

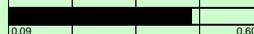


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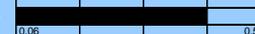
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.46

72.5%



75.5%

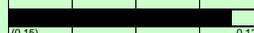


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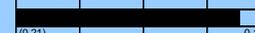
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

0.09

88.9%



88.2%



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