

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	P.S. 044 Thomas C. Brown (31R044)
PRINCIPAL	Joseph Miller
ENROLLMENT	764
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	61.22

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 89.6
- This score places the School in the 75 percentile of all Elementary schools Citywide—i.e., 75 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	7.9 out of 15	C
Student Performance	11.7 out of 25	C
Student Progress	58.7 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	11.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	89.6 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 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: Corrective Action (year 1) - Focused  
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	64.0%	English Language Learners
+1.5	59.5%	Special Education Students
+1.5	67.4%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	53.7%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	47.6%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
<b>Mathematics</b>		
+1.5	33.3%	English Language Learners
+0.75	35.1%	Special Education Students
	22.9%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	33.3%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	44.4%	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. 044 Thomas C. Brown are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
19K290	P.S. 290 Juan Morel Campos	05M154	P.S. 154 Harriet Tubman
05M123	P.S. 123 Mahalia Jackson	12X102	P.S. 102 Joseph O. Loretan
16K081	P.S. 081 Thaddeus Stevens	16K025	P.S. 025 Eubie Blake School
04M038	P.S. 38 Roberto Clemente	09X070	P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld
13K044	P.S. 044 Marcus Garvey	06M189	P.S. 189
10X340	P.S. 340	16K040	P.S. 040 George W. Carver
11X041	P.S. 041 Gun Hill Road	17K006	P.S. 006
13K067	P.S. 067 Charles A. Dorsey	17K241	P.S. 241 Emma L. Johnston
05M125	P.S. 125 Ralph Bunche	19K149	P.S. 149 Danny Kaye
14K147	P.S. 147 Issac Remsen	08X069	P.S. 069 The New Vision School
10X360	P.S. 360	01M137	P.S. 137 John L. Bernstein
01M064	P.S. 064 Robert Simon	07X018	P.S. 018 John Peter Zenger
10X307	P.S. X307 - Eames Place	10X091	P.S. 091 Bronx
13K133	P.S. 133 William A. Butler	12X195	P.S. 195
16K262	P.S. 262 El Hajj Malik El Shabazz Elementary School	31R014	P.S. 014 Cornelius Vanderbilt
14K297	P.S. 297 Abraham Stockton	11X068	P.S. 068 Bronx
15K001	P.S. 001 The Bergen	12X196	P.S. 196
14K016	P.S. 016 Leonard Dunkley	09X230	P.S. 230 Dr Roland N. Patterson
05M133	P.S. 133 Fred R Moore	17K375	P.S. 375 Jackie-Robinson School
27Q215	P.S. 215 Lucretia Mott	16K335	P.S. 335 Granville T. Woods

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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
7.9 out of 15					
<b>C</b>	Academic Expectations:	7.3	48.0% 6.1 - 8.6	38.5% 6.3 - 8.9	
	Communication:	7.1	62.5% 5.6 - 8.0	53.8% 5.7 - 8.3	
	Engagement:	6.7	55.2% 5.1 - 8.0	46.9% 5.2 - 8.4	
	Safety and Respect:	7.2	44.4% 6.0 - 8.7	31.0% 6.3 - 9.2	
	Attendance (5 points)	91.7%	64.7% 87.3% - 94.1%	38.1% 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
11.7 out of 25					
<b>C</b>	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	45.9%	43.1% 25.9% - 72.3%	29.3% 25.8% - 94.4%	377
	Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	2.94	50.0% 2.60 - 3.28	34.3% 2.60 - 3.59	377
	<b>Mathematics</b>				
	Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	69.9%	55.0% 40.4% - 94.0%	35.7% 53.2% - 100.0%	375
	Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.32	55.9% 2.75 - 3.77	38.2% 2.82 - 4.13	375

## 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
58.7 out of 60					
<b>A</b>	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	76.0%	122.4% 46.0% - 70.5%	112.6% 44.8% - 72.5%	377
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	97.5%	113.2% 63.1% - 93.5%	106.2% 60.0% - 95.3%	80
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.50	132.0% 0.17 - 0.42	100.0% 0.16 - 0.50	214
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.00	83.9% (0.26) - 0.05	73.3% (0.22) - 0.08	163
	<b>Mathematics</b>				
	Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	68.8%	93.1% 42.0% - 70.8%	68.1% 41.1% - 81.8%	372
	Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	77.0%	72.4% 44.7% - 89.3%	71.6% 46.0% - 89.3%	74
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.36	69.0% 0.07 - 0.49	56.6% 0.06 - 0.59	121
	Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.09	107.1% (0.21) - 0.07	88.2% (0.21) - 0.13	251