



This Progress Report is for:

Table with school information: SCHOOL (P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker (13K256)), PRINCIPAL (Sharyn Hemphill), ENROLLMENT (363), SCHOOL TYPE (ELEMENTARY), PEER INDEX (56.33)

Progress Report Grade

C

What does this grade mean?

Schools are assigned letter grades based on their overall Progress Report score. Monetary bonuses may be given to principals and teachers at high-scoring schools. Schools that get Ds and Fs, or 3 Cs in a row, may face consequences, including change in school leadership or school closure.

How did this school perform?

- This school's overall score for 2009-10 is 30.2
This school did better than 16% of all Elementary schools citywide.

Table with 3 columns: Category, Calculated Score, Category Grade. Rows include School Environment (3.3/15, D), Student Performance (6.9/25, C), Student Progress (20.0/60, C), Additional Credit (0.0/15 max), Overall Score (30.2/100, C)

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score.
Schools with an overall score between 29.1 - 40.6 receive a letter grade of C
36% of schools earned a C in 2009-10

Elementary Table - Overall Grades

Table with 3 columns: Grade, Score range, City summary. Rows A-F with corresponding score ranges and percentages.

In light of changes in State tests and Progress Report methodology, schools cannot drop more than two letter grades from last year to this year. Further, schools with top quartile performance in ELA and Math cannot receive a grade lower than C.

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 median 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 second page provides specific information about how

Quality Review Score

This school's most recent Quality Review score is: Proficient (2008-09)

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 performance, this school's State accountability status is: In Good Standing (2009-10)

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 are in the 75th growth percentile or higher in English Language Arts or Math.

This component can only improve a school's Progress Report score. It cannot lower a school's score.

Table with 3 columns: Credit, Exemplary Proficiency Gains, Student Group. Rows show credit for various student groups and proficiency levels.

(-) 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.

For Elementary and K-8 Schools, peer schools are determined based on the percentage of students at each school that are English Language Learners, students with disabilities, Black/Hispanic students and Title I eligible students.

The peer schools for P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker are:

Table with 4 columns: DBN, School Name, DBN, School Name. Lists 40 peer schools for P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker.

The Progress Report is a key component of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's and Chancellor Joel I. Klein's Children First reforms. The Progress Report is designed to assist administrators, principals and teachers in accelerating the learning of all students.

# Results by Category

SCHOOL P.S. 256 Benjamin Banneker (13K256)  
PRINCIPAL Sharyn Hemphill

ELEMENTARY

## 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 engagement score is 9.0. This is 75% of the way from the lowest engagement at any school (6.0) to the highest engagement (10.0).

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 2008-09 and 2009-10.

## School Environment

Comprises 15% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
3.3 out of 15

**D**

### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.7

31.6%

7.1 9.0

33.3%

7.0 9.1

Communication:

6.8

21.7%

6.3 8.6

26.9%

6.1 8.7

Engagement:

7.4

45.5%

6.4 8.6

44.4%

6.2 8.9

Safety and Respect:

8.0

47.8%

6.9 9.2

40.9%

7.1 9.3

### Attendance (5 points)

89.6%

-8.1%

90.1% 96.3%

-4.0%

89.9% 97.4%

## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
6.9 out of 25

**C**

### English Language Arts

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

43.8%

33.6%

20.3% 90.2%

31.0%

18.6% 99.9%

169

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.95

46.9%

2.50 3.46

41.8%

2.44 3.66

169

### Mathematics

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

46.7%

14.6%

37.6% 100.0%

-0.2%

46.8% 100.0%

169

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.91

21.7%

2.61 3.99

18.6%

2.60 4.27

169

## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
20 out of 60

**C**

### English Language Arts

Median Growth Percentile

69.0

58.0%

49.8 82.9

51.7%

52.1 84.8

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Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

70.0

43.7%

53.6 91.1

39.9%

56.0 91.1

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### Mathematics

Median Growth Percentile

46.0

9.9%

41.6 85.9

3.7%

44.3 89.7

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Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

57.0

26.3%

46.1 87.6

22.5%

47.5 89.7

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