



**This Progress Report is for:**

SCHOOL I.S. 281 Joseph B Cavallaro (21K281)

PRINCIPAL Stephen Rosenblum

ENROLLMENT 1325

SCHOOL TYPE MIDDLE

PEER INDEX 3.02

Progress Report Grade

# B

### 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 54.4
- This school did better than 65% of all Middle schools citywide.

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	6.8 out of 15	B
Student Performance	9.5 out of 25	C
Student Progress	31.8 out of 60	B
Additional Credit	6.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	54.4 out of 100	B

### How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score.
- Schools with an overall score between 42.6 - 62.0 receive a letter grade of B
- 35.1% of schools earned a B in 2009-10

### Middle Table - Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	62.1 or higher	25.1% of schools
B	42.6 - 62.0	35.1% of schools
C	30.6 - 42.5	34.2% of schools
D	18.5 - 30.5	5% of schools
F	18.4 or lower	0.6% of schools

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: Well Developed (2007-08)

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. Schools can also earn additional credit when their students with disabilities meet the goal of proficiency in English Language Arts or Math.

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

Credit	Exemplary Proficiency Gains	Student Group
		<b>Percent at Proficiency</b>
	0.0%	Self-Contained (ELA)
+1	13.3%	CTT (ELA)
+0.5	9.8%	SETSS (ELA)
	3.1%	Self-Contained (Math)
	13.3%	CTT (Math)
+1	35.5%	SETSS (Math)
		<b>Percent at 75th Growth Percentile or Higher</b>
+0.75	55.7%	English Language Learners (ELA)
	51.4%	Lowest Third Citywide (ELA)
	53.7%	Self-Contained/CTT/SETSS (ELA)
+1.5	62.8%	English Language Learners (Math)
+0.75	54.2%	Lowest Third Citywide (Math)
+0.75	53.0%	Self-Contained/CTT/SETSS (Math)

(-) 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, students with disabilities, Black/Hispanic students and Title I eligible students. 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, and the school's percentage of students with disabilities.

The peer schools for I.S. 281 Joseph B Cavallaro are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
02M260	M.S. 260 Clinton School Writers & Artists	84K648	Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School
24Q005	I.S. 5 - The Walter Crowley Intermediate School	05M499	Frederick Douglass Academy
84K355	Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School	25Q237	I.S. 237
31R063	Marsh Avenue School for Expeditionary Learning	25Q285	World Journalism Preparatory: A College Board School
24Q073	I.S. 73 - The Frank Sansivieri Intermediate School	30Q141	I.S. 141 The Steinway
15K443	New Voices School of Academic & Creative Arts	27Q210	J.H.S. 210 Elizabeth Blackwell
02M422	Quest to Learn	09X128	Mott Hall III
21K468	Kingsborough Early College School	21K228	I.S. 228 David A. Boody
28Q157	J.H.S. 157 Stephen A. Halsey	27Q202	J.H.S. 202 Robert H. Goddard
10X141	Riverdale / Kingsbridge Academy (Middle School / High Sch)	22K381	I. S. 381
14K577	Conselyea Preparatory School	84K726	Fahari Academy Charter School
28Q896	Young Women's Leadership School, Queens	27Q282	Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy VI
84X703	Bronx Prep Charter School	03M862	Mott Hall II
22K240	Andries Hudde	09X215	Kappa
25Q250	I.S. 250 The Robert F. Kennedy Community Middle School	84K608	Kings Collegiate Charter School
30Q230	I.S. 230	24Q125	I.S. 125 Thom J. McCann Woodside
22K278	J.H.S. 278 Marine Park	27Q137	M.S. 137 America's School of Heroes
84M709	Harlem Village Academy Charter School	20K030	I.S. 30 Mary White Ovington
10X118	J.H.S. 118 William W. Niles	02M167	J.H.S. 167 Robert F. Wagner
13K266	M.S. K266 - Park Place Community Middle School	20K259	J.H.S. 259 William Mckinley
21K281	I.S. 281 Joseph B Cavallaro		

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# Results by Category

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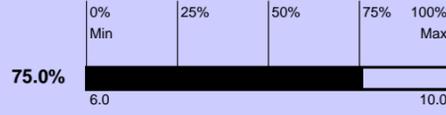
MIDDLE

## 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

Engagement  
9.0



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:  
6.8 out of 15

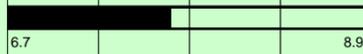
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### Survey Scores (10 points)

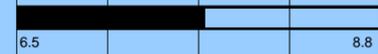
Academic Expectations:

7.7

45.5%



52.2%

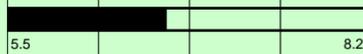


Number of students

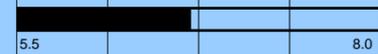
Communication:

6.7

44.4%



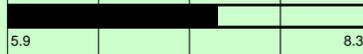
48.0%



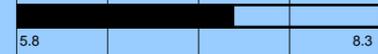
Engagement:

7.3

58.3%



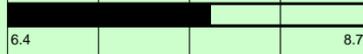
60.0%



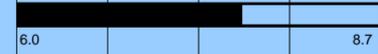
Safety and Respect:

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56.5%



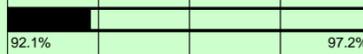
63.0%



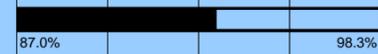
### Attendance (5 points)

93.3%

23.5%



55.8%



## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
9.5 out of 25

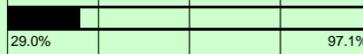
**C**

### English Language Arts

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

42.9%

20.4%



44.3%

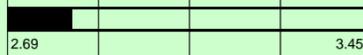


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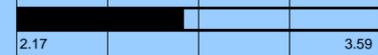
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.83

18.4%



46.5%



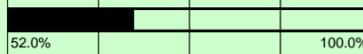
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### Mathematics

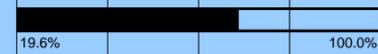
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

69.1%

35.6%



61.6%

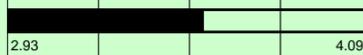


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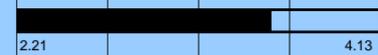
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.56

54.3%



70.3%



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## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
31.8 out of 60

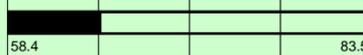
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### English Language Arts

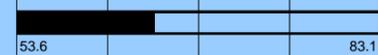
Median Growth Percentile

65.0

26.3%



38.6%

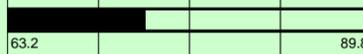


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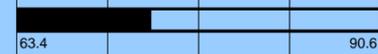
Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

73.5

38.7%



37.1%



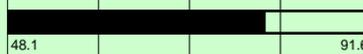
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### Mathematics

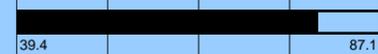
Median Growth Percentile

79.0

71.0%



83.0%

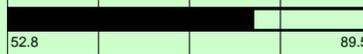


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Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

78.0

68.7%



74.6%



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