



This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	PS 503: The School of Discovery (20K503)
PRINCIPAL	Bernadette Fitzgerald
ENROLLMENT	827
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	58.81

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 45.2
- This school did better than 49% of all Elementary schools citywide.

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	10.4 out of 15	A
Student Performance	4.6 out of 25	D
Student Progress	29.4 out of 60	B
Additional Credit	0.8 (15 max)	
Overall Score	45.2 out of 100	B

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score.
- Schools with an overall score between 40.7 - 58.4 receive a letter grade of B
- 34.8% of schools earned a B in 2009-10

Elementary Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	58.5 or higher	25.2% of schools
B	40.7 - 58.4	34.8% of schools
C	29.1 - 40.6	36% of schools
D	19.1 - 29.0	3.7% of schools
F	19.0 or lower	0.3% 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: **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. 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
		Percent at Proficiency
-		Self-Contained (ELA)
3.1%		CTT (ELA)
-		SETSS (ELA)
-		Self-Contained (Math)
0.0%		CTT (Math)
-		SETSS (Math)
		Percent at 75th Growth Percentile or Higher
	39.1%	English Language Learners (ELA)
	45.5%	Lowest Third Citywide (ELA)
+0.75	62.1%	Self-Contained/CTT/SETSS (ELA)
	23.7%	English Language Learners (Math)
	42.2%	Lowest Third Citywide (Math)
	30.0%	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 PS 503: The School of Discovery are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
01M063	P.S. 063 William McKinley	03M076	P.S. 076 A. Philip Randolph
30Q149	P.S. 149 Christa McAuliffe	11X189	Cornerstone Academy for Social Action
24Q239	P.S. 239	27Q106	P.S. 106
27Q104	P.S. 104 The Bays Water	10X007	P.S. 007 Kingsbridge
01M020	P.S. 020 Anna Silver	03M145	P.S. 145, The Bloomingdale School
09X035	P.S. 035 Franz Siegel	04M083	P.S. 083 Luis Munoz Rivera
31R031	P.S. 031 William T. Davis	24Q019	P.S. 019 Marino Jeantet
18K135	P.S. 135 Sheldon A. Brookner	05M175	P.S. 175 Henry H. Garnet
11X021	P.S. 021 Philip H. Sheridan	16K028	P.S. 028 The Warren Prep Academy
32K075	P.S. 075 Mayda Cortiella	19K007	P.S. 007 Abraham Lincoln
11X103	P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez	14K018	P.S. 018 Edward Bush
12X047	P.S. 047 John Randolph	13K133	P.S. 133 William A. Butler
19K224	P.S. 224 Hale A. Woodruff	14K380	P.S. 380 John Wayne Elementary
28Q040	P.S. 040 Samuel Huntington	12X061	P.S. 061 Francisco Oller
06M173	P.S. 173	16K040	P.S. 040 George W. Carver
08X138	P.S. 138 Samuel Randall	84X705	Family Life Academy Charter School
01M137	P.S. 137 John L. Bernstein	29Q034	P.S. 034 John Harvard
05M197	P.S. 197 John B. Russwurm	30Q076	P.S. 076 William Hallett
19K290	P.S. 290 Juan Morel Campos	18K268	P.S. 268 Emma Lazarus
22K245	P.S. 245	10X360	P.S. 360
20K503	PS 503: The School of Discovery		

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Results by Category

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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:
10.4 out of 15

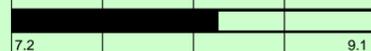
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Survey Scores (10 points)

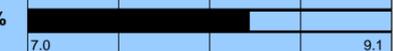
Academic Expectations:

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57.9%



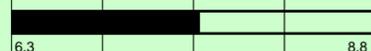
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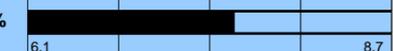
Communication:

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52.0%



57.7%



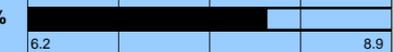
Engagement:

8.0

66.7%



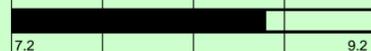
66.7%



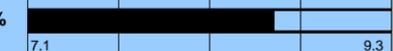
Safety and Respect:

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70.0%



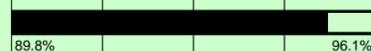
68.2%



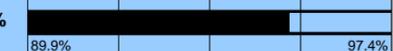
Attendance (5 points)

95.3%

87.3%



72.0%



Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
4.6 out of 25

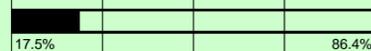
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English Language Arts

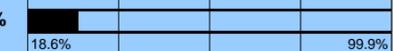
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

30.7%

19.2%



14.9%

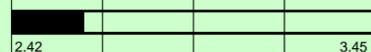


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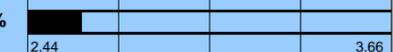
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.63

20.4%



15.6%



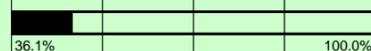
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Mathematics

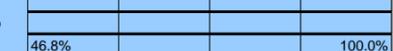
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

47.3%

17.5%



0.9%

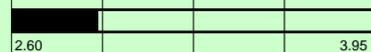


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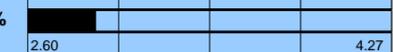
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.93

24.4%



19.8%



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Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
29.4 out of 60

B

English Language Arts

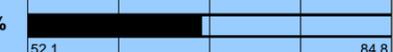
Median Growth Percentile

68.0

53.6%



48.6%



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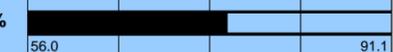
Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

75.5

57.9%



55.6%



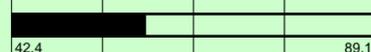
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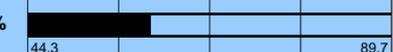
Median Growth Percentile

60.0

37.7%



34.6%

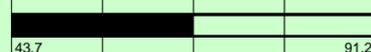


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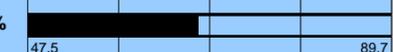
Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

67.5

50.1%



47.4%



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