Department of Education

Progress Report 2009-10

ELEMENTARY

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	**P.S. 017 Henry David Thoreau (30Q017)**
PRINCIPAL	**Cynthia Dickman**
ENROLLMENT	**643**
SCHOOL TYPE	**ELEMENTARY**
PEER INDEX	**50.33**

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 23.1
- This school did better than 9% of all Elementary schools citywide.

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	**6.0** out of 15	B
Student Performance	**0.7** out of 25	F
Student Progress	**13.4** out of 60	D
Additional Credit	**3.0** (15 max)	
Overall Score	**23.1** out of 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

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:
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:
Improvement (year 1) Basic (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)
	-	CTT (ELA)
	-	SETSS (ELA)
	-	Self-Contained (Math)
	-	CTT (Math)
	-	SETSS (Math)
		Percent at 75th Growth Percentile or Higher
	26.5%	English Language Learners (ELA)
	32.2%	Lowest Third Citywide (ELA)
+1.5	66.7%	Self-Contained/CTT/SETSS (ELA)
	24.1%	English Language Learners (Math)
	25.0%	Lowest Third Citywide (Math)
+1.5	57.1%	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 P.S. 017 Henry David Thoreau are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
15K295	P.S. 295	11X121	P.S. 121 Throop
30Q166	P.S. 166 Henry Gradstein	84K701	Brooklyn Charter School
08X119	P.S. 119	02M033	P.S. 033 Chelsea Prep
22K119	P.S. 119 Amersfort	14K250	P.S. 250 George H. Lindsay
84Q170	Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School	19K346	P.S. 346 Abe Stark
01M019	P.S. 019 Asher Levy	13K003	P.S. 003 The Bedford Village
04M964	Central Park East II	15K169	P.S. 169 Sunset Park
27Q155	P.S. 155	15K038	P.S. 038 The Pacific
10X056	P.S. 056 Norwood Heights	11X096	P.S. 096 Richard Rodgers
15K094	P.S. 094 The Henry Longfellow	22K139	P.S. 139 Alexine A. Fenty
29Q132	P.S. 132 Ralph Bunche	27Q254	P.S. 254
84X718	Bronx Charter School for Better Learning	30Q212	P.S. 212
15K130	P.S. 130 The Parkside	27Q223	P.S. 223 Lyndon B. Johnson
02M051	P.S. 051 Elias Howe	11X178	P.S. 178 - Dr. Selman Waksman
84M320	Manhattan Charter School	84M351	Harlem Success Academy 1 Charter School
19K159	P.S. 159 Isaac Pitkin	11X160	P.S. 160 Walt Disney
29Q037	Cynthia Jenkins School	84K740	Brooklyn Scholars Charter School
02M198	P.S. 198 Isador E. Ida Straus	22K134	P.S. K134
06M368	Hamilton Heights School	29Q036	P.S. 036 Saint Albans School
84K702	Community Partnership Charter	30Q151	P.S. 151 Mary D. Carter
30Q017	P.S. 017 Henry David Thoreau		

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. The Progress Report also enables students, parents and the public to hold the NYC Department of Education and its schools accountable for student achievement and improvement and for ensuring a high quality education for every student in NYC's public schools.
If you have any questions or comments about the Progress Report, please visit http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/report/default.htm, or send us an email at pr_support@schools.nyc.gov

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

Engagement 9.0 **75.0%**

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 out of 15

B

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min – 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min – 100% City Max)		Number of students
Survey Scores (10 points)						
Academic Expectations:	7.0	**4.5%**	6.9 – 9.1	**0.0%**	7.0 – 9.1	
Communication:	6.7	**22.2%**	6.1 – 8.8	**23.1%**	6.1 – 8.7	
Engagement:	6.7	**18.5%**	6.2 – 8.9	**18.5%**	6.2 – 8.9	
Safety and Respect:	7.9	**31.6%**	7.3 – 9.2	**36.4%**	7.1 – 9.3	
Attendance (5 points)	95.8%	**81.5%**	91.4% – 96.8%	**78.7%**	89.9% – 97.4%	

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
0.7 out of 25

F

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min – 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min – 100% City Max)		Number of students
English Language Arts						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	33.4%	**13.4%**	23.8% – 95.3%	**18.2%**	18.6% – 99.9%	299
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	2.63	**7.1%**	2.56 – 3.54	**15.6%**	2.44 – 3.66	299
Mathematics						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	35.4%	**-17.7%**	45.1% – 100.0%	**-21.4%**	46.8% – 100.0%	305
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	2.71	**4.7%**	2.64 – 4.13	**6.6%**	2.60 – 4.27	305

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
13.4 out of 60

D

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min – 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min – 100% City Max)		Number of students
English Language Arts						
Median Growth Percentile	55.5	**23.9%**	46.7 – 83.5	**10.4%**	52.1 – 84.8	196
Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third	60.0	**23.6%**	51.0 – 89.1	**11.4%**	56.0 – 91.1	69
Mathematics						
Median Growth Percentile	51.0	**23.0%**	40.5 – 86.1	**14.8%**	44.3 – 89.7	201
Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third	56.0	**29.9%**	43.0 – 86.5	**20.1%**	47.5 – 89.7	73

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