



This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	P.S. 121 Queens (28Q121)
PRINCIPAL	Henry Somers
ENROLLMENT	967
SCHOOL TYPE	ELEMENTARY
PEER INDEX	40.19

Progress Report Grade

A

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 67.4
- This school did better than 89% of all Elementary schools citywide.

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	7.5 out of 15	B
Student Performance	11.9 out of 25	B
Student Progress	41.7 out of 60	A
Additional Credit	6.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	67.4 out of 100	A

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score.
- Schools with an overall score of 58.5 or higher receive a letter grade of A
- 25.2% of schools earned an A 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: Outstanding (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
		Percent at Proficiency
-		Self-Contained (ELA)
	15.4%	CTT (ELA)
+0.5	20.8%	SETSS (ELA)
-		Self-Contained (Math)
+1	50.0%	CTT (Math)
+1	66.7%	SETSS (Math)
		Percent at 75th Growth Percentile or Higher
-		English Language Learners (ELA)
+1.5	58.8%	Lowest Third Citywide (ELA)
	46.2%	Self-Contained/CTT/SETSS (ELA)
-		English Language Learners (Math)
+1.5	57.1%	Lowest Third Citywide (Math)
+0.75	53.8%	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. 121 Queens are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
21K177	P.S. 177 The Marlboro	02M002	P.S. 002 Meyer London
04M497	Central Park East I	84M330	Girls Preparatory Charter School of New York
25Q214	P.S. 214 Cadwallader Colden	02M011	P.S. 011 William T. Harris
30Q085	P.S. 085 Judge Charles Vallone	08X014	P.S. X014 Senator John Calandra
30Q002	P.S. 002 Alfred Zimberg	03M163	P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith
28Q161	P.S. 161 Arthur Ashe School	30Q150	P.S. 150 Queens
28Q117	P.S. 117 J. Keld / Briarwood School	24Q091	P.S. 091 Richard Arkwright
21K153	P.S. 153 Homecrest	22K217	P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School
28Q099	P.S. 099 Kew Gardens	24Q877	51 Avenue Academy (The Path To Academic Excellence)
08X304	P.S. 304 Early Childhood School	25Q029	P.S. 029 Queens
30Q070	P.S. 070 Queens	31R011	P.S. 11 Thomas Dongan School
02M001	P.S. 001 Alfred E. Smith	24Q088	P.S. 088 Seneca
25Q020	P.S. 020 John Bowne	22K197	P.S. 197 Brooklyn
20K205	P.S. 205 Clarion	24Q012	P.S. 012 James B. Colgate
28Q055	P.S. 055 Maure	27Q100	P.S. 100 Glen Morris
20K160	P.S. 160 William T. Sampson	27Q065	P.S. 65 - The Raymond York Elementary School
30Q011	P.S. 011 Kathryn Phelan	27Q063	P.S. 063 Old South
31R046	P.S. 046 Albert V. Maniscalco	01M110	P.S. 110 Florence Nightingale
27Q064	P.S. 064 Joseph P. Addabbo	30Q152	P.S. 152 Gwendolyn Alleyne
14K031	P.S. 031 Samuel F. Dupont	21K212	P.S. 212 Lady Deborah Moody
28Q121	P.S. 121 Queens		

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

SCHOOL P.S. 121 Queens (28Q121)
PRINCIPAL Henry Somers

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:
7.5 out of 15

B

Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

8.6

77.8%

76.2%

Communication:

7.4

53.8%

50.0%

Engagement:

8.1

75.0%

70.4%

Safety and Respect:

8.2

40.0%

50.0%

Attendance (5 points)

93.5%

19.0%

48.0%

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
11.9 out of 25

B

English Language Arts

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

59.7%

35.8%

50.6%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.06

30.6%

50.8%

Mathematics

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

84.0%

53.8%

69.9%

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.72

54.2%

67.1%

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:
41.7 out of 60

A

English Language Arts

Median Growth Percentile

73.0

53.7%

63.9%

Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

80.0

64.0%

68.4%

Mathematics

Median Growth Percentile

81.0

71.0%

80.8%

Median Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third

83.5

82.4%

85.3%