

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	School for Legal Studies (14K477)
PRINCIPAL	MONICA ORTIZ
ENROLLMENT	836
SCHOOL TYPE	HIGH SCHOOL
PEER INDEX	2.53

Progress Report Grade

**D**

**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 are considered for more intensive support or intervention.

**How did this school perform?**

- This school's overall score for 2009-10 is 40.7
- This school did better than 4% of all high schools citywide.

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
<b>School Environment</b>	3.8 out of 15	<b>F</b>
<b>Student Performance</b>	8.0 out of 25	<b>F</b>
<b>Student Progress</b>	27.4 out of 60	<b>D</b>
<b>Additional Credit</b>	1.5 (15 max)	
<b>Overall Score</b>	40.7 out of 100	<b>D</b>

**How scores translate to grades:**

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 40.0 - 46.9 receive a letter grade of D
- 6.9% of high schools earned a D in 2009-10

**High School Table – Overall Grades**

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	70.0 or higher	40.2% of high schools
B	58.0 - 69.9	29.3% of high schools
C	47.0 - 57.9	20.8% of high schools
D	40.0 - 46.9	6.9% of high schools
F	39.9 or lower	2.7% of high schools

**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**

evaluates a high school's success in graduating students.

**Student Progress**

evaluates annual student advancement toward graduation through credit accumulation and passed Regents. In the weighted Regents pass rate measures, schools receive more points if they are able to help high need students pass the exams.

**Closing the Achievement Gap**

gives schools additional credit for helping high-need students graduate college-ready.

*The second page provides specific information about how the school performed in each of these areas.*

**Quality Review Score**

This school's most recent Quality Review score is: Proficient (2009-10)

To see this school's Quality Review report, please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/14/K477/AboutUs/Statistics/default.htm>

**State Accountability Status**

Based on its performance, this school is:

Corrective Action (year 2) Focused (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 achieve exemplary outcomes. In high school, our ultimate goal is for all students to graduate ready for college. Accordingly, schools can earn additional credit based on the weighted diploma rate of high needs students, which gives higher weight to students with more college-ready diplomas such as Regents and Advanced Regents.

Schools can also earn additional credit based on the percentage of students, in the lowest third citywide who score a 75 or higher on the English Regents or on a Math Regents. Students with these scores are more likely to be able to attend a four-year University without the need for remedial classes.

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

Credit	Exemplary Outcomes	Additional Credit Category
		<b>Weighted 4-Year Diploma Rate</b>
	50.0%	English Language Learners
	84.6%	SETSS / CTT / Self-Contained Students
	69.4%	Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		<b>Lowest Third Citywide</b>
	9.1%	Scored 75 or higher on the ELA Regents
+1.5	3.5%	Scored 75 or higher on the Math Regents

(-) indicates less than the minimum number of 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 High Schools, peer schools are determined based on four factors: 1) the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered High School, 2) the percentage of special education students, 3) the percentage of self-contained special education students, and 4) the percentage of students who enter high school 2 or more years overage. A lower peer index indicates a higher need population.

The peer schools for School for Legal Studies are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
13K674	CITY POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL OF ENGINEE	04M555	Central Park East High School
24Q600	Queens Vocational and Technical High School	21K410	Abraham Lincoln High School
11X249	Bronx Health Sciences High School	02M305	Urban Assembly Academy of Government and Law, The
09X252	Mott Hall Bronx High School	15K667	SUNSET PARK HIGH SCHOOL
10X225	Theatre Arts Production Company School	02M459	Manhattan International High School
20K485	High School of Telecommunication Arts and Techn	24Q550	High School for Arts and Business
02M374	Gramercy Arts High School	19K615	Transit Tech Career and Technical Education High School
24Q520	Middle College High School at LaGuardia Communi	14K404	Academy for Young Writers
28Q505	Hillcrest High School	15K462	Secondary School for Law
13K265	Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Ar	17K382	Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration: A
21K344	Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies	21K690	Brooklyn Studio Secondary School
07X548	Urban Assembly School for Careers in Sports	09X365	Academy for Language and Technology
10X141	Riverdale / Kingsbridge Academy (Middle School / H	02M300	Urban Assembly School of Design and Construction, The
29Q283	Preparatory Academy for Writers: A College Board :	11X265	Bronx Lab School
17K600	Clara Barton High School	19K659	Cypress Hills Collegiate Preparatory School
29Q259	Pathways College Preparatory School: A College B	31R460	Susan E. Wagner High School
84X395	NYC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR ARCHITECTI	13K419	Science Skills Center High School at Water's Edge
14K478	The High School for Enterprise, Business and Tech	02M529	Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School
05M304	Mott Hall High School	09X505	Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice
84M353	New Heights Academy Charter School	29Q498	Humanities & Arts Magnet High School

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# Results by Category

SCHOOL **School for Legal Studies (14K477)**  
 PRINCIPAL **MONICA ORTIZ**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

## 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 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

## School Environment

Comprises 15% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**3.8 out of 15**

**F**

### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations

Communication

Engagement

Safety and Respect

### Attendance (5 points)

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
6.7	31.8%	30.8%	
5.9	36.0%	35.7%	
6.2	46.2%	43.3%	
6.1	21.4%	22.6%	
79.9%	3.6%	27.0%	

## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**8.0 out of 25**

**F**

### Four Year

Graduation Rate

Weighted Diploma Rate

### Six Year

Graduation Rate

Weighted Diploma Rate

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
60.9%	31.6%	40.9%	151
101.7%	21.4%	33.4%	151
70.3%	43.6%	49.9%	172
98.0%	21.6%	31.3%	172

## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**27.4 out of 60**

**D**

### Credit Accumulation

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 1st Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 1st Year

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 2nd Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 2nd Year

Percentage of Students Earning 10+ Credits in 3rd Year

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest Third Earning 10+ Credits in 3rd Year

### Average Completion Rate for Remaining Regents

### Weighted Regents Pass Rates

English

Mathematics

Science

United States History

Global History

Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon:	Your School Relative to City Horizon:	Number of students
64.1%	23.9%	36.7%	247
46.2%	29.1%	34.5%	78
72.8%	47.2%	54.1%	252
57.3%	47.4%	49.9%	75
68.4%	40.5%	46.1%	176
46.3%	34.1%	37.1%	54
31.7%	34.8%	44.7%	591
1.01	55.4%	58.0%	162
1.80	97.2%	90.4%	288
0.67	13.2%	18.6%	347
1.08	60.9%	64.8%	130
0.97	50.0%	56.5%	250