Department of Education
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Progress Report 2012-13*

The Urban Assembly Unison School

PRINCIPAL: Jennifer Ostrow

DBN: 13K351

ENROLLMENT: 80

SCHOOL TYPE: Middle

PERCENTILES AND GRADES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

%BLACK OR HISPANIC	%ELL	%IEP	ECONOMIC NEED INDEX
93.8%	6.3%	31.3%	0.74

PROGRESS REPORT

	OVERALL SCORE		OVERALL PERCENTILE RANK	
NA	NA	out of 100	NA	This school's overall score is greater than or equal to that of percent of Middle schools.

For elementary, middle, and K-8 schools, the percent of schools receiving top grades was set in advance. Schools with average English and Math performance in the top third citywide cannot receive a grade lower than a C. Schools in their first year, in phase out, or with fewer than 25 students with progress results receive a report with no grade or score.

Progress Report Grades - Middle

GRADE	SCORE RANGE	% OF SCHOOLS
A	or higher	26% of schools
B	-	36% of schools
C	-	31% of schools
D	-	5% of schools
F	or lower	2% of schools

Overview

Each school's Progress Report (1) measures the 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.

CATEGORY	SCORE	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
Student Progress	out of 60		Student Progress measures how much individual students improved on state tests in English and Math between 2012 and 2013, compared to other students who started at the same level.
Student Performance	out of 25		Student Performance measures student results on the 2013 state tests in English and Math.
School Environment	out of 15		School Environment measures student attendance and a survey of the school community rating academic expectations, safety and respect, communication, and engagement.
Closing the Achievement Gap	out of 17		Schools receive additional credit for exceptional gains by students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and students starting with the lowest proficiency citywide.
Overall Score	out of 100		The overall grade is based on the total of all scores above. Category scores may not add up to total score because of rounding.

*During the 2012-13 school year, New York City public schools were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Adjustments have been made to attendance rates for all schools.

Progress Report Implications

Strong Progress Report results are the basis for recognition and potential rewards for school leaders, and poor results are an important factor in determining whether schools require intensive support or intervention. For more information, see:

http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/Support+and+Intervention.htm

http://schools.nyc.gov/ProgressReport

State Accountability

The school's current status: **In Good Standing**

This designation is determined by the New York State Department of Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver. More information on New York State accountability can be found here:

http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/accountability/default.htm

GRADE

SCORE (out of 60)

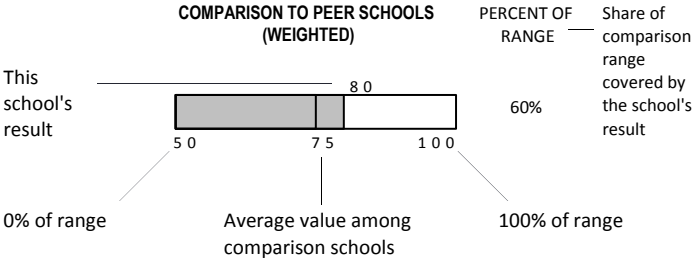
GRADE	SCORE RANGE
A	or higher
B	
C	
D	
F	or lower

Student Progress represents 60% of the total score. The grade is based on growth percentiles, a measure of how much individual students improved on state tests in English and Math between 2012 and 2013.

	THIS SCHOOL'S RESULTS	COMPARISON TO PEER SCHOOLS (WEIGHTED 75%)	PERCENT OF PEER RANGE	COMPARISON TO CITY SCHOOLS (WEIGHTED 25%)	PERCENT OF CITY RANGE	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
English							
Median Adjusted Growth Percentile (n=66)	56.0	56.0 (51.5 – 64.6 – 77.7)	17.2%	56.0 (49.8 – 64.6 – 79.4)	20.9%	.	.
Median Adjusted Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third (n=22)	74.0	74.0 (70.6 – 82.1 – 93.6)	14.8%	74.0 (66.3 – 79.6 – 92.9)	28.9%	.	.
Mathematics							
Median Adjusted Growth Percentile (n=68)	40.0	40.0 (42.7 – 61.8 – 80.9)	0.0%	40.0 (42.4 – 61.9 – 81.4)	0.0%	.	.
Median Adjusted Growth Percentile for School's Lowest Third (n=23)	70.0	70.0 (65.4 – 78.1 – 90.8)	18.1%	70.0 (58.5 – 74.6 – 90.7)	35.7%	.	.

How To Interpret These Charts

To determine the number of points earned, this school's 2012-13 results on each metric are compared to the results of peer schools and all schools serving the same grade levels citywide. The comparison to peer schools is worth 75% of the points for each metric and the comparison to all schools citywide is worth 25% of the points. The bars represent the range of results for the peer and city comparison schools that are within two standard deviations of the average. The percent of the range that is shaded is the school's share of possible points. The share is multiplied by the weight (75% or 25%) and the possible points for the metric to determine the points earned.



Score Calculation Example

FORMULA (PERCENT OF PEER RANGE X 0.75 + PERCENT OF CITY RANGE X 0.25) X POINTS POSSIBLE = POINTS EARNED

EXAMPLE (60% X 0.75 + 80% X 0.25) X 3.75 = 2.44

GRADE

SCORE (out of 25)

GRADE	SCORE RANGE
A	or higher
B	
C	
D	
F	or lower

Student Performance represents 25% of the total score. The Student Performance grade is based on results on the 2013 state tests in English and Math and core course pass rates. State test metrics evaluate the percent of students who reach or exceed proficiency (Level 3 and 4) and students' average proficiency rating. Core course pass rates look at the percent of students in 6th through 8th grade who passed a course in a core subject area.

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English							
Percentage of Students at Level 3 or 4 (n=76)	7.9%	0.9% – 9.2% – 17.5% (7.9%)	42.2%	0.0% – 20.3% – 40.6% (7.9%)	19.5%	.	.
Average Student Proficiency (n=76)	2.21	2.01 – 2.21 – 2.41 (2.21)	50.0%	1.69 – 2.43 – 3.17 (2.21)	35.1%	.	.
Mathematics							
Percentage of Students at Level 3 or 4 (n=76)	6.6%	0.0% – 8.2% – 16.4% (6.6%)	40.2%	0.0% – 21.6% – 43.2% (6.6%)	15.3%	.	.
Average Student Proficiency (n=76)	2.07	1.93 – 2.16 – 2.39 (2.07)	30.4%	1.61 – 2.44 – 3.27 (2.07)	27.7%	.	.
Percent of Students Passing a Core Course							
English (n=71)	100.0%	76.1% – 89.1% – 100.0% (100.0%)	100.0%	69.5% – 89.4% – 100.0% (100.0%)	100.0%	.	.
Math (n=71)	70.4%	73.8% – 87.5% – 100.0% (70.4%)	0.0%	68.9% – 88.5% – 100.0% (70.4%)	4.8%	.	.
Science (n=71)	100.0%	78.5% – 89.8% – 100.0% (100.0%)	100.0%	70.0% – 89.7% – 100.0% (100.0%)	100.0%	.	.
Social Studies (n=71)	90.1%	73.4% – 88.4% – 100.0% (90.1%)		67.7% – 89.0% – 100.0% (90.1%)	69.3%	.	.
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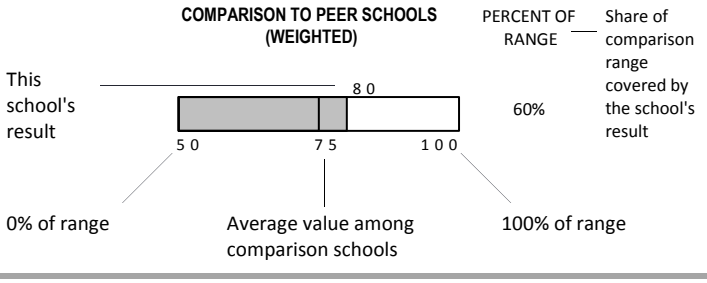

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GRADE

SCORE

(out of 15)

GRADE	SCORE RANGE
A	or higher
B	
C	
D	
F	or lower

School Environment represents 15% of the total score. The School Environment grade is based on student attendance and your school's NYC School Survey, where parents, teachers, and students in grade 6 and above rate academic expectations, safety and respect, communication, and engagement.

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School Survey Results							
Academic Expectations	6.8	6.8; 7.1–8.0–8.9	0.0%	6.8; 7.1–8.0–8.9	0.0%	.	.
Communication	7.2	7.2; 5.9–7.2–8.5	50.0%	7.2; 5.9–7.2–8.5	50.0%	.	.
Engagement	6.2	6.2; 6.2–7.4–8.6	0.0%	6.2; 6.2–7.4–8.6	0.0%	.	.
Safety and Respect	6.4	6.4; 5.7–7.1–8.5	25.0%	6.4; 5.6–7.2–8.8	25.0%	.	.
Attendance Rate	94.1%	94.1%; 86.8%–90.9%–95.0%	89.0%	94.1%; 86.8%–92.6%–98.4%	62.9%	.	.

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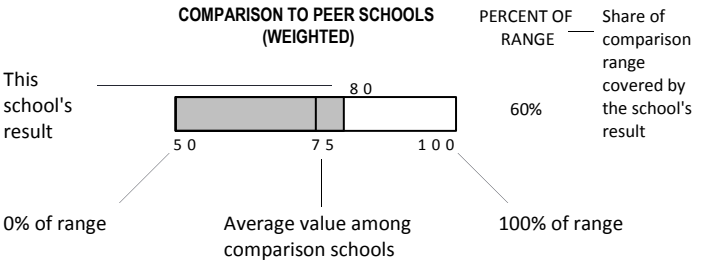

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Schools receive additional credit for exceptional gains by students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and students starting with the lowest proficiency citywide. A school earns additional credit when each high-need student meets the success criteria for an eligible metric. The number of points will depend on the percentage of the school's population that is in the high-need group, the percentage of that group that is successful, and a "fixed point value" based on how difficult it is to achieve the success criteria. Additional Credit can only improve a school's Progress Report score. It cannot lower a school's score. Elementary schools are eligible for points on 16 additional credit metrics while middle and K-8 schools are eligible for points on up to 17 metrics, each of which is worth up to one point. (In the table below, "." in "This School's Results" indicates that a school has fewer than 5 eligible students in one of the categories.)

CATEGORY	THIS SCHOOL'S RESULTS	POPULATION PERCENTAGE	FIXED POINT VALUE	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
Percent at Level 3 or 4					
English					
Self-Contained (n=8)	0.0%	10.5%	3.036		
Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) (n=6)	0.0%	7.9%	0.609		
Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS) (n=8)	0.0%	10.5%	0.619		
Mathematics					
Self-Contained (n=8)	0.0%	10.5%	1.946		
Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) (n=6)	0.0%	7.9%	0.494		
Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS) (n=8)	0.0%	10.5%	0.536		
Percent at 75th Growth Percentile or Higher					
English					
English Language Learners (n=3)	.	.	0.022		
Lowest Third Citywide (n=30)	40.0%	45.5%	0.011		
Self-Contained/ICT/SETSS (n=19)	52.6%	28.8%	0.017		
Black and Hispanic Males in Lowest Third Citywide (n=11)	27.3%	16.7%	0.022		
Mathematics					
English Language Learners (n=4)	.	.	0.023		
Lowest Third Citywide (n=34)	32.4%	50.0%	0.012		
Self-Contained/ICT/SETSS (n=20)	40.0%	29.4%	0.020		
Black and Hispanic Males in Lowest Third Citywide (n=11)	36.4%	16.2%	0.025		
Movement from SC/ICT/SETSS to Less Restrictive Environments (n=13)	1.46	16.3%	0.029		
English Language Learner Progress (n=5)	20.0%	6.3%	0.037		

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Percent of 8th Graders Earning High School Credit (n=0)	.		.		.
9th Grade Adjusted Credit Accumulation of Former 8th Graders (n=0)	.		.		.

TOTAL POINTS

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, according to the Peer Index. Each elementary and middle school has up to 40 peer schools and each K-8 school has up to 30 peer schools.

PEER GROUP CALCULATION

Peer groupings are created using a "nearest neighbor" matching methodology. This methodology examines the mathematical difference between a school and all potential peers on a given set of characteristics. Schools with the smallest difference across all the characteristics are peered together.

PEER GROUP FOR: **The Urban Assembly Unison School**

DBN	SCHOOL	AVERAGE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	AVERAGE MATH	%STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	%OVERAGE
13K351	**The Urban Assembly Unison School**	**2.68**	**2.98**	**31.3%**	**3.8%**
01M332	University Neighborhood Middle School	2.58	2.81	28.2%	2.6%
01M345	Collaborative Academy of Science, Technology, & Language-Arts Educati	2.69	3.12	28.3%	2.6%
01M378	School for Global Leaders	2.71	3.04	29.2%	4.4%
02M655	Life Sciences Secondary School	2.69	3.06	28.4%	2.8%
03M250	M.S. 250 West Side Collaborative Middle School	2.74	3.08	25.3%	2.2%
03M258	Community Action School - MS 258	2.63	3.02	28.2%	2.0%
03M421	West Prep Academy	2.60	2.94	23.6%	4.1%
04M372	Esperanza Preparatory Academy	2.68	3.03	33.3%	4.9%
04M377	Renaissance School of The Arts	2.56	2.81	35.2%	4.8%
04M381	Global Neighborhood Secondary School	2.54	2.75	30.1%	3.2%
05M514	New Design Middle School	2.58	2.79	32.4%	5.8%
07X162	J.H.S. 162 Lola Rodriguez De Tio	2.50	2.79	33.0%	5.0%
07X221	South Bronx Preparatory: A College Board School	2.56	2.92	25.7%	2.4%
07X343	Academy of Applied Mathematics and Technology	2.57	2.89	28.8%	3.2%
08X123	J.H.S. 123 James M. Kieran	2.64	3.05	24.9%	4.5%
08X366	Urban Assembly Academy of Civic Engagement	2.61	2.89	35.2%	4.1%
08X467	Mott Hall Community School	2.72	3.11	25.8%	4.0%
09X231	Eagle Academy for Young Men	2.70	3.06	27.4%	3.4%
10X225	Theatre Arts Production Company School	2.79	3.17	28.6%	3.7%
10X243	West Bronx Academy for The Future	2.70	3.12	24.0%	3.5%
10X331	The Bronx School of Young Leaders	2.63	2.97	24.0%	3.9%
11X322	Aspire Preparatory Middle School	2.76	3.18	27.5%	4.4%
11X532	Baychester Middle School	2.61	2.89	28.8%	3.5%
11X566	Pelham Gardens Middle School	2.75	2.98	25.9%	4.3%
12X271	East Bronx Academy for The Future	2.63	2.91	29.0%	2.5%
12X286	Fannie Lou Hamer Middle School	2.59	2.93	24.1%	2.8%
13K265	Dr. Susan S. Mckinney Secondary School of The Arts	2.62	2.87	27.8%	5.7%
13K266	M.S. K266 - Park Place Community Middle School	2.78	3.08	24.4%	3.2%
14K582	M.S. 582	2.67	3.06	35.1%	4.1%
15K463	Secondary School for Journalism	2.51	2.92	30.4%	4.3%
15K464	Park Slope Collegiate	2.59	2.94	31.8%	3.4%
16K035	M.S. 035 Stephen Decatur	2.70	2.97	29.0%	2.9%
16K057	J.H.S. 057 Whitelaw Reid	2.57	2.96	27.2%	3.9%
16K584	M.S. 584	2.62	2.93	34.9%	5.4%
16K681	Madiba Prep Middle School	2.80	2.97	26.1%	4.3%
22K014	J.H.S. 014 Shell Bank	2.59	2.94	28.3%	3.4%
23K671	Mott Hall Bridges Academy	2.63	2.80	26.3%	5.3%
31R049	I.S. 49 Berta A. Dreyfus	2.65	3.03	29.3%	3.8%
31R051	I.S. 051 Edwin Markham	2.80	3.19	26.5%	4.3%
84R073	New World Preparatory Charter School	2.68	3.03	28.1%	1.4%
	PEER GROUP AVERAGES	2.65	2.98	28.6%	3.7%

This page provides more granular data on students' state exam scores. It disaggregates these scores by grade and subject for 2012-13. While the numbers here do not individually count for points, the detailed deconstruction should provide deeper insight into 2012-13 student performance.

State Exam Scores by Grade

	AVERAGE STUDENT PROFICIENCY	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT LEVEL 3 OR LEVEL 4	MEDIAN ADJUSTED GROWTH PERCENTILE
Mathematics			
6th Grade (n = 76)	2.07	6.6%	40.0
7th Grade (n = 0)	.	.	.
8th Grade (n = 0)	.	.	.
English			
6th Grade (n = 76)	2.21	7.9%	56.0
7th Grade (n = 0)	.	.	.
8th Grade (n = 0)	.	.	.
Science			
8th Grade (n = 0)	.	.	.

Chronic Absenteeism

	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCHOOLWIDE	AVERAGE OF SCHOOLS CITYWIDE
Students With Less Than 90% Attendance (n = 84)	16.7%	21.9%

High School Readiness Indicators

% of 8th Graders Earning High School Credit

FORMULA:	(% taking accelerated courses) X (	% taking accelerated courses who passed) =	% EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT
ALL SUBJECTS:	(.) X (	.) =	.
MATHEMATICS:	(.) X (	.) =	.
SCIENCE:	(.) X (	.) =	.
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH:	(.) X (	.) =	.

Long-Term Growth Percentile

	THIS SCHOOL'S RESULTS	PEER AVERAGE	CITY AVERAGE
English (n = 0)		58.8	
Mathematics (n = 0)		49.0	