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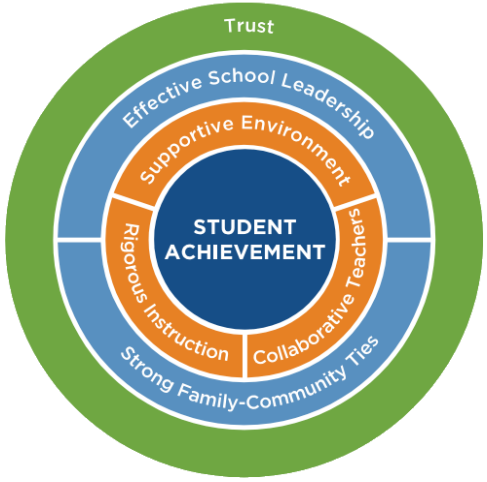
Framework for Great Schools

Research shows that schools strong in the six areas are far more likely to improve student learning.



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The 2014-15 Snapshots, which are the first release of these reports for D75 schools, do not include section ratings. For future releases, beginning with the 2015-16 Snapshots, these reports will include section ratings.

General Information

Principal: Frank Degennaro
Grades served: 09,10,11,12,SE
Enrollment: 540
Number of Sites: 4

Student Demographics

Asian: 4% | Black: 33% | Hispanic: 58% | White: 5%
English Language Learners: 32%

Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 3.1
% of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 73%

Attendance

Change in Student Attendance: -1%
Teacher Attendance: 96%

Programs

12:1:1	(47%)	6:1:1	(14%)	ICT/SETSS/RS	(7%)
12:1:4	(4%)	8:1:1	(7%)	Other	(21%)

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Programs and Activities

95% of parents feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep students interested in school

IEP Process

93% of parents say they are satisfied with the educational planing and Individual Education Program (IEP) development process at this school

Performance on Assessments

Local Assessments**

N/A is the average growth percentile on the local assessments; N/A of students at this school participated (Citywide D75 Average: 50)

State Alternative Assessments (NYSAA)

50 is the average growth percentile on the NYSAA; 16% of students at this school participated (Citywide D75 Average: 50)

Standard English Assessments*

N/A is the average growth percentile for the State Standard English assessment; 3% of students at this school participated (Citywide D75 Average: 45)

Standard Math Assessments*

N/A is the average growth percentile for the State Standard Math assessment; N/A of students at this school participated (Citywide D75 Average: 45)

*State Standard Assessments included for this school are applicable grades 3-12 state tests.
**Local Assessments included for this school are N/A.
Growth percentiles show how a student's performance compared with other students with similar academic histories (such as prior test scores) and student characteristics (such as disability status, English Language Learner status, and economic need). For example, a growth percentile of 60 means that a student performed better than 60% of students with similar academic histories and student characteristics.

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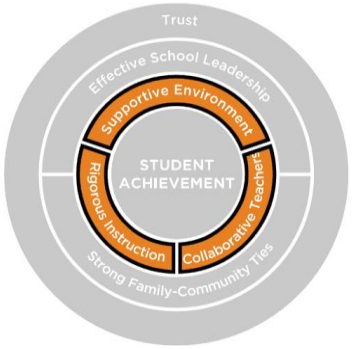

[1] **Quality Review**
Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school on February 3-4, 2015

[2] **Survey Response Rates**
Teachers: 70%
Parents: 30%

KEY:

Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor

Rigorous Instruction

Curriculum and instruction are designed to engage students, foster critical thinking skills, and are aligned to the Common Core.

Quality Review [1]

How interesting and challenging is the curriculum?

How effective is the teaching and learning?

How well does the school assess what students are learning?

Survey [2]

83%

responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction

City: 80%
District: 81%

Selected Questions

96% of parents say the school works to achieve the goals on my child's IEP (City: 94%)

89% of teachers say that students do reading and writing grounded in evidence from text (City: 86%)

82% of teachers say that students develop conceptual, procedural, and applied skills in math (City: 83%)

Collaborative Teachers

Teachers participate in opportunities to develop, grow, and contribute to the continuous improvement of the school community.

Quality Review

How well do teachers work with each other?

Survey

90%

responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers

City: 87%
District: 87%

Selected Questions

85% of teachers say that they work together to design instructional programs (City: 89%)

90% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 87%)

89% of teachers say that they feel responsible that all students learn (City: 81%)

Supportive Environment

The school establishes a culture where students feel safe, challenged to grow, and supported to meet high expectations.

Quality Review

How clearly are high expectations communicated to students and staff?

Less Restrictive Environment

Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments

Integration into General Education schools

Survey

89%

responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment

City: 89%
District: 89%

Selected Questions

N/A of teachers say that students are safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 94%)

100% of teachers say that adults at the school teach students how to advocate for themselves (City: 94%)

94% of parents believe the school offers activities and services to improve life outcomes for my child (City: 93%)

The section ratings are based on more information than what is included in this summary report. For more information, please see: http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability

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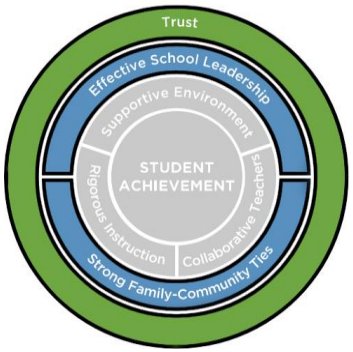

Effective School Leadership

School leadership inspires the school community with a clear instructional vision and effectively distributes leadership to realize this vision.

Survey [2]

83%

responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

City: 79%
District: 79%

Selected Questions

95% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 88%)

85% of teachers say that curriculum and instruction are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 79%)

94% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 92%)

Strong Family-Community Ties

The school forms effective partnerships with families and outside organizations to improve the school.

Survey

89%

responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

City: 83%

District: 83%

Selected Questions

97% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how the staff can help their children learn (City: 93%)

95% of parents feel that teachers try to understand families' problems and concerns (City: 95%)

91% of teachers say that teachers at this school work closely with families to meet students' needs (City: 93%)

Trust

Relationships between administrators, educators, students, and families are based on trust and respect.

Survey

93%

responded positively to questions about Trust

City: 91%

District: 91%

Selected Questions

90% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 85%)

86% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 84%)

95% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 94%)

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Additional Information

This report is intended to provide a useful summary of school information, but it does not cover everything.

To learn more, parents are encouraged to review additional resources, such as the Quality Review and the NYC School Survey, and to speak with members of the school community.

For more information on this document: http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5068209C-326B-4FDB-9746-EAF6B5C39279/0/SnapshotFamilyGuideES2015.pdf

Quality Review: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/Quality_Review_2015_X721.pdf

NYC School Survey: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports//2014-15/Survey_2015_X721.pdf