

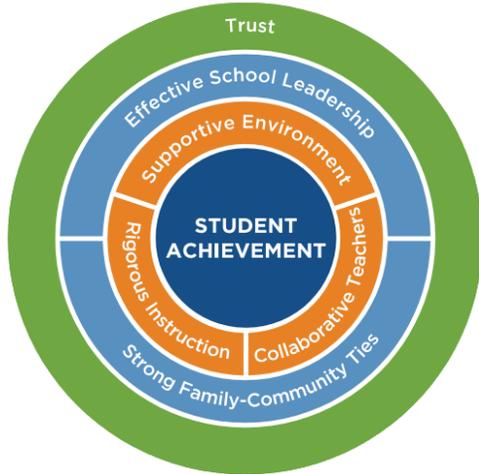
2014-15 School Quality Snapshot / Transfer HS

<http://www.cascadeshs.org>

Cascades High School (01M650)

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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School Overview

In partnership with CAMBA, students are provided with a college and career counseling program. Student academic success is supported by a comprehensive pupil personnel services team consisting of a guidance counselor, college advisor, parent coordinator and teachers. Participation in our art and technology program is strongly encouraged. Students are an integral part of the school community, are active members of the Student Government and serve on many of the school's committees.

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

General Information

Principal: Paul Rotondo
Enrollment: 230
Average SAT: 1315/2400
Shared Space: Yes

Student Demographics

Asian: 3% | Black: 39% | Hispanic: 52% | White: 5%
English Language Learners: 2%
Students with Special Needs: 8%
Overage/Undercredited*: 42%

Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 10.4
% of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 75%

Attendance

Average Change in Student Attendance: -2%
Teacher Attendance: 96%



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Activities, Sports, and Arts

87% of students feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school

Extracurricular Activities

Student leadership & government, tutoring, computer training, film, comprehensive PM school courses, online academic tutorial assistance available 24 hours a day, additional AM & PM classes, yearbook art design, music, theater, dance, writing

PSAL Alternative League Sport

Boys Basketball; Co-ed Bowling, Softball

Arts Classes

Painting, Dramatic Literature, Computer Art / Digital Art, Studio Art, Visual Art, Music, Guitar, Musical Theater

*Students who entered this school far behind in credits and Regents for their age.

For information on admissions, see the Additional Ways to Graduate Directory.



Student Achievement

This section presents information on the progress towards graduation, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and postsecondary options pursued by students at this school.

Progress Toward Graduation

Credits

8.1

average credits earned by students who started the year with 22 credits or less.

Comparison Group*: 5.8

9.6

average credits earned by students who started the year with more than 22 credits.

Comparison Group*: 9.1

Regents

How well does this school help students improve from their incoming proficiency levels and perform on Regents exams?



Graduation

All Students

78%

of students graduated high school

Comparison Group*: 71%

Most-at-Risk Students

N/A

graduation rate for students who entered this school very far off-track for their age

Comparison Group*: N/A

Other Overage/Under-Credited

67%

graduation rate for students who entered this school far off-track for their age

Comparison Group*: 58%

High School Persistence

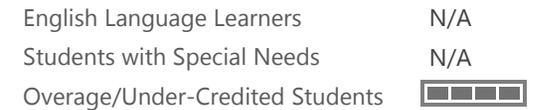
80%

of students graduated, earned a High School equivalency, earned an alternative commencement credential, or remained enrolled and attending the school

Comparison Group*: 76%

Closing the Achievement Gap

How well did this school help different groups of students graduate?



The transfer school graduation rate is based on whether students graduated within six years of starting high school, or seven years for students who entered this school very far off-track for their age. Other students (from prior cohorts) who graduated this year are also included.

College and Career Readiness

12%

successfully completed approved college or career preparatory courses and assessments¹

Comparison Group*: 32%

45%

graduated from high school and enrolled in college or other postsecondary program within 6 months

Comparison Group*: 58%

Postsecondary options that students from this school pursued:

- 7% CUNY (City University of New York) - 4 yr
- 20% CUNY (City University of New York) - 2 yr
- 8% New York State Public
- 5% New York State Private
- 3% Out of State
- 0% Other

¹ College or career preparatory courses and exams (number of students successfully completing out of 151 seniors):

- College Credit Course (9)
- Chemistry Regents (6)
- A.P. World History (4)
- A.P. US History (3)
- Algebra II Regents (2)
- Other Advanced Course (2)
- A.P. Biology (1)
- A.P. Calculus (1)
- A.P. English Language (1)
- Physics Regents (1)
- Technical Assessment (1)

KEY:



***Comparison Group** is made up of students from other schools across the city who were the most similar to the students at this school, based on their incoming test scores, disability status, economic need, and over-age status. Comparing the school's result to the "comparison group" result provides insight on how well the school is helping its students in light of their starting points and the challenges that they face.

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>



¹ Quality Review

Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school on December 18, 2014

² Survey Response Rates

Teachers: 100%
Parents: 21%
Students: 70%

KEY:



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

90%

responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction

City: 87%

Selected Questions

85% of students say that they learn a lot from feedback on their work (City: 91%)

90% of students know what their teacher wants them to learn in class (City: 94%)

82% of teachers say that students build on each other's ideas during class discussions (City: 77%)

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

92%

responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers

City: 91%

Selected Questions

91% of teachers say that they work together to design instructional programs (City: 94%)

91% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 90%)

83% of teachers say that they feel responsible that all students learn (City: 92%)

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



Survey

86%

responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment

City: 88%

Selected Questions

90% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 93%)

79% of students say that teachers notice when they are upset or having emotional difficulty (City: 87%)

86% of students say that this school supports students in navigating the post-secondary process (City: 89%)



Effective School Leadership

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

Survey ²

89%

responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

City: 87%

Selected Questions

91% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 91%)

100% of teachers say that curriculum and instruction are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 87%)

88% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 94%)

Strong Family-Community Ties

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

Survey

73%

responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

City: 80%

Selected Questions

84% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how the staff can help their children learn (City: 94%)

88% 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: 92%)

Trust

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

Survey

91%

responded positively to questions about Trust

City: 93%

Selected Questions

91% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 87%)

82% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 92%)

88% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 95%)

95% of students say that teachers treat them with respect (City: 94%)

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 School Directory, the School Quality Guide, the Quality Review, and the NYC School Survey, and to speak with members of the school community.

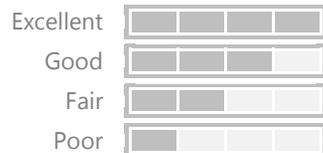
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School Quality Guide: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/School_Quality_Guide_2015_HST_M650.pdf

Quality Review: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/Quality_Review_2015_M650.pdf

NYC School Survey: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/Survey_2015_M650.pdf

NYC School Directory: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/SpecialPrograms/AlternativesHS/directory.htm>