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Framework for Great Schools

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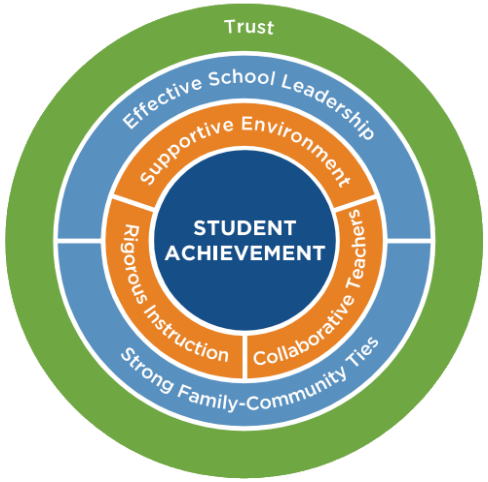

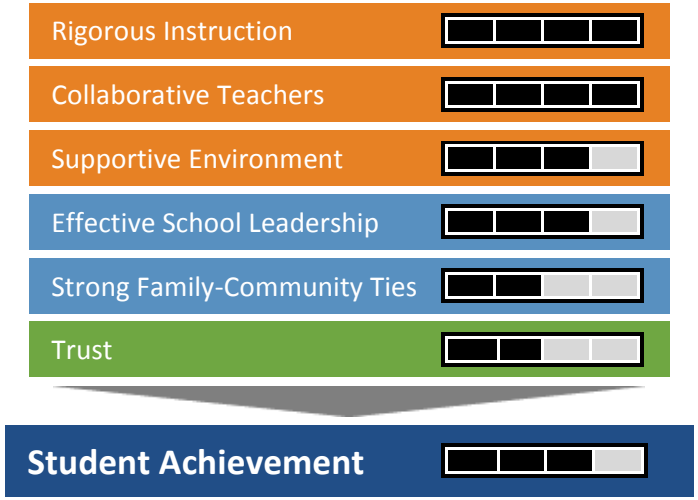

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Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor

School Overview

The mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School for Law, Advocacy, and Community Justice is to create a climate that promotes excellence in learning. Our goal is that students will develop into persons who are intelligent, critical thinkers, and supportive members of their communities. This is accomplished by everyone working collaboratively to meet the needs of students within the confines of a smaller, more personal learning atmosphere. We develop a special culture from the onset that celebrates success with high expectations for students as well as adults. The students will be immersed in the study, inquiry, and advocacy of law, with required involvement in community service, thus enabling them to realize their individual potential throughout the greater community. Our hope is that students will view themselves as pioneers of the new millennium, and we expect them to be counted among the great success stories of tomorrow.

General Information

Principal: Doreen Conwell
Grades served: 09,10,11,12,SE
Enrollment: 510
Average SAT: 1234/2400
Shared Space: Yes
Admissions methods: Ed. Opt.

Student Demographics

Asian: 2% | Black: 42% | Hispanic: 53% | White: 2%
English Language Learners: 6%
Student with Special Needs: 16%

Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 3.8
% of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 74%

Attendance

Student Attendance: 85% | Students Chronically Absent: 43%
Teacher Attendance: 97%

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Activities, Sports, and Arts

62% of students feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school

Extracurricular Activities

Advocacy Class, Chess, Community Service, Dance, Drama, Homework Helpers, Leadership Class, Newspaper Club, PM School, Saturday School, Student Government, Tutoring, Math Team for NYC Interscholastic Math League, Girls' Club,Journalism, Cheerleading, Debate

PSAL Sports

Boys: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Handball, Outdoor Track, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling
Girls: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Flag Football, Handball, Indoor Track, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Wrestling
Co-Ed: Double Dutch

Arts Classes

Painting

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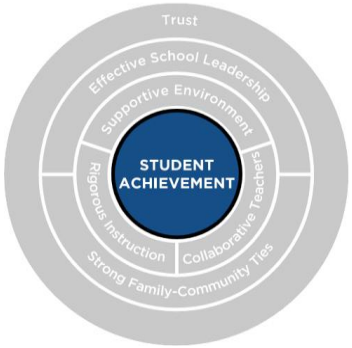

[1] College or career preparatory courses and exams (number of students successfully completing out of 114 seniors):

A.P. Spanish Language	(16)
College Credit Course	(16)
Chemistry Regents	(9)
Algebra II Regents	(7)
A.P. Psychology	(4)
Physics Regents	(2)
A.P. English Literature	(1)
Other A.P. Exams	(1)
A.P. World History	(1)

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

79%

earned enough credits in 9th grade to be on track for graduation

City: 84%
Borough: 84%
Comparison Group*: 77%

74%

earned enough credits in 10th grade to be on track for graduation

City: 79%
Borough: 81%
Comparison Group*: 74%

Regents

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

English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Graduation

4-Year

73%

graduated within four years

City: 70%
Borough: 71%
Comparison Group*: 71%

6-Year

80%

graduated within six years

City: 76%
Borough: 77%
Comparison Group*: 74%

At this school, how did students from different starting points in 8th grade perform in high school?

Starting Point (8th grade level)	High School Outcomes: Graduated in 4 yrs		College ready	
	School	City	School	City
Level 3 or 4	N/A	95%	N/A	86%
Level 2	84%	81%	33%	32%
Level 1	60%	47%	8%	4%

Closing the Achievement Gap

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

English Language Learners
Students with Special Needs
City's Lowest Performing Students

The citywide graduation rates are projected numbers, subject to correction by the New York State Education Department.

College and Career Readiness

31%

successfully completed approved college or career preparatory courses and assessments[1]

City: 46%
Borough: 46%
Comparison Group*: 36%

20%

graduated college ready (met CUNY's standards for avoiding remedial classes)

City: 35%
Borough: 39%
Comparison Group*: 21%

53%

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

City: 53%
Borough: 56%
Comparison Group*: 48%

Postsecondary options that students from this school pursued:

16%	CUNY (City University of New York) - 4 yr
17%	CUNY (City University of New York) - 2 yr
4%	New York State Public
9%	New York State Private
6%	Out of State
0%	Other

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***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

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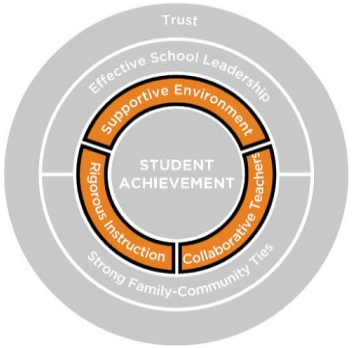

[1] **Quality Review**
Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school on January 13, 2015

[2] **Survey Response Rates**

Teachers: 95%
Parents: 19%
Students: 73%

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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: 85%
Borough: 86%

Selected Questions

79% of students say that they learn a lot from feedback on their work (City: 84%)

83% of students know what their teacher wants them to learn in class (City: 90%)

92% of teachers say that students build on each other's ideas during class discussions (City: 78%)

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: 86%
Borough: 87%

Selected Questions

100% of teachers say that they work together to design instructional programs (City: 91%)

91% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 85%)

90% of teachers say that they feel responsible that all students learn (City: 89%)

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

78%

responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment

City: 83%
Borough: 84%

Selected Questions

74% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 84%)

64% of students say that teachers notice when they are upset or having emotional difficulty (City: 71%)

68% of students say that this school supports students in navigating the post-secondary process (City: 82%)

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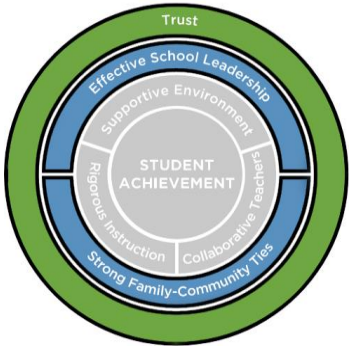

Effective School Leadership

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

Survey [2]

85%

responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

City: 82%
Borough: 82%

Selected Questions

92% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 86%)

100% of teachers say that curriculum and instruction are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 82%)

74% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 89%)

Strong Family-Community Ties

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

Survey

72%

responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

City: 75%
Borough: 76%

Selected Questions

84% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how the staff can help their children learn (City: 88%)

79% of parents feel that teachers try to understand families' problems and concerns (City: 90%)

94% of teachers say that teachers at this school work closely with families to meet students' needs (City: 91%)

Trust

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

Survey

86%

responded positively to questions about Trust

City: 89%
Borough: 89%

Selected Questions

94% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 82%)

91% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 87%)

83% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 91%)

75% of students say that teachers treat them with respect (City: 86%)

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_HS_M492.pdf
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