

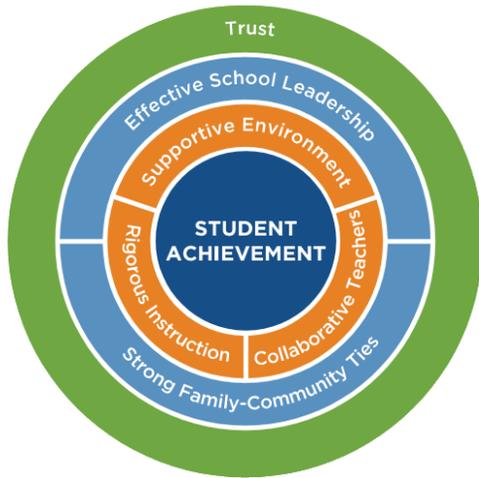
# 2015-16 School Quality Snapshot / MS

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## I.S. 237 (25Q237)

### Framework for Great Schools

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



#### KEY:



### General Information

Principal: Judith Friedman  
 Grades served: 06,07,08,SE  
 Enrollment: 1240  
 Shared Space: Yes  
 Admissions methods: Unscreened

### Student Demographics

Asian: 73% | Black: 8% | Hispanic: 17% | White: 2%  
 English Language Learners: 19%  
 Student with Special Needs: 14%

### Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 7.5  
 % of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 79%

### Attendance

Student Attendance: 96% (City: 94%) | Students Chronically Absent: 11% (City: 17%)  
 Teacher Attendance: 95%



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### School Overview

I.S. 237 provides a robust and supportive middle school experience and at the same time promotes college and career readiness in multiple ways. Our strong academic program includes Special Progress (SP) classes on each grade level. Eighth grade SP students take Regents exams in Algebra, U.S. History & Government, Earth Science, and Living Environment, as well as the Spanish Proficiency exam. Many students go on to attend Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, and Brooklyn Tech. English language learners receive instruction before, after, and during the school day as well as on Saturdays. All students receive instruction in visual arts, band, strings, or chorus. Our extended day programs include academic tutoring, dance, musical theater, guitar, keyboard, and art. SONYC, a free after-school program, offers homework help and recreational activities Monday through Friday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm, and is open during most school holidays. ...

*For more on this school, please see the Directory.*

### Activities and Sports

**72%** of students feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep students interested in school (City: 81%)

### Extracurricular Activities

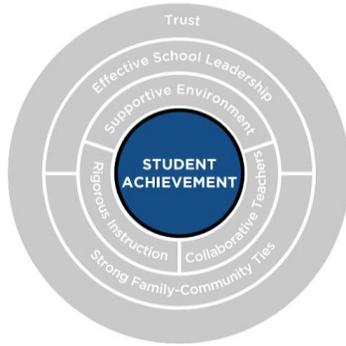
Academic Support; Arts Classes; Math Teams; Music & Art Performances; ENL Classes; Saturday Academy; Parents as Artists Workshops; Yearbook; SONYC; Roundabout Theater; Debate Team; Urban Advantage Science; Magic Box Photography; CUNY Arts Team; Evening Center Trips: Broadway Theater; MoMa; Pocono Valley; Philadelphia; NY Historical Society

### CHAMPS Sports

**Boys:** N/A

**Girls:** N/A

**Co-Ed:** Badminton, Developmental Basketball, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Softball, ...



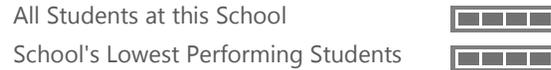
## Student Achievement

This section presents information on this school's state test results, including student growth and performance, how students performed in core courses, and how well students are prepared for high school.

### Growth on State Tests

#### English

How well did this school help students improve on their State English tests?



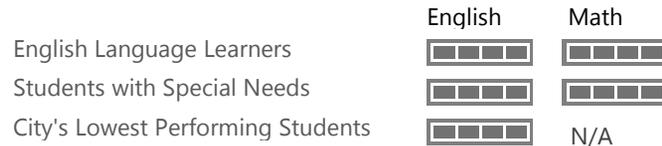
#### Math

How well did this school help students improve on their State math tests?



### Closing the Achievement Gap

How well did this school help different groups of students improve on their State English and math tests?



### Performance on State Tests

#### English

**47%**

met State standards on the State English test; the average score at this school was 2.9 out of 4.5

Comparison Group\*: 47%  
District: 52%  
City: 37%

#### Math

**64%**

met State standards on the State math test; the average score at this school was 3.3 out of 4.5

Comparison Group\*: 55%  
District: 56%  
City: 32%

At this school, how did students from different starting points in 5th grade perform on state tests in 8th grade?

English			
Starting Point (5th grade level)	8th Grade Outcomes (on state ELA test)	Comp Group*	
Level 3 or 4	89% scored 3 or 4	88%	
Level 2	50% scored 3 or 4	48%	
Level 1	66% scored 2, 3, or 4	64%	

Math			
Starting Point (5th grade level)	8th Grade Outcomes (on state math test)	Comp Group*	
Level 3 or 4	90% scored 3 or 4	80%	
Level 2	44% scored 3 or 4	26%	
Level 1	47% scored 2, 3, or 4	45%	

### Passing Courses

#### Core Courses

**94%**

pass rate by this school's students in their math, English, social studies, and science classes

Comparison Group\*: 95%  
District: 97%  
City: 92%

#### Next Level Readiness

**90%**

of this school's former 8th graders earned enough high school credit in 9th grade to be on track for graduation

Comparison Group\*: 93%  
District: 92%  
City: 87%

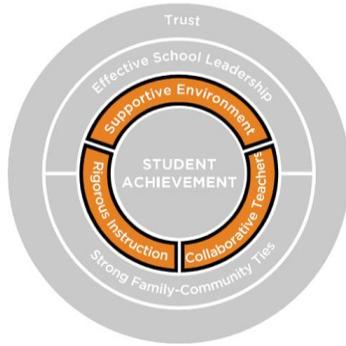
### Which high schools did students from this school most frequently attend?

- 28% John Bowne High School
- 25% Francis Lewis High School
- 6% Benjamin N. Cardozo High School
- 6% Bayside High School
- 4% Bronx High School Of Science

### 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. The "comparison group" result is an estimate of how the students at this school would have performed if they had attended other schools throughout the city.



**<sup>1</sup> Quality Review**

Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school on December 22, 2015

**<sup>2</sup> Survey Response Rates**

Teachers: 91% (68)  
 Parents: 66% (751)  
 Students: 95% (1166)

**KEY:**



**Rigorous Instruction**



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

**Quality Review <sup>1</sup>**

- 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 <sup>2</sup>**

**72%**  
 responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction  
 District: 83%  
 City: 83%

**Selected Questions**

- 65% of students say that they learn a lot from feedback on their work (City: 73%)
- 85% of students know what their teacher wants them to learn in class (City: 86%)
- 55% of teachers say that students build on each other's ideas during class discussions (City: 67%)

**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**

**65%**  
 responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers  
 District: 79%  
 City: 81%

**Selected Questions**

- 76% of teachers say that they work together to design instructional programs (City: 88%)
- 58% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 86%)
- 76% of teachers say that they feel responsible that all students learn (City: 86%)

**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?

**Survey**

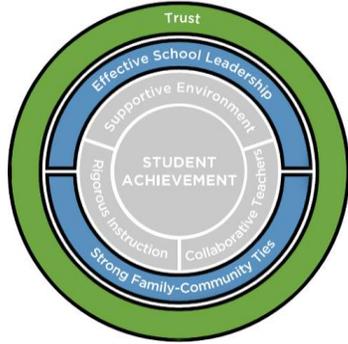
**68%**  
 responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment  
 District: 73%  
 City: 75%

**Selected Questions**

- 73% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 82%)
- 45% of students say that teachers notice when they are upset or having emotional difficulty (City: 56%)
- 80% of students say that the school provides useful information about the HS application and enrollment process (City: 89%)

**Less Restrictive Environment**

- Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments



### Effective School Leadership



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

#### Survey <sup>2</sup>

**74%**

responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

District: 84%  
City: 86%

#### Selected Questions

- 78% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 88%)
- 65% of teachers say that curriculum and instruction are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 82%)
- 92% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 95%)

### Strong Family-Community Ties



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

#### Survey

**77%**

responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

District: 84%  
City: 86%

#### Selected Questions

- 92% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how parents can help their child learn (City: 91%)
- 86% of parents feel that teachers understand families' problems and concerns (City: 91%)
- 82% of teachers say that teachers at this school work closely with families to meet student needs (City: 93%)

### Trust



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

#### Survey

**78%**

responded positively to questions about Trust

District: 86%  
City: 88%

#### Selected Questions

- 63% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 82%)
- 56% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 82%)
- 92% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 93%)
- 86% of students say that teachers treat them with respect (City: 86%)

### Additional Information

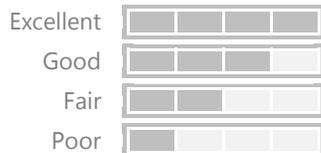
This report is intended to provide a useful summary of school information, but it does not cover everything.

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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For more information on this document: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/74BFBB39-8015-4264-820E-46A81D6C265F/0/2016FamilyGuideEMS.pdf>

- School Quality Guide: [http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/School\\_Quality\\_Guide\\_2016\\_EMS\\_Q237.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/School_Quality_Guide_2016_EMS_Q237.pdf)
- Quality Review: [http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/Quality\\_Review\\_2016\\_Q237.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/Quality_Review_2016_Q237.pdf)
- NYC School Survey: [http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/Survey\\_2016\\_Q237.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2015-16/Survey_2016_Q237.pdf)
- NYC School Directory: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Resources/default.htm>
- NYC School Dashboard: [http://schoolqualityreports.nyc/reports/dashboard.html?utm\\_source=SQR&utm\\_medium=PDF&utm\\_campaign=SQS\\_Official\\_2016-dbn=25Q2](http://schoolqualityreports.nyc/reports/dashboard.html?utm_source=SQR&utm_medium=PDF&utm_campaign=SQS_Official_2016-dbn=25Q2)