

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	Essence School (19K311)
PRINCIPAL	Gail Gaines
ENROLLMENT	248
SCHOOL TYPE	MIDDLE SCHOOL
PEER INDEX	3.08

Progress Report Grade

# B

**What does this grade mean?**

Schools are assigned letter grades based on their overall Progress Report score. Schools that get As and Bs are eligible for rewards. Schools that get Ds and Fs, or 3 Cs in a row, face consequences, including change in school leadership or school closure.

**How did this school perform?**

- This school's overall score for 2007-08 is 64
- This score places the School in the 66 percentile of all middle schools Citywide—i.e., 66 percent of those schools scored lower than this school
- This school met 100% of its improvement target from last year

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
<b>School Environment</b>	9.4 out of 15	<b>B</b>
<b>Student Performance</b>	15.0 out of 25	<b>B</b>
<b>Student Progress</b>	35.1 out of 60	<b>B</b>
<b>Additional Credit</b>	4.5 (15 max)	
<b>Overall Score</b>	64.0 out of 100	<b>B</b>

**How scores translate to grades:**

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 49.7–65.8 receive a letter grade of B
- 45% of schools earned a B in 2007-08

**Middle School Table – Overall Grades**

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	65.9–106	30% of schools
B	49.7–65.8	45% of schools
C	39–49.6	16% of schools
D	29.4–38.9	7% of schools
F	11.1–29.4	2% of schools

**In This Report:**

Each school's Progress Report (1) measures 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. The Progress Report measures four areas:

**School Environment**

uses parent, teacher and secondary student surveys and other data to measure necessary conditions for learning: attendance, academic expectations, communication, engagement and safety and respect.

**Student Performance**

measures student skill levels in English Language Arts and Math.

**Student Progress**

measures average student improvement from last year to this year in English Language Arts and Math.

**Closing the Achievement Gap**

gives schools additional credit for exemplary gains among high-need students.

The back page provides specific information about how the school performed in each of these areas.

**Quality Review Score**

This school's 2007-08 Quality Review score is: Well Developed

To see this school's Quality Review report, find the school's Web site at <http://schools.nyc.gov/>, click 'Statistics' and scroll down to Quality Review Report.

**State Accountability Status**

Based on its 2006-07 performance, this school is: In Good Standing

This status is determined by the New York State Department of Education under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. It is separate from the school's Progress Report Grade.

## Additional Information

### Closing the Achievement Gap

Schools earn additional credit when their high-need students make exemplary gains. These gains are based on the percentage of high-need students who improve by at least one-half of a proficiency level in English Language Arts or Math (e.g., student improves from 2.25 to 2.75 in ELA, or 3.20 to 3.70 in Math). Schools earn additional credit for any one of the five high-need categories of students if the percentage of students in that category who achieve exemplary gains is in the top 40% of all schools citywide.

This component can only improve a school's Progress Report grade. It cannot lower a school's grade.

Credit	Exemplary Proficiency Gains	Student Group
<b>English Language Arts</b>		
-	-	English Language Learners
+0.75	30.0%	Special Education Students
+0.75	25.0%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	20.3%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
<b>Mathematics</b>		
-	-	English Language Learners
+1.5	63.2%	Special Education Students
+1.5	50.0%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	31.0%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide

(-) indicates less than 15 students in this category

### Peer Schools

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. Each school has up to 40 peer schools.

For Elementary and K-8 Schools, peer schools are determined based on the percentage of students at each school that are English Language Learners, Special Education, Black/Hispanic and Title I eligible.

For Middle Schools, peer schools are determined based on the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered Middle School.

The peer schools for Essence School are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
19K171	I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln	09X517	Frederick Douglass Academy III Secondary School
11X181	I.S. 181 Pablo Casals	05M317	Kappa II
04M825	Isaac Newton Middle School for Math & Science	11X289	The Young Scholars Academy of The Bronx
84M726	KIPP S.T.A.R. College Preparatory	10X368	In-Tech Academy (M.S. / High School 368)
11X372	Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation	10X228	Jonas Bronck Academy
10X241	Urban Assembly School for Applied Math and Science	06M528	I.S. 528 Bea Fuller Rodgers School
07X500	Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science	17K533	School for Democracy and Leadership
30Q204	I.S. 204 Oliver W. Holmes	03M860	Frederick Douglass Academy II Secondary School
24Q077	I.S. 077	13K301	Satellite East Middle School
05M367	Academy for Social Action: A College Board School	12X273	Frederick Douglass Academy V. Middle School
23K518	Kappa V	84K508	Achievement First Endeavor Charter School
09X303	I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service	22K014	J.H.S. 014 Shell Bank
84M709	Harlem Village Academy Charter School	08X375	The Bronx Mathematics Preparatory School
20K220	J.H.S. 220 John J. Pershing	03M250	M.S. 250 West Side Collaborative Middle School
12X242	Mott Hall V	31R049	I.S. 49 Berta A. Dreyfus
15K088	J.H.S. 088 Peter Rouget	11X272	Globe School for Environmental Research
11X326	Bronx Green Middle School	28Q008	J.H.S. 008 Richard S. Grossley
17K061	M.S. 061 Gladstone H. Atwell	15K429	Brooklyn School for Global Studies
29Q059	I.S. 059 Springfield Gardens	06M052	J.H.S. 052 Inwood
11X127	J.H.S. 127 The Castle Hill	07X162	J.H.S. 162 Lola Rodriguez De Tio

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# Results by Category

SCHOOL **Essence School**  
PRINCIPAL **Gail Gaines**

## HOW TO INTERPRET THIS CHART

A school is evaluated by asking how far its score in each category has moved along the range of scores for all schools. These charts show that movement as a percentage. In the example to the right, the school's score is 75% of the way from the lowest to the highest score in the City.

If a school performs at the top end of the range, the bar will be fully shaded. If a school performs at the low end of the range, the bar will not be shaded. If a school performs in the middle of the range, half the bar will be shaded.

Attendance  
90%



In this example, the school's attendance is 90%. This is 75% of the way from the lowest attendance at any school (80%) to the highest attendance (100%).

Below, the green charts on the left compare the school to its peer group. The blue charts on the right compare the school to schools Citywide. Peer scores count three times as much as City scores. Peer and City ranges are based on the outcomes of schools from 2005-08.

## School Environment

Comprises 15% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**0.625 x 15 = 9.4**

**B**

### Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.6

65.4%

5.9 8.5

66.7%

5.8 8.5

Communication:

6.7

65.2%

5.2 7.5

65.4%

5.0 7.6

Engagement:

6.6

57.1%

5.0 7.8

56.7%

4.9 7.9

Safety and Respect:

6.9

51.6%

5.3 8.4

51.5%

5.2 8.5

### Attendance (5 points)

93.1%

69.0%

87.1% 95.8%

63.4%

84.8% 97.9%

## Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**0.598 x 25 = 15**

**B**

### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

42.4%

48.5%

25.2% 60.7%

46.6%

2.6% 88.0%

245

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.92

56.0%

2.64 3.14

50.9%

2.34 3.48

245

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):

67.3%

71.7%

20.9% 85.6%

64.3%

8.5% 100.0%

245

Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.21

68.7%

2.42 3.57

59.9%

2.09 3.96

245

## Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score:  
**0.585 x 60 = 35.1**

**B**

### English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

58.4%

58.8%

42.0% 69.9%

57.2%

41.0% 71.4%

230

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

80.0%

55.8%

65.0% 91.9%

58.2%

61.5% 93.3%

75

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.13

20.0%

0.08 0.33

20.0%

0.07 0.37

138

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

(0.08)

69.2%

(0.26) 0.00

65.5%

(0.27) 0.02

92

### Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

65.1%

69.2%

38.1% 77.1%

63.2%

35.5% 82.3%

227

Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

78.6%

75.2%

48.9% 88.4%

75.4%

44.5% 89.7%

70

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.31

58.0%

0.02 0.52

56.1%

(0.01) 0.56

88

Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

0.03

71.7%

(0.30) 0.16

69.4%

(0.31) 0.18

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