

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	M.S. 246 Walt Whitman (17K246)
PRINCIPAL	Bently Warrington
ENROLLMENT	672
SCHOOL TYPE	MIDDLE
PEER INDEX	2.81

Progress Report Grade

A

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 2008-09 is 70
- This score places the School in the 26 percentile of all Middle schools Citywide--i.e., 26 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	10.2 out of 15	A
Student Performance	18.9 out of 25	A
Student Progress	35.6 out of 60	B
Additional Credit	5.3 (15 max)	
Overall Score	70.0 out of 100	A

Quality Review Score

This school's 2007-08 Quality Review score is: **Proficient**
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 2008-09 performance, this school is: **Restructuring (Advanced) - Focused**
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.

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 68.0-100 receive a letter grade of A
- 78% of schools earned an A in 2008-09

Middle School Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	68.0-100	77.6% of schools
B	54-67.9	18.5% of schools
C	43.0-53.9	3.0% of schools
D	33.0-42.9	0.9% of schools
F	0-32.9	0% 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.

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).

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

Credit	Exemplary Proficiency Gains	Student Group
		English Language Arts
	22.4%	English Language Learners
	26.6%	Special Education Students
+1.5	31.4%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	23.9%	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
-		Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Mathematics
+0.75	34.1%	English Language Learners
	32.3%	Special Education Students
+1.5	47.1%	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+0.75	34.7%	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 M.S. 246 Walt Whitman are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
14K050	J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells	17K587	Middle School for the Arts
12X190	I.S. 190	12X245	New Day Academy
27Q053	I.S. 053 Brian Piccolo	10X080	J.H.S. 080 The Mosholu Parkway
18K588	Middle School for Art and Philosophy	04M013	J.H.S. 013 Jackie Robinson
10X391	M.S. 391	14K586	Lyons Community School
15K463	Secondary School for Journalism	13K571	M.S. 571
05M469	Choir Academy of Harlem	02M047	47 The American Sign Language and English Dual Language
12X129	P.S. 129 Twin Parks Upper	16K035	M.S. 035 Stephen Decatur
04M045	J.H.S. M045 John S. Roberts	18K581	East Flatbush Community Research School
08X123	J.H.S. 123 James M. Kieran	07X551	Bronx Academy of Letters
10X390	M.S. 390	18K598	Middle School of Marketing and Legal Studies
15K462	Secondary School for Law	06M322	Middle School 322
08X337	The School for Inquiry and Social Justice	16K385	School of Business Finance and Entrepreneurship
10X244	The New School for Leadership and Journalism	13K265	Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Arts
09X313	I.S. 313 School of Leadership Development	09X145	J.H.S. 145 Arturo Toscanini
09X323	Bronx Writing Academy	09X022	J.H.S. 022 Jordan L. Mott
32K291	J.H.S. 291 Roland Hayes	15K136	I.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey
09X232	I.S. 232	16K057	J.H.S. 057 Whitelaw Reid
16K267	M.S. 267 Math Science & Technology	07X343	Academy of Applied Mathematics and Technology
03M044	J.H.S. M044 William J. O'shea	06M349	Harbor Heights

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Results by Category

SCHOOL M.S. 246 Walt Whitman
PRINCIPAL Bently Warrington

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.



In this example, the school's attendance is 95%. 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: **10.2 out of 15**

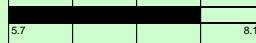
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Survey Scores (10 points)

Academic Expectations:

7.5

75.0%



63.0%

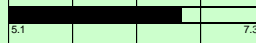


Number of students

Communication:

6.6

68.2%



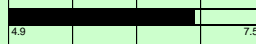
61.5%



Engagement:

6.8

73.1%



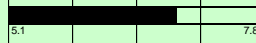
63.3%



Safety and Respect:

6.9

66.7%



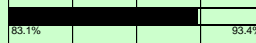
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Attendance (5 points)

90.8%

74.8%



45.8%



Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **18.9 out of 25**

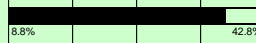
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English Language Arts

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

38.0%

85.9%



41.5%

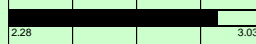


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Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

2.90

82.7%



49.1%



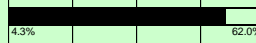
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Mathematics

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

53.6%

85.4%



49.3%

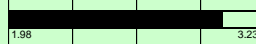


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Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):

3.04

84.8%



50.8%



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Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **35.6 out of 60**

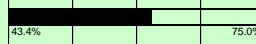
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English Language Arts

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

61.1%

56.0%



66.1%

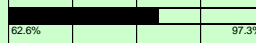


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Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

83.2%

59.4%



68.2%

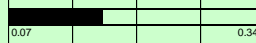


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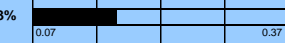
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.17

37.0%



33.3%

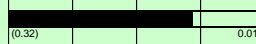


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Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

(0.08)

72.7%



65.5%



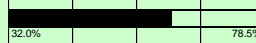
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Mathematics

Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

61.9%

64.3%



56.4%

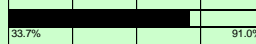


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Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress

74.7%

71.6%



66.8%

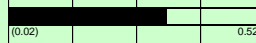


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Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students

0.32

63.0%



57.9%

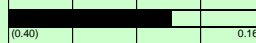


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Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students

(0.04)

64.3%



55.1%



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