

**Progress Report** 2008-09

**HIGH SCHOOL** 



### 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 88.7
- This score places the School in the 93 percentile of all high schools Citywide–i.e., 93 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

## This Progress Report is for

Townsend Harris High School SCHOOL

(25Q525) PRINCIPAL Kenneth Bon

ENROLLMENT SCHOOL TYPE HIGH SCHOOL

Calculated Score Category Grade Category **School** Α **Environment** 11.9 out of 15 Student Α Performance 24.2 out of 25 Student **Progress** 52.6 out of 60 Additional Credit 0.0 (16 max) Overall

## How scores translate to grades:

- · Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 70.0 105.3 receive a letter grade of A
- 45% of high schools earned an A in 2008-09

## High School Table - Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
Α	70.0 - 105.3	45% of schools
В	54.0 - 69.9	30% of schools
С	44.0 - 53.9	18% of schools
D	36.0 - 43.9	7% of schools
F	31.1 - 35.9	0% of schools

## In This Report:

PEER INDEX

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:

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

evaluates a high school's success in graduating students.

Student Progress evaluates annual student advancement toward graduation through credit accumulation and passed Regents. In the weighted Regents pass rate measures, schools receive more points if they are able to help high need students pass

### Closing the Achievement Gap

gives schools additional credit for moving high-need students toward graduation.

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

## **Quality Review Score**

Score

This school's 2008-09 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 2008-09 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

88.7 out of 100

# 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 earning 11 or more credits in their first, second, or third years of high school. These measures of progress are highly predictive of high school graduation.

Schools can also earn additional credit based on their percentage of students in the lowest third Citywide earning a 75 or higher for the first time on an ELA or Math Regents or graduating with a Regents Diploma.

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

Exemplary

Credit	Proficiency Gains	Additional Credit Category
		Credit Accumulation
	-	English Language Learners
	-	Special Education Students
	-	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Lowest Third Citywide Regents
	-	ELA
	-	Math
	-	Regents Diploma
(-) indicate	es less than 15 stud	ents 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 High Schools, peer schools are determined based on three factors: 1) the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered High School, 2) the percentage of special education students, and 3) the percentage of students who enter high school 2 or more years overage. A lower peer index indicates a higher need population.

The peer schools for Townsend Harris High School are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
02M475	Stuyvesant High School		
10X445	Bronx High School of Science		
31R605	Staten Island Technical High School		
28Q687	Queens High School for the Sciences at York Collect		
13K430	Brooklyn Technical High School		
10X696	High School of American Studies at Lehman College		
01M696	Bard High School Early College		
06M692	High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineer		
27Q323	Scholars' Academy		
03M485	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art an		
28Q680	Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary Sch		
02M416	Eleanor Roosevelt High School		
01M539	New Explorations into Science, Technology and Mat		
14K449	Brooklyn Latin School, The		

The Progress Report is a key component of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's and Chancellor Joel I. Klein's Children First reforms. The Progress Report is designed to assist administrators, principals and teachers in accelerating the learning of all students. The Progress Report also enables students, parents and the public to hold the NYC Department of Education and its schools accountable for student achievement and improvement and for ensuring a high quality education for every student in NYC's public schools. If you have any questions or comments about the Progress Report, please visit http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/SchoolReports/ProgressReports/ or send us an email at pr support@schools.nyc.gov.

## 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.

