

# Arsenal Middle School

6-8 neighborhood school

3900 Butler St., 15201

Lawrenceville

412-622-5740

Principal: Debra Rucki

## School building capacity

Percent used: 51.5%

District average (middle): 66.9%

## 2004-05 Enrollment

408 students

District average (middle): 383

African-American: 87.5%

White: 10.3%

Other: 2.2%

Student daily attendance: 91.4%

## Family income status

91.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (middle): 69.7%

## School closings plan status as of 2/9/06:

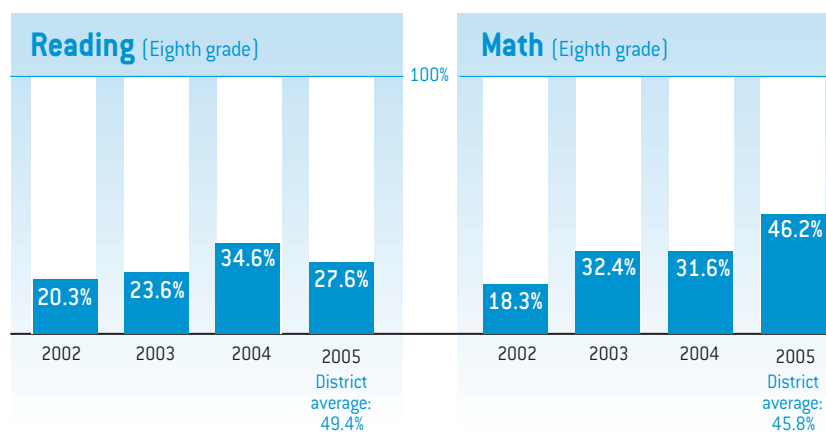
K-5 program opening in Arsenal building

## Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

|                    | Arsenal | Districtwide* |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Reading 2005 (7th) | 36.3 %  | 41.3 %        |
| Math 2005 (7th)    | 21.5    | 29.7          |
| Science 2004 (8th) | 15.4    | 40.1          |

\*All district seventh and eighth grades

## Tests required by the state: Percentage of eighth graders at Proficient/Advanced levels on PSSA Reading and Math tests



## School ratings

**School Performance Index** (an estimate of this school's average contribution to students' reading and math achievement, 1=least, 4=most): **4**

**Average Student Achievement** (on a 100-point scale, an estimate of average student achievement at this school, based on a range of reading and math tests): **35**

## Compared to district averages...

### What are this school's strengths?

- Increase in overall PSSA math scores 2002-05
- Increase in student attendance 2002-05

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low PSSA reading scores for low-income, black, and white students

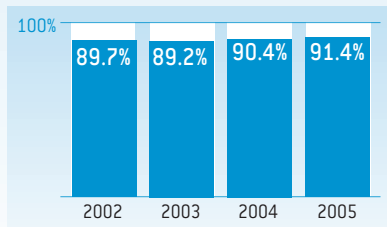
See a more detailed report on the A+ Schools Web site: [www.aplusschools.org](http://www.aplusschools.org).

**A closer look**

# at Arsenal Middle School

## Enrollment/Attendance

Student daily attendance, 2002-05



Student mobility rate: 68.6%  
 Student stability rate: 86.7%  
 Percentage of students receiving special education services (excluding "gifted"): 21.5%  
 Percentage of students identified as "gifted": 2.1%

## Teachers

Daily attendance: 93.8%  
 Percentage with advanced degrees: 16.1%

## Principals

Principal stability: 1 principal, 2002-05

## Reportable student disciplinary actions 2003-04

Number of incidents: 59  
 Number of offenders\*: 52  
 Number of suspensions: 1  
 Number of expulsions: 2

\* Percentage of enrollment: 11.3%

## Special features

- Partnerships with NASA, Penn Avenue Arts Collaborative, Center for Minority Health
- Extended year program
- Best Friends Mentoring Program

## Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels by race and family income

|                     | School overall | Black | White | Low-income | Not low-income |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|-------|------------|----------------|
| Reading 2005 (7th)  | 36.3%          | 30.5% | 59.1% | 35.2%      | 50.0%          |
| Percent taking test | 98.7           | 98.5  | 100.0 | 98.6       | 100.0          |
| Math 2005 (7th)     | 21.5           | 17.8  | 31.8  | 19.9       | 41.7           |
| Percent taking test | 99.4           | 99.2  | 100.0 | 99.3       | 100.0          |
| Science 2004 (8th)  | 15.4           | 9.5   | 28.6  | 13.6       | 25.0           |
| Percent taking test | 68.9           | 71.8  | 51.9  | 70.4       | 61.5           |

## Tests required by the state: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels on PSSA Reading and Math tests

Percent of tested students scoring: ■ Advanced ■ Proficient ■ Basic ■ Below Basic

