

# Faison Arts Academy

K-5 neighborhood school with an arts focus

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Homewood  
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Principal: Yvona Smith

## School building capacity

Percent used: 73.3%  
District average (elem.): 68.0%

## 2004-05 Enrollment

410 students  
District average (K-5/6): 276

African-American: 99.3%  
White: 0.5%  
Other: 0.2%

Student daily attendance: 93.9%

## Family income status

87.5% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (elem.): 70.7%

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

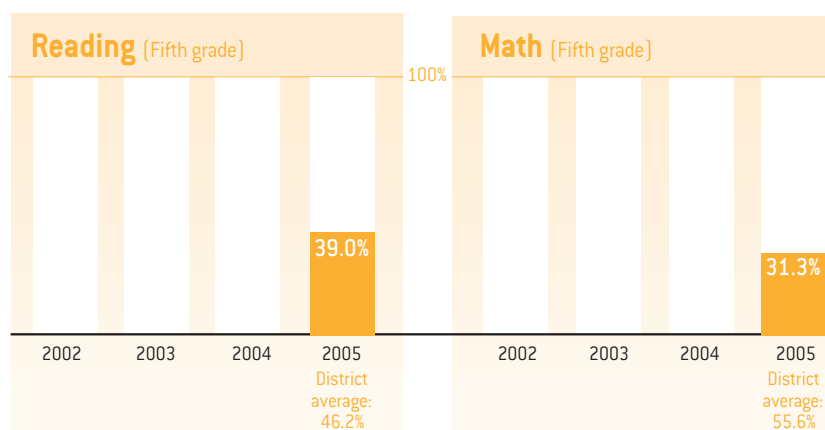
Becoming K-4 paired with 5-8 at Crescent building for K-8 program

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

	Faison	Districtwide*
Reading 2005 (1st)	63.6 %	77.4 %
Math 2005 (2nd)	56.3	67.0
Science 2004 (5th)	-----	50.4

\*All district elementary schools

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



**Third grade PSSA Reading (2005): 26%**  
District average: 49%

**Third grade PSSA Math (2005): 34%**  
District average: 67%

PSSA data for third grade was unavailable for years prior to 2005. Faison opened in 2004.

## School ratings

**School Performance Index** (an estimate of this school's average contribution to students' reading and math achievement, 1=least, 4=most): **Not rated\***

**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): **30**

\* School ratings were provided by the RAND Corp. While RAND did not give Faison an SPI rating because it only opened in 2004, the district assigned a rating of "1" using the RAND process.

## Compared to district averages...

### What are this school's strengths?

- PSSA 5th grade reading/math scores near district average for black students

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 3rd grade reading/math scores
- Low PSSA 5th grade math scores for low-income students

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



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## Enrollment/Attendance

Student mobility rate: 54.8%  
 Student stability rate: 87.4%  
 Percentage of students receiving special education services (excluding "gifted"): 14.4%  
 Percentage of students identified as "gifted": 2.1%

## Teachers

Daily attendance: 96.3%  
 Percentage with advanced degrees: 13.3%

*Some indicators that are reported for other schools are not reported for Faison, because Faison opened in 2004.*

## Special features

- Arts throughout the curriculum
- Communities In Schools site

## 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 (1st)	63.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Math 2005 (2nd)	56.3	56.5%	n/a	58.1%	n/a
Percent taking test	100.0	100.0	n/a	100.0	n/a
Science 2004 (5th)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Percent taking test	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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