

# Arsenal Middle School

6-8 neighborhood school  
(Building also houses an elementary school in 2006-07)

220 40th Street, 15201

Lawrenceville

412-622-5740

Principal: Debra Rucki

Number of teachers: 25

## Enrollment/Attendance

356 students (1/06)

District average (middle): 351

African-American: 89.3%

White: 8.4%

Other: 2.2%

Student daily attendance: 90.8%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Therapeutic emotional support

Life skills support

## Family income status

91.0% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (middle): 72.3%

## Special features

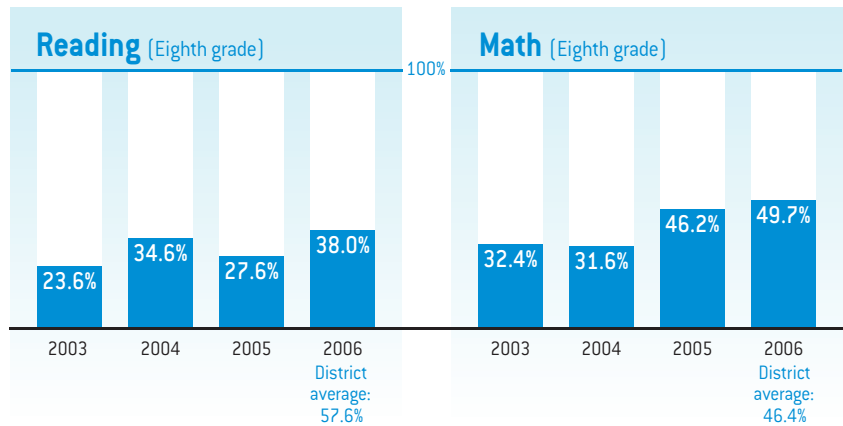
- Partnerships with NASA, Penn Avenue Arts program
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Spelling Bee and National Geography Bee participant

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

	Arsenal	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	24.3 %	34.9 %
Math 2006 (7th)	20.8	31.9

\*All district seventh grades

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



## Compared to district averages...

### What are this school's strengths?

- PSSA 8th grade math scores for low-income, black, and white students near district average

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 8th grade reading scores
- Low PSSA 8th grade reading scores for low-income, black, and white students

**A closer look**

# at Arsenal Middle School

## Attendance

Student daily attendance, 2003-06

2003	2004	2005	2006
89.2%	90.4%	91.4%	90.8%

## Teachers

Daily attendance: 87.2%

Percentage with advanced degrees: 16.0%

## Principals

Principal stability: 1 principal, 2003-06

## Student disciplinary actions 2004-05\*

Number of incidents: 82

Number of incidents per 100 students: 16.8

Number of expulsions: 1

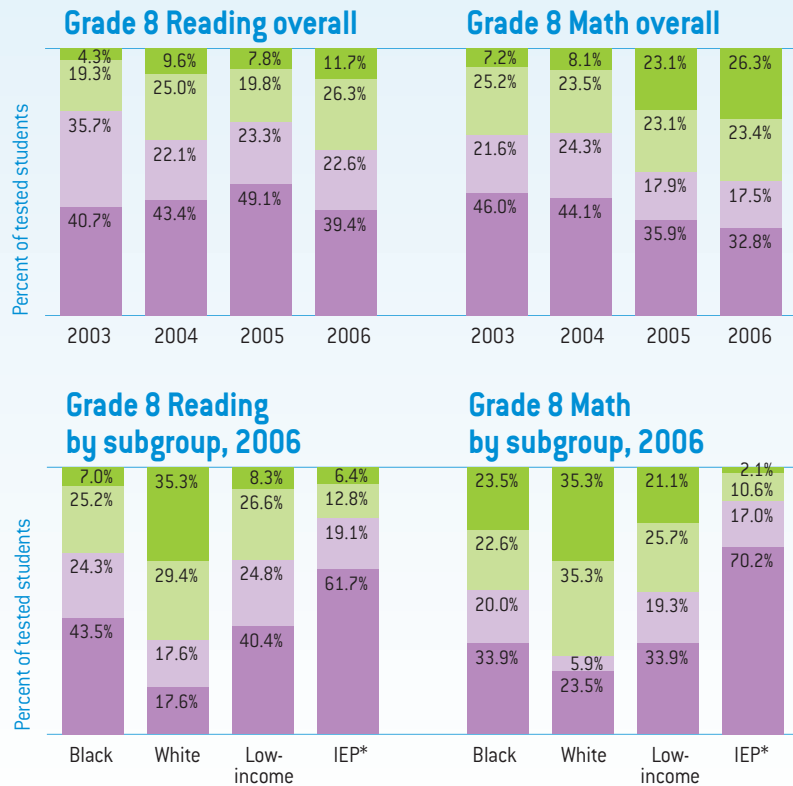
\* For violence, weapons, and controlled substances

## 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 2006 (7th)	24.3%	25.0%	n/a	26.0%	9.1%
Percent taking test	100.0	100.0	n/a	100.0	100.0
Math 2006 (7th)	20.8	20.0	n/a	19.8	30.0
Percent taking test	99.1	99.0	n/a	100.0	90.9

## Tests required by the state: Percentage of students at each achievement level on PSSA Reading and Math tests

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



\* Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for special education, excluding students identified as "gifted"