

Pittsburgh's high schools

In the 2006-07 school year:

The average high school had 879 students and 62 teachers.

86.3% of high school students attended school on the average day.

52.9% of high school students were eligible for free or reduced price lunch (a measure of family poverty).

Special education*

PSSA participation: Percentage of students who took PSSAs

Reading (11th grade): 88.6%

Math (11th grade): 89.3%

PSSA scores: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

	Reading	Math
11th grade	13.1%	9.5%

PASA participation 2005-06: Number of students who took PASAs

PASA is an alternate state test.

	Reading	Math
11th grade	37	37

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

College readiness

Average SAT scores	District	State	Nation
Critical Reading	462	493	502
Mathematics	467	499	515

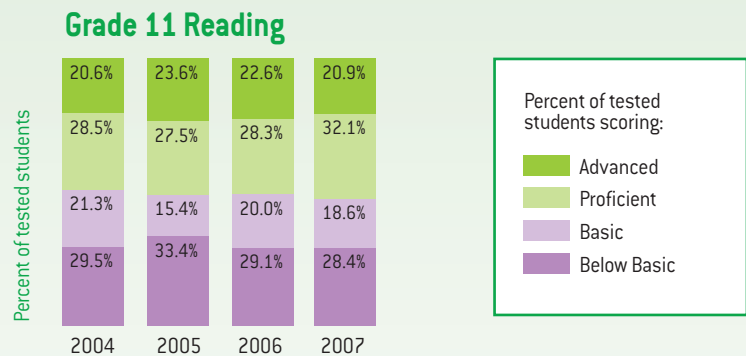
Percentage of students taking the SAT: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 7.3%

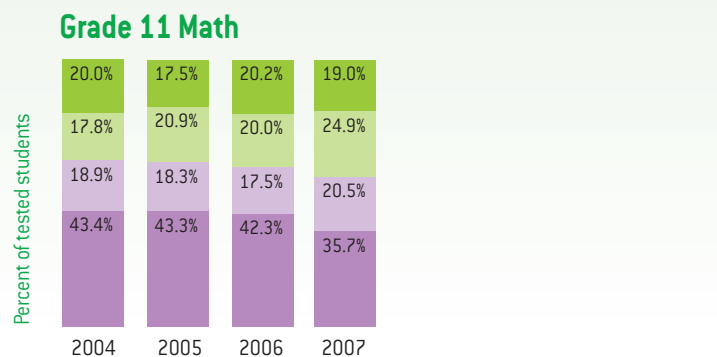
Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

Reading 2007 (9th)	40.5%	TerraNova Reading test
Math 2007 (10th)	37.7%	TerraNova Mathematics test

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



Change in Reading from 2003 to 2006 (percent Proficient/Advanced): +3.9%



Change in Math from 2003 to 2006 (percent Proficient/Advanced): +6.1%

For a similar breakdown of scores by school, see the A+ Schools Web site: www.aplsschools.org.

Pittsburgh Alderdice High School

Neighborhood school with a
Pre-engineering magnet program

2409 Shady Ave., 15217
Squirrel Hill
412-422-4800
Principal: Robert Scherrer
Number of teachers: 112

Enrollment/Attendance

1659 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 41.6%
White: 55.8%
Other: 2.6%

Student daily attendance: 86.8%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Autistic support
Life skills support
Transition to work support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

32.0% of students eligible for
free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Newspaper and literary magazine
- Ice hockey, fencing and crew teams

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Alderdice	National average
Critical Reading	539	502
Mathematics	547	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 79.4%
District average: 61.5%

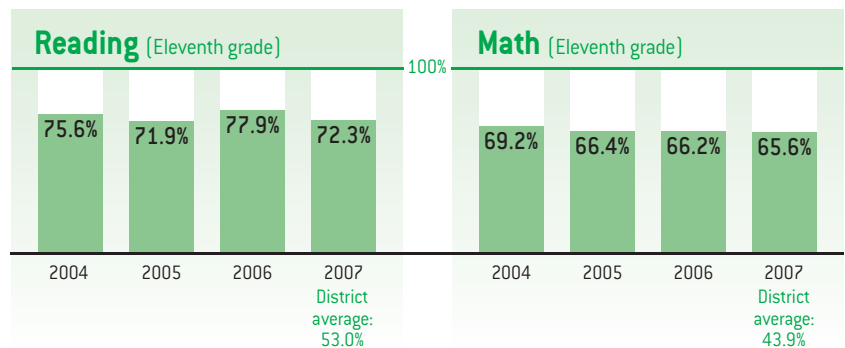
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 19.3%
District average: 7.3%

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

	Alderdice	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	57.4%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	52.8%	37.7%

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- High overall PSSA 11th grade math scores
- High SAT scores

What are this school's challenges?

- Slight decrease in overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores while district average increased 2004-07

Pittsburgh Brashear High School

Neighborhood school with a Computer Science magnet program

590 Crane Ave., 15216

Beechview

412-571-7300

Principal: Ruthane Reginella

Number of teachers: 84

Enrollment/Attendance

1168 students (1/07)

District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 38.3%

White: 59.8%

Other: 2.0%

Student daily attendance: 85.5%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support

Emotional support

Autistic support

Life skills support

Blind/Visually impaired support

Deaf/Hearing impaired support

Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

49.2% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Community service and leadership opportunities
- Debate and mock trial teams

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007

	Brashear	National average
Critical Reading	444	502
Mathematics	466	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 50.2%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 4.3%

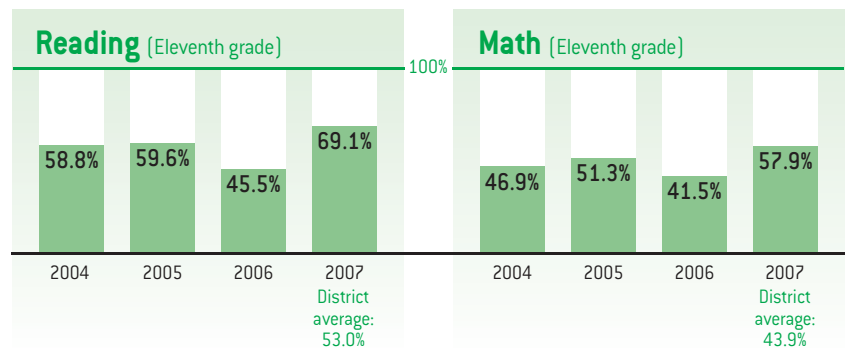
District average: 7.3%

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

	Brashear	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	45.1%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	44.4	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- Increase in overall PSSA 11th grade reading scores 2004-07
- High PSSA 11th grade math scores for low-income students

What are this school's challenges?

- PSSA 11th grade math scores near district average for black and white students

Pittsburgh CAPA High School

(A Creative and Performing Arts Academy)

Arts magnet school

111 Ninth St., 15222

Downtown

412-338-6100

Principal: Rhonda Taliaferro

Number of teachers: 34

Enrollment/Attendance

524 students (1/07)

District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 38.5%

White: 59.7%

Other: 1.7%

Student daily attendance: 95.0%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support

Emotional support

Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

24.9% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Master classes in all arts areas with local and visiting professional artists
- Downtown cultural district location

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	CAPA	National average
Critical Reading	520	502
Mathematics	480	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 81.1%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 7.2%

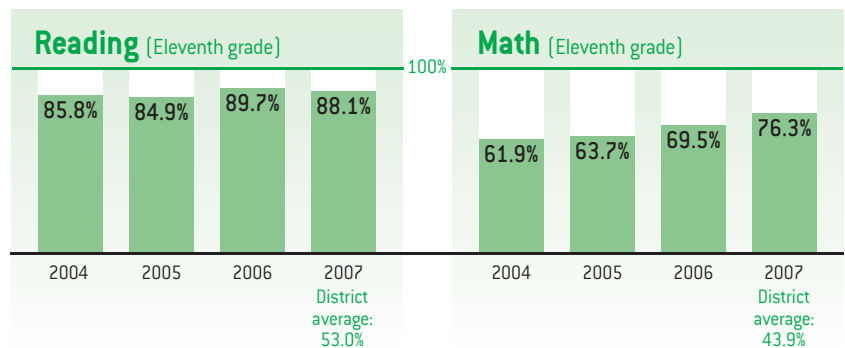
District average: 7.3%

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

	CAPA	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	86.0%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	71.8	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- High overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores for low-income and black students
- High percentage of black male and black female college-bound seniors

What are this school's challenges?

- Low percentage of white female college-bound seniors

Pittsburgh Carrick High School

Neighborhood school with Health, Business and Cisco Networking academies

125 Parkfield St., 15210

Carrick

412-885-7700

Principal: Anita Burley

Number of teachers: 85

Enrollment/Attendance

1081 students (1/07)

District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 37.1%

White: 61.5%

Other: 1.4%

Student daily attendance: 82.2%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support

Emotional support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

60.0% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Partnerships with Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Pittsburgh Mercy Health System
- Steel drum and bagpipe bands

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007

	Carrick	National average
Critical Reading	437	502
Mathematics	452	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 48.8%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 7.0%

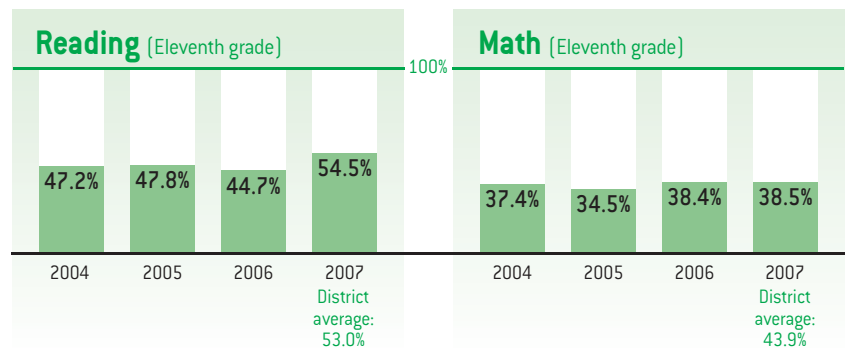
District average: 7.3%

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

	Carrick	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	32.4%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	32.6	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- Increase in overall PSSA 11th grade reading scores 2004-07

What are this school's challenges?

- Low PSSA 11th grade math scores for white students
- Decrease in SAT reading and math scores 2003-07

Pittsburgh Langley High School

Neighborhood school with a Teaching Academy magnet program; Horticulture/Landscaping, Health, and Advanced Manufacturing Robotics academies

2940 Sheraden Blvd., 15204
Sheraden
412-778-2100
Principal: Linda Baehr
Number of teachers: 45

Enrollment/Attendance

589 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 62.5%
White: 36.5%
Other: 1.0%

Student daily attendance: 82.6%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Autistic support
Life skills support
Transition to work support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

67.6% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Horticulture and history clubs
- Student-operated greenhouse

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Langley	National average
Critical Reading	404	502
Mathematics	426	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 45.1%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 5.5%

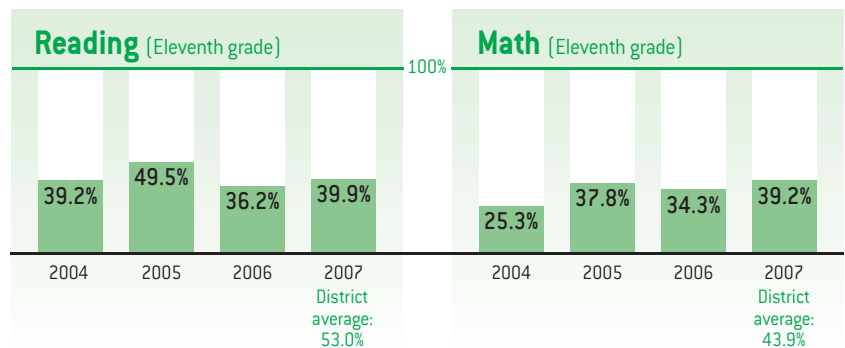
District average: 7.3%

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

	Langley	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	28.7%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	22.1	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- Increase in overall PSSA 11th grade math scores 2004-07

What are this school's challenges?

- Low SAT reading scores and low percentage of students taking the SAT
- Low percentage of white male college-bound seniors

Pittsburgh Oliver High School

Neighborhood school with Law & Public Service and JROTC magnet programs

2323 Brighton Rd., 15212
Marshall-Shadeland
412-323-3250

Principal: T. William Weems
Number of teachers: 54

Enrollment/Attendance

752 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 82.3%
White: 16.8%
Other: 0.9%

Student daily attendance: 79.0%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Therapeutic emotional support
Transition to work support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

77.1% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Partnerships with Western PA Conservancy and Mercy Hospital Wellness Center
- Mock trial team

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Oliver	National average
Critical Reading	367	502
Mathematics	362	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 38.3%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 2.6%

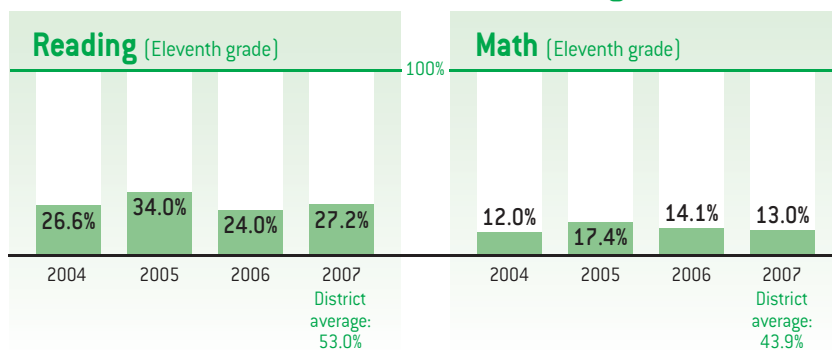
District average: 7.3%

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

	Oliver	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	25.5%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	14.3	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- Increase in student attendance 2004-07

What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores
- Low student attendance in 2007

Pittsburgh Peabody High School

Neighborhood school with a Public Safety magnet program; Health Careers, Information Technologies, and Culinary Arts academies

515 N. Highland Ave., 15206
East Liberty
412-665-2050
Principal: John Vater
Number of teachers: 40

Enrollment/Attendance

534 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 94.6%
White: 5.2%
Other: 0.2%

Student daily attendance: 80.9%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Therapeutic emotional support
Autistic support
Transition to work support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

72.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Partnerships with Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and West Penn Hospital
- Newspaper and literary magazine

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Peabody	National average
Critical Reading	413	502
Mathematics	398	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 58.3%
District average: 61.5%

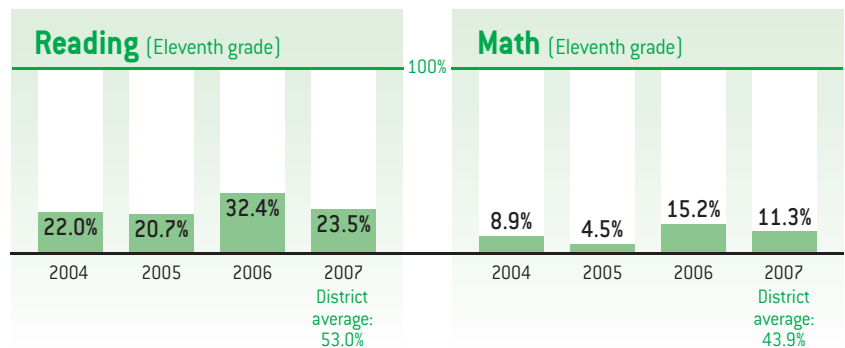
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 1.7%
District average: 7.3%

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

	Peabody	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	16.4%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	11.4%	37.7%

*All district high schools

Tests given 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 11th grade reading scores near district average for low-income and black students

What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores
- Low SAT math scores, student attendance, and percent college-bound seniors

Pittsburgh Perry High School

Traditional Academy magnet school with a Math & Science magnet program

3875 Perrysville Rd., 15214

Perry North

412-323-3400

Principal: Jacqueline Blakey-Tate

Number of teachers: 57

Enrollment/Attendance

913 students (1/07)

District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 61.1%

White: 38.0%

Other: 0.9%

Student daily attendance: 88.1%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support

Emotional support

Autistic support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

55.7% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Poetry club
- Mediation center
- Mentoring for 9th graders

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007

	Perry	National average
Critical Reading	418	502
Mathematics	419	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 67.2%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 7.1%

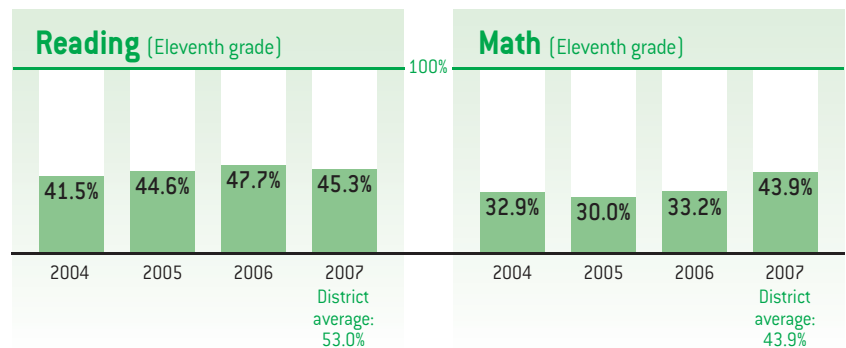
District average: 7.3%

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

	Perry	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	32.6%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	33.3	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- High PSSA 11th grade math scores for low-income students

What are this school's challenges?

- Low PSSA 11th grade reading scores for white students

Pittsburgh Schenley High School

Neighborhood school with International Studies/ International Baccalaureate and Technological Studies magnet programs

4101 Bigelow Blvd., 15213
Oakland
412-622-8200
Principal: Sophia Facaros
Number of teachers: 78

Enrollment/Attendance

1148 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 70.7%
White: 23.8%
Other: 5.5%

Student daily attendance: 86.8%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Life skills support
Transition to work support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

49.4% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Schoolwide musical theater production
- Academic partnership with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre
- English as a Second Language program

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Schenley	National average
Critical Reading	456	502
Mathematics	474	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 69.3%

District average: 61.5%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 3.3%

District average: 7.3%

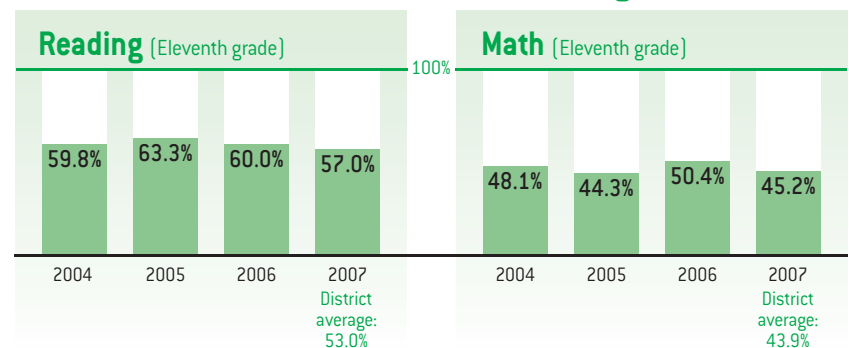
Percentage of students taking at least one course in the IB (International Baccalaureate) program: 13.1%

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

	Schenley	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	47.2%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	39.7	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- High percentage of college-bound seniors

What are this school's challenges?

- Slight decrease in overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores while district average increased 2004-07

Pittsburgh Westinghouse High School

Neighborhood school with a Science and Math Academy, a Business and Finance Academy, and Culinary Arts and Cosmetology programs

1101 N. Murtland Ave., 15208
Homewood
412-665-3940
Principal: Shemeca Crenshaw
Number of teachers: 34

Enrollment/Attendance

421 students (1/07)
District average (9-12): 879

African-American: 99.5%
White: 0.5%
Other: 0.0%

Student daily attendance: 81.9%

Special education 2007-08

Learning support
Emotional support
Rehabilitation counseling

Family income status

77.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (9-12): 52.9%

Special features

- Lighthouse Project teen and parent center
- Debate team

Graduation rate

The RAND graduation rate was not available at press time. See page 74 for more information.

College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2007	Westinghouse	National average
Critical Reading	380	502
Mathematics	359	515

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 55.6%
District average: 61.5%

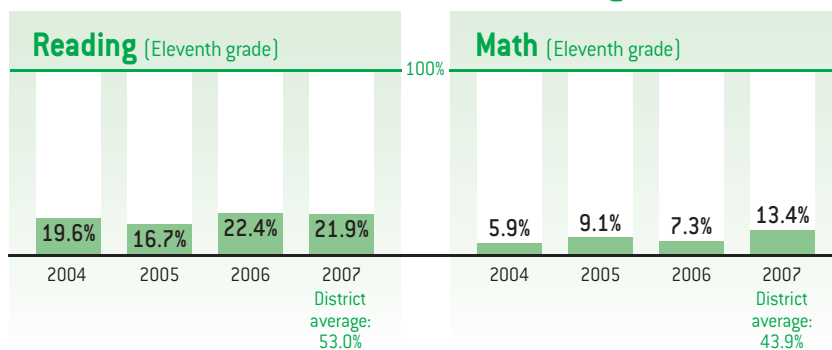
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 0.0%
District average: 7.3%

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

	Westinghouse	Districtwide*
Reading 2007 (9th)	13.2%	40.5%
Math 2007 (10th)	15.9	37.7

*All district high schools

Tests given 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?

- Increase in student attendance 2004-07
- Increase in SAT reading scores 2003-07

What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores
- Low SAT scores and percent college-bound seniors