

# Pittsburgh's high schools

## In the 2005-06 school year:

The average high school had 923 students and 58 teachers.

83.5% of high school students attended school on the average day.

51.4% 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): 90.8%

Math (11th grade): 90.4%

### PSSA scores: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

	Reading	Math
11th grade	7.7%	3.9%

### PASA participation 2004-05: Number of students who took PASAs

PASA is an alternate state test.

	Reading	Math
11th grade	44	46

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

**District graduation rate** (the estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less): 64%

## College readiness

Average SAT scores	District	State	Nation
SAT Critical Reading score	469	493	503
SAT Mathematics score	476	500	518

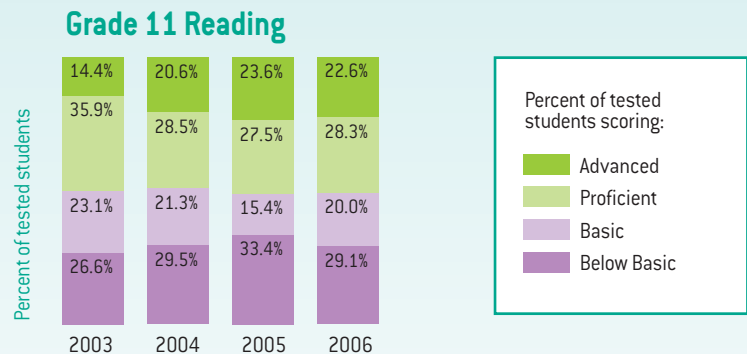
Percentage of students taking SAT: 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 7.7%

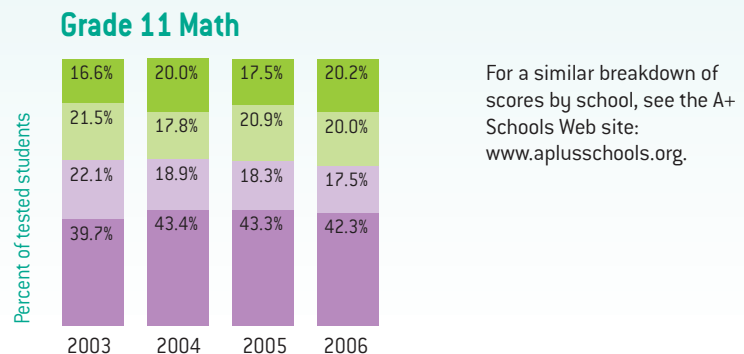
## Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

Reading 2006 (9th)	44.0%	TerraNova Reading test
Math 2006 (10th)	37.4%	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): +0.6%



Change in Math from 2003 to 2006 (percent Proficient/Advanced): +2.1%

For a similar breakdown of scores by school, see the A+ Schools Web site:  
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# Allerdice High School

9-12 neighborhood school with a Pre-engineering magnet program

2409 Shady Ave., 15217  
Squirrel Hill

412-422-4800

Principal: Cassandra Richardson-Kemp

Number of teachers: 82

## Enrollment/Attendance

1542 students (1/06)

District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 36.1%

White: 60.7%

Other: 3.2%

Student daily attendance: 87.2%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Autistic support

Life skills support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

29.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Award-winning student newspaper
- Crew, fencing and ice hockey teams

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## Graduation rate\*

Allerdice: 75%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Allerdice	National average
Critical Reading	545	503
Mathematics	559	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 77.2%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 20.1%

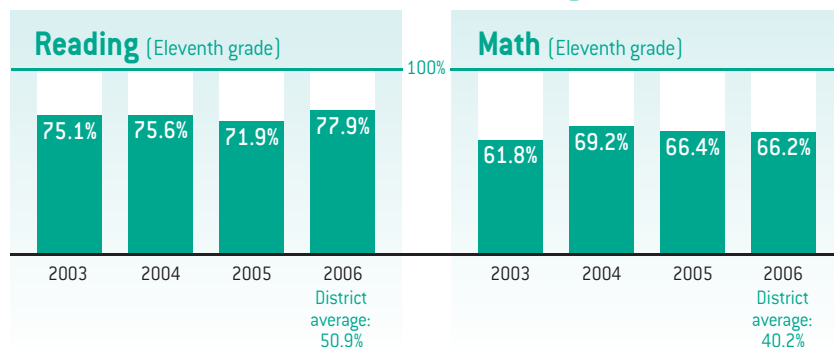
District average: 7.7%

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

	Allerdice	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	61.2%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	63.2%	37.4%

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- High overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores
- High SAT scores, graduation rate, and college-bound seniors

### What are this school's challenges?

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

# Brashear High School

9-12 neighborhood school with a Computer Science magnet program

590 Crane Ave., 15216  
Beechview  
412-571-7300

Principal: Ruthane Reginella  
Number of teachers: 65

## Enrollment/Attendance

1254 students (1/06)  
District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 36.6%  
White: 61.2%  
Other: 2.2%

Student daily attendance: 82.7%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support  
Emotional support  
Autistic support  
Life skills support  
Blind/Visually impaired support  
Deaf/Hearing impaired support  
Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

48.1% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Technology certification program for students
- Debate and mock trial teams; community service projects

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## Graduation rate\*

Brashear: 63%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006	Brashear	National average
Critical Reading	460	503
Mathematics	481	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 52.7%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

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

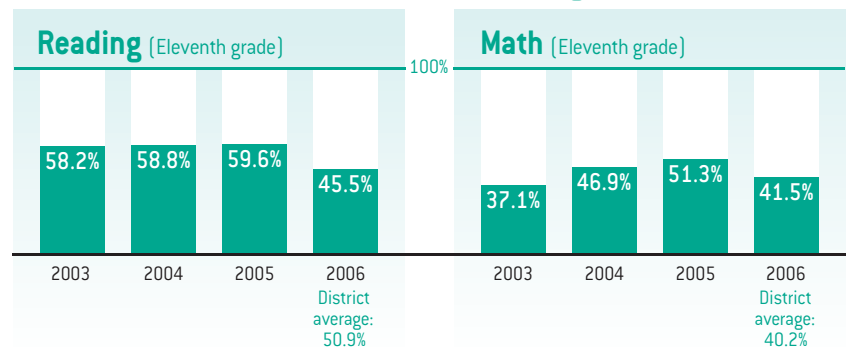
District average: 7.7%

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

	Brashear	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	43.7%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	44.1	37.4

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- Increase in SAT verbal/critical reading and math scores 2002-06

### What are this school's challenges?

- Decrease in overall PSSA 11th grade reading scores 2003-06
- Low PSSA 11th grade reading scores for black students

# Carrick High School

9-12 neighborhood school with Health and Business Technology academies

125 Parkfield St., 15210

Carrick

412-885-7700

Principal: Anita Burley

Number of teachers: 66

## Enrollment/Attendance

1148 students (1/06)

District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 35.1%

White: 63.5%

Other: 1.4%

Student daily attendance: 81.7%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

59.5% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Student internships in health professions
- Bagpipe and steel drum bands, ice hockey club

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## Graduation rate\*

Carrick: 63%

District average: 64%

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## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Carrick	National average
Critical Reading	442	503
Mathematics	464	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 49.8%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

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

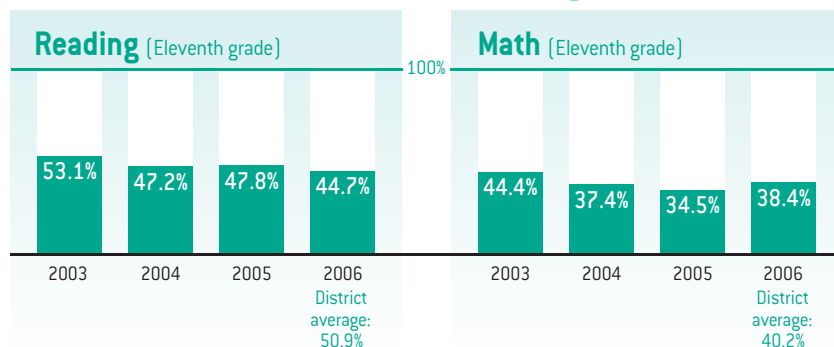
District average: 7.7%

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

	Carrick	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	35.1%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	30.6	37.4

\* All district high schools

## 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 11th grade math scores for low-income and black students near district average

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low PSSA 11th grade math scores for white students
- Low percent black male and black female college-bound seniors

# Langley High School

9-12 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: 46

## Enrollment/Attendance

633 students (1/06)  
District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 57.5%  
White: 41.7%  
Other: 0.8%

Student daily attendance: 83.0%

## Special education 2006-07

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

## Family income status

60.0% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Student-operated greenhouse

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## Graduation rate\*

Langley: 53%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006	Langley	National average
Critical Reading	434	503
Mathematics	460	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 36.4%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 5.6%

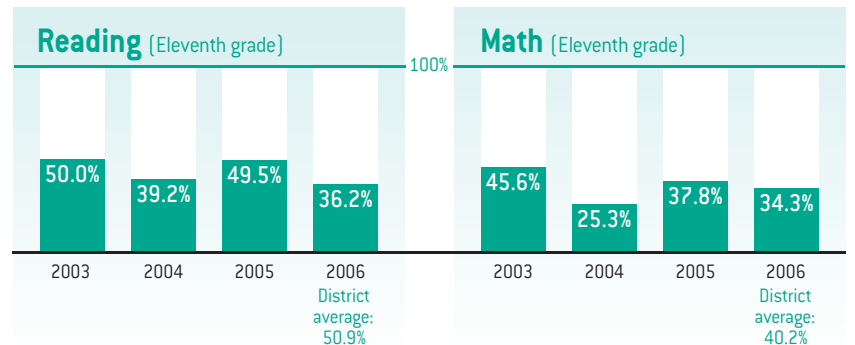
District average: 7.7%

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

	Langley	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	38.5%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	33.3	37.4

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- Overall PSSA 11th grade math scores near district average

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low graduation rate and low percentage of students taking the SAT
- Low percentage of black and white male college-bound seniors

# Oliver High School

9-12 neighborhood school with Law & Public Service and JROTC magnet programs

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

Principal: Tawayne Weems  
Number of teachers: 49

## Enrollment/Attendance

812 students (1/06)  
District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 82.5%  
White: 16.6%  
Other: 0.9%

Student daily attendance: 78.7%

## Special education 2006-07

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

## Family income status

73.9% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Communities in Schools site
- Award-winning mock trial team

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## Graduation rate\*

Oliver: 53%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006	Oliver	National average
Critical Reading	404	503
Mathematics	395	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 40.8%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 3.0%

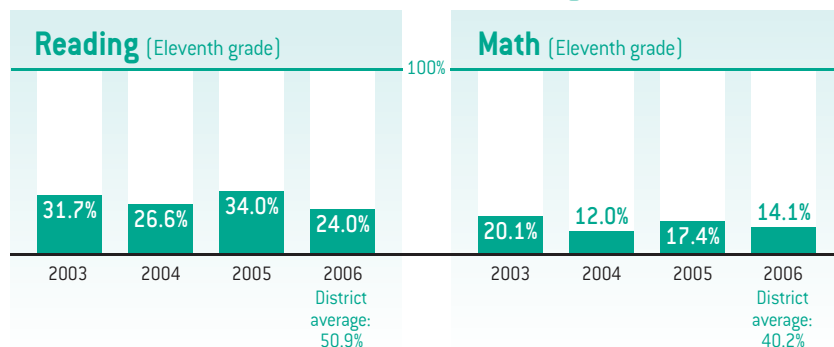
District average: 7.7%

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

	Oliver	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	15.3%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	10.6%	37.4%

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- Increase in student attendance 2003-06

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores overall and for white students
- Low student attendance in 2006

# Peabody High School

9-12 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

615 students (1/06)  
District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 94.3%  
White: 5.2%  
Other: 0.5%

Student daily attendance: 81.7%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support  
Emotional support  
Transition to work support  
Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

68.7% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Technology certification program for students
- Culinary arts program with student-operated café

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## Graduation rate\*

Peabody: 52%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Peabody	National average
Critical Reading	378	503
Mathematics	389	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 51.5%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 3.1%

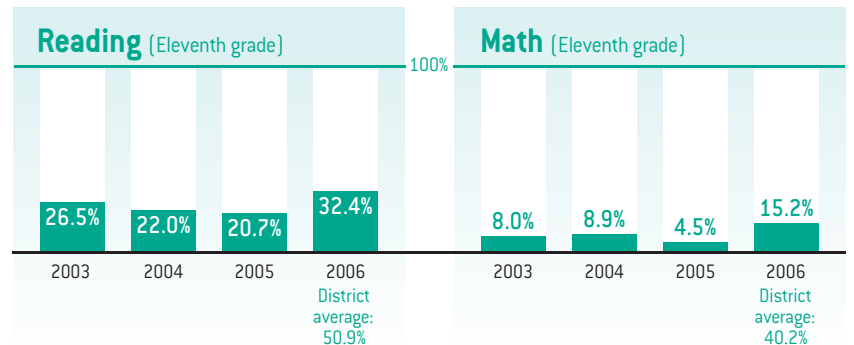
District average: 7.7%

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

	Peabody	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	23.2 %	44.0 %
Math 2006 (10th)	9.9	37.4

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- Percentage of students taking SAT near district average

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores in 2006
- Low SAT scores, graduation rate, and percent college-bound seniors

# Perry Traditional Academy

9-12 Traditional Academy  
magnet school

3875 Perrysville Ave., 15214

Perry North

412-323-3400

Principal: Jacqueline Blakey-Tate

Number of teachers: 55

## Enrollment/Attendance

992 students (1/06)

District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 58.7%

White: 40.2%

Other: 1.1%

Student daily attendance: 87.0%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Autistic support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

50.8% of students eligible for  
free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Dual enrollment opportunity with CCAC
- Poetry club

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## Graduation rate\*

Perry: 80%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Perry	National average
Critical Reading	424	503
Mathematics	429	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 47.3%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

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

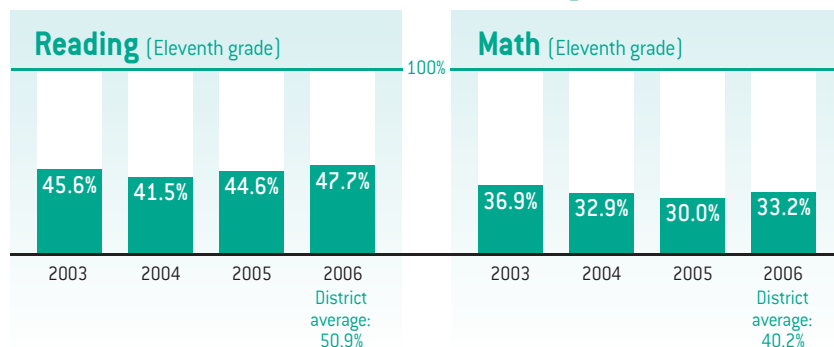
District average: 7.7%

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

	Perry	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	42.6%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	40.3	37.4

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- High graduation rate

### What are this school's challenges?

- Decrease in SAT math scores 2002-06



# Pittsburgh High School for the Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA)

9-12 Arts magnet school

111 Ninth St., 15222

Downtown

412-338-6100

Principal: Rhonda Taliaferro

Number of teachers: 71

## Enrollment/Attendance

527 students (1/06)

District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 38.0%

White: 60.3%

Other: 1.7%

Student daily attendance: 93.8%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

24.5% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- New building in 2003; cultural district location
- Master classes with local and visiting professional artists

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## Graduation rate\*

CAPA: 85%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	CAPA	National average
Critical Reading	496	503
Mathematics	478	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 72.5%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 9.8%

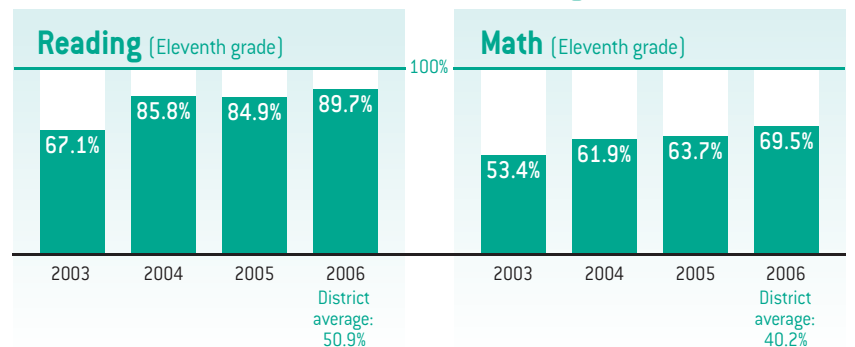
District average: 7.7%

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

	CAPA	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	86.1%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	58.1%	37.4%

\* All district high schools

## 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?

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

### What are this school's challenges?

- SAT scores near district average

# Schenley High School

9-12 neighborhood school with Technological Studies & International Studies/International Baccalaureate magnet programs; Spartan Classics

4101 Bigelow Blvd., 15213  
Oakland

412-622-8200

Principal: Sophia Facaros

Number of teachers: 66

## Enrollment/Attendance

1206 students (1/06)

District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 69.2%

White: 26.9%

Other: 4.0%

Student daily attendance: 88.9%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support

Emotional support

Life skills support

Transition to work support

Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

49.9% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Annual school-wide musical theater production
- Academic partnership with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

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## Graduation rate\*

Schenley: 69%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Schenley	National average
Critical Reading	484	503
Mathematics	478	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 70.9%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 3.4%

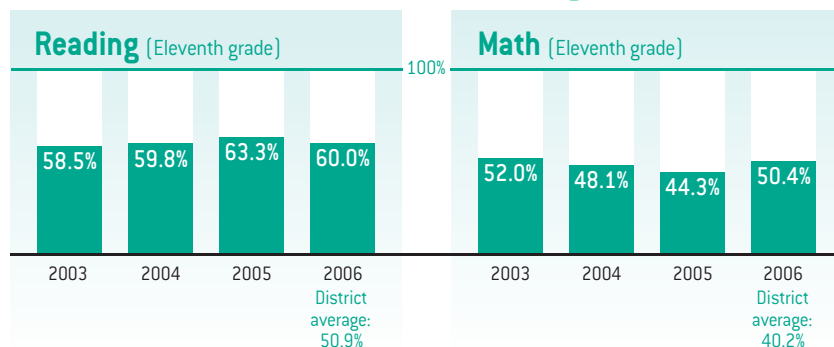
District average: 7.7%

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

	Schenley	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	48.8%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	42.0%	37.4%

\* All district high schools

## 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?

- High PSSA 11th grade math scores for black and white students
- Increase in SAT verbal/critical reading scores 2002-06 and high percentage of students taking the SAT

### What are this school's challenges?

- PSSA 11th grade reading scores for black students near district average

# Westinghouse High School

9-12 neighborhood school with a Science and Math Academy, Business and Finance Academy, Culinary Arts & Cosmetology programs

1101 N. Murtland Ave., 15208  
Homewood  
412-665-3940  
Principal: Shemeca Crenshaw  
Number of teachers: 35

## Enrollment/Attendance

503 students (1/06)  
District average (9-12): 923

African-American: 99.6%  
White: 0.4%  
Other: 0.0%

Student daily attendance: 80.5%

## Special education 2006-07

Learning support  
Emotional support  
Rehabilitation counseling

## Family income status

72.9% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.  
District average (9-12): 51.4%

## Special features

- Summer opportunities in science and math
- Recently renovated building

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## Graduation rate\*

Westinghouse: 53%

District average: 64%

\* The estimated percentage of students who started ninth grade in 1999 or 2000 and graduated in five years or less

## College readiness

Average SAT scores, 2006

	Westinghouse	National average
Critical Reading	382	503
Mathematics	367	518

Percentage of students taking the SAT: 38.3%

District average (9-12): 56.6%

Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 2.3%

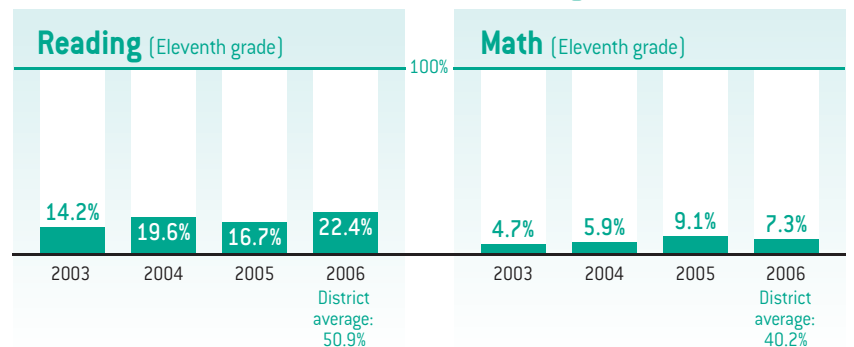
District average: 7.7%

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

	Westinghouse	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (9th)	29.9%	44.0%
Math 2006 (10th)	9.9%	37.4%

\* All district high schools

## 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 11th grade reading scores for black students near district average

### What are this school's challenges?

- Low overall PSSA 11th grade reading and math scores in 2006
- Low graduation rate, SAT scores, and college-bound seniors