Pittsburgh's middle schools

In the 2005-06 school year:
The average middle school had 351 students and 21 teachers.
90.4% of middle school students attended school on the average day.
72.3% of middle 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 (6th through 8th grades): 94.7%
Math (6th through 8th grades): 95.0%
PSSA scores: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

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PASA participation 2004-05: Number of students who took PASAs
PASA is an alternate state test.

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* Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for special education, excluding students identified as "gifted." Numbers and percents refer to all students at that grade level, whether they attend a middle or a K-8 school.

Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels (middle and K-8)

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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): +12.0%
Change in Math from 2003 to 2006 (percent Proficient/Advanced): +15.9%

*All 8th grades

For a similar breakdown of scores by school, see the A+ Schools Web site: www.aplusschools.org.
6-8 Traditional Academy magnet school
810 Arch St., 15212
Allegheny Center
412-323-4115
Principal: Toni Kendrick
Number of teachers: 22

Enrollment/Attendance
314 students (1/06)
District average (middle): 351
African-American: 64.3%
White: 34.1%
Other: 1.6%
Student daily attendance: 93.6%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support

Family income status
79.6% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (middle): 72.3%

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

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- Increase in overall PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores 2003-06
- High PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores for black students

What are this school’s challenges?
- PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores for white students near district average

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%

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

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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

Frick International Studies Academy

6-8 International Studies magnet school
107 Thackeray St., 15213
Oakland
412-622-5980
Principal: Wayne Walters
Number of teachers: 22

Enrollment/Attendance
598 students [1/06]
District average [middle]: 351
African-American: 64.4%
White: 31.8%
Other: 3.8%
Student daily attendance: 94.6%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support

Family income status
52.5% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average [middle]: 72.3%

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

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High overall PSSA 8th grade math scores
- High PSSA 8th grade math scores for black and white students

What are this school’s challenges?
- PSSA 8th grade math scores for low-income students near district average

Pittsburgh Classical Academy

6-8 Classical Studies magnet school
1463 Chartiers Ave., 15220
Crafton Heights
412-928-3110
Principal: Valerie Merlo
Number of teachers: 15

Enrollment/Attendance
333 students (1/06)
District average (middle): 351
African-American: 51.1%
White: 47.7%
Other: 1.2%
Student daily attendance: 94.0%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support
Autistic support
Multiple disabilities support

Family income status
62.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (middle): 72.3%

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

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores for low-income students

What are this school’s challenges?
- PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores for black and white students near district average

Rogers Middle School for the Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA)

6-8 Arts magnet school
5525 Columbo St., 15206
Garfield
412-665-2000
Principal: Lynda Lewis
Number of teachers: 18

Enrollment/Attendance
304 students (1/06)
District average (middle): 351
African-American: 50.3%
White: 48.0%
Other: 1.6%
Student daily attendance: 95.9%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support

Family income status
43.4% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (middle): 72.3%

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High overall PSSA 8th grade reading and math scores
- High PSSA 8th grade reading scores for low-income, black, and white students

What are this school’s challenges?
- PSSA 8th grade math scores for low-income and black students near district average

Schiller Classical Academy

6-8 Classical Studies magnet school
1018 Peralta St., 15212
East Allegheny
412-323-4190
Principal: Scott Grosh
Number of teachers: 13

Enrollment/Attendance
315 students (1/06)
District average (middle): 351
African-American: 57.1%
White: 41.3%
Other: 1.6%
Student daily attendance: 91.8%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support

Family income status
75.3% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (middle): 72.3%

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

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District average:
Reading: 57.6%
Math: 46.4%

2003 2004 2005 2006
70.2% 53.8% 61.1% 52.9% 45.3% 44.5% 50.0% 57.5%

Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High PSSA 8th grade reading scores for low-income students

What are this school’s challenges?
- PSSA 8th grade reading scores for black and white students near district average


Special features
- Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program
- 8th grade portfolio assessment project
South Brook Middle School

6-8 neighborhood school
779 Dunster St., 15226
Overbrook
412-572-8170
Principal: Gina Reichert
Number of teachers: 19

Enrollment/Attendance
432 students (1/06)
District average [middle]: 351
African-American: 16.4%
White: 82.2%
Other: 1.4%
Student daily attendance: 89.9%

Special education services 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support
Therapeutic emotional support

Family income status
53.6% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average [middle]: 72.3%

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
Near district average in all categories

What are this school’s challenges?
Near district average in all categories

South Hills Middle School

6-8 neighborhood school
595 Crane Ave., 15216
Beechview
412-572-8130
Principal: Deborah Ann Cox
Number of teachers: 21

Enrollment/Attendance
466 students [1/06]
District average (middle): 351
African-American: 19.5%
White: 76.0%
Other: 4.5%
Student daily attendance: 93.8%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support
Therapeutic emotional support
Life skills support

Family income status
54.6% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average (middle): 72.3%

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High overall PSSA 8th grade reading scores

What are this school’s challenges?
- Near district average in all other categories


Special features
- French and Spanish languages
- Chinese language and community service clubs
Sterrett Classical Academy

6-8 Classical Studies magnet school
7100 Reynolds St., 15208
Point Breeze
412-247-7870
Principal: Sarah Sumpter
Number of teachers: 12

Enrollment/Attendance
369 students (1/06)
District average [middle]: 351
African-American: 61.5%
White: 36.6%
Other: 1.9%
Student daily attendance: 94.8%

Special education 2006-07
Learning support
Emotional support

Family income status
48.0% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
District average [middle]: 72.3%

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

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Compared to district averages...

What are this school’s strengths?
- High overall PSSA 8th grade math scores
- High PSSA 8th grade math scores for low-income, black, and white students

What are this school’s challenges?
- Increase in overall PSSA 8th grade reading scores less than district average increase

Special features
- Annual medieval feast and Roman banquet
- CMU math tutors