

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

	Reading	Math
8th grade	18.4%	10.7%

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

PASA is an alternate state test.

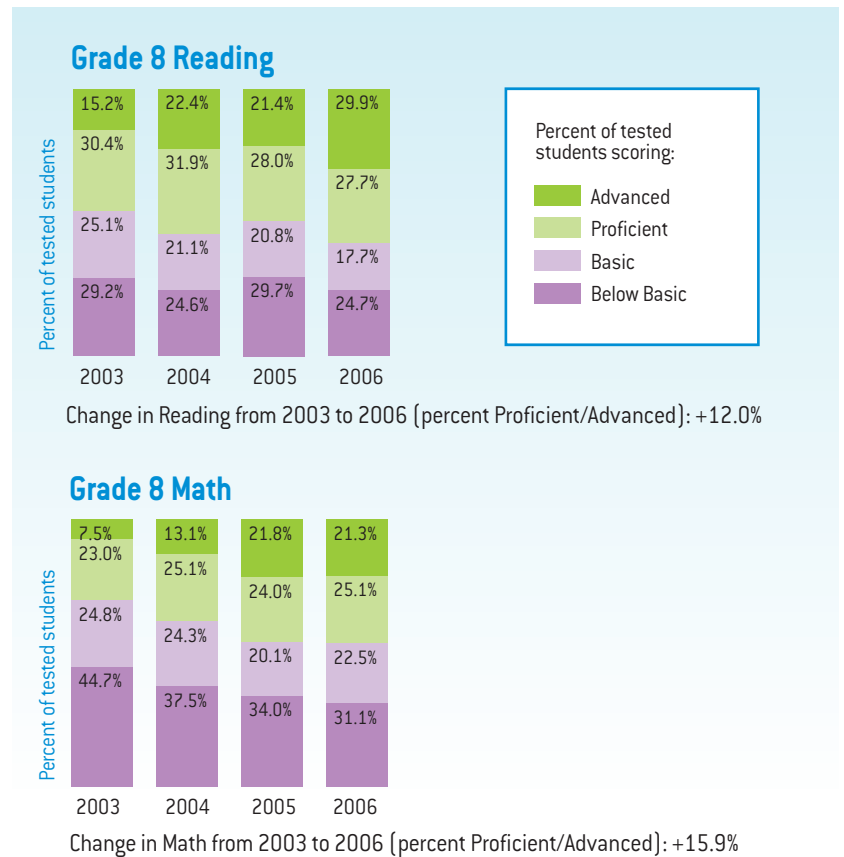
	Reading	Math
8th grade	39	39

* 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)

Reading 2006 (7th)	34.9%	TerraNova Reading test
Math 2006 (7th)	31.9%	TerraNova Mathematics test

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



*All 8th grades

Allegheny Traditional Academy Middle

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%

Special features

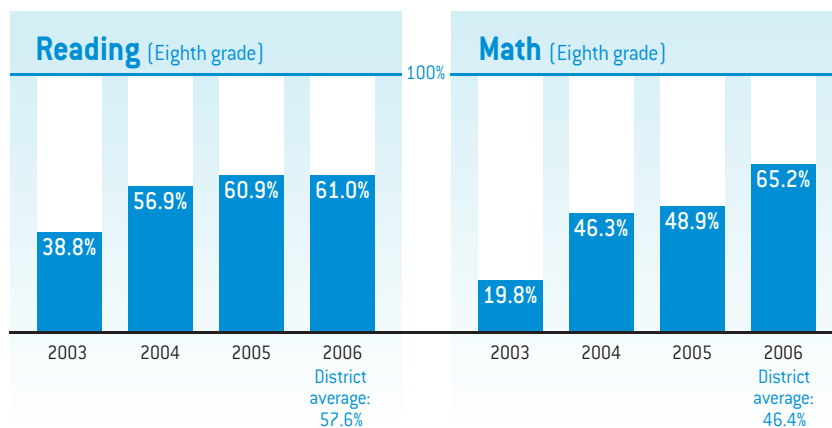
- Partnerships with Pittsburgh Children's Museum and CMU
- Parent/community liaison on staff

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

	Allegheny	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	38.8%	34.9%
Math 2006 (7th)	35.0	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?

- 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

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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

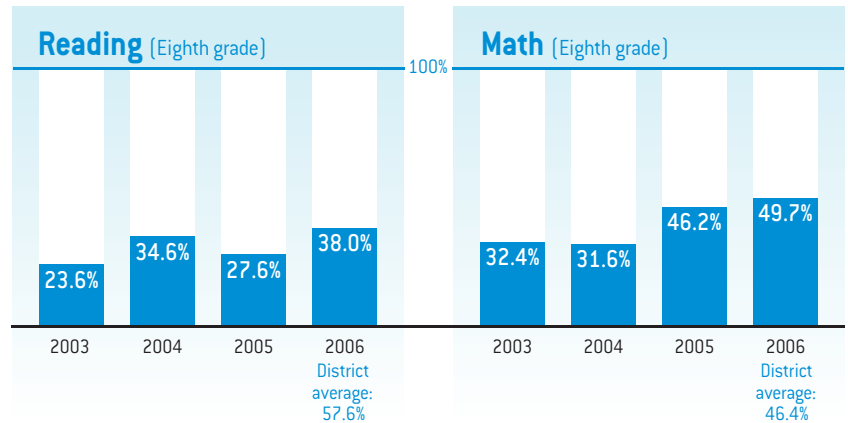
- Partnerships with NASA, Penn Avenue Arts program
- *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Spelling Bee and National Geography Bee participant

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

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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%

Special features

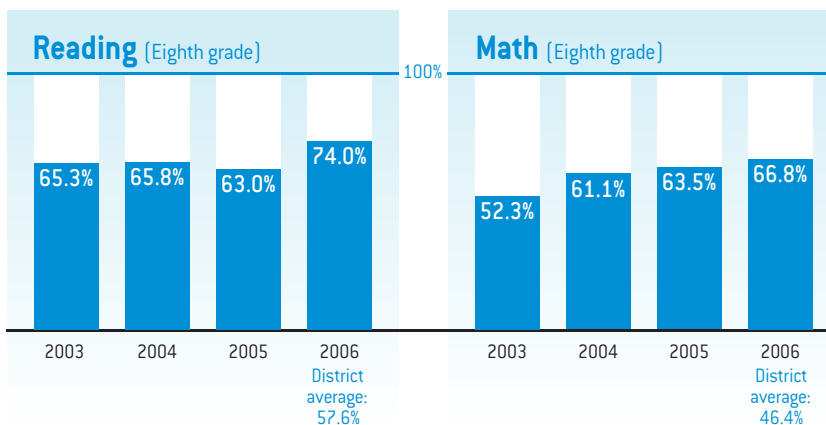
- Performing steel drum band
- English as a Second Language program

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

	Frick	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	58.9%	34.9%
Math 2006 (7th)	51.4	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?

- 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

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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%

Special features

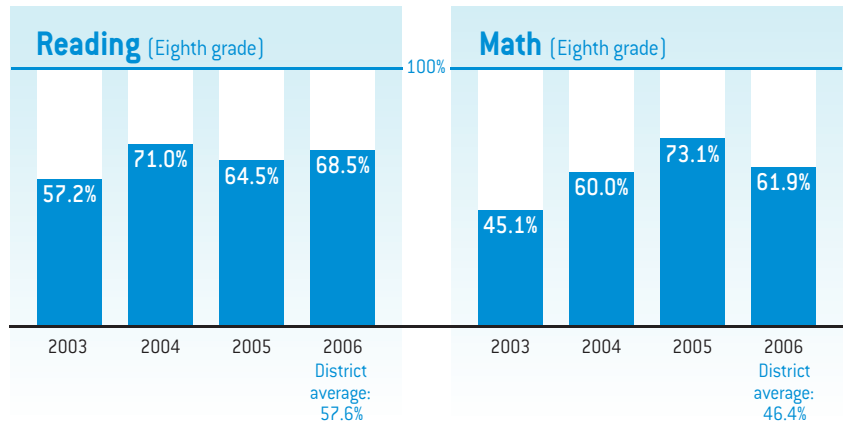
- Partnership with Society for Contemporary Craft
- Family curriculum nights

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

	Pittsburgh Classical	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	40.4 %	34.9 %
Math 2006 (7th)	35.2	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?

- 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

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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%

Special features

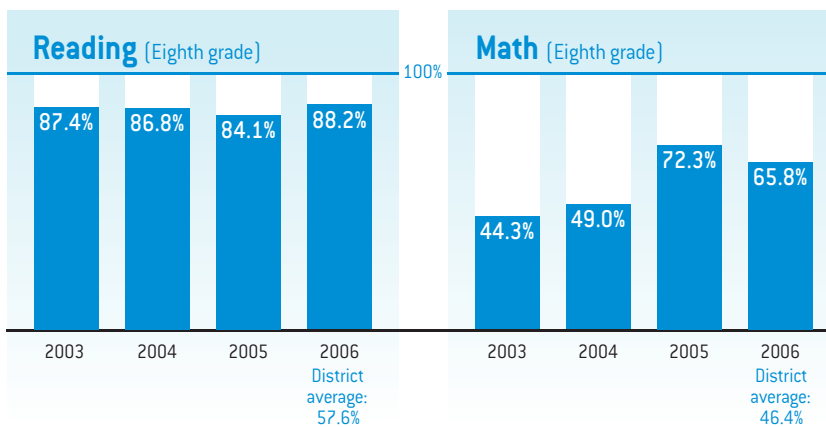
- Arts partnership with Citiparks Intergenerational Initiative
- Master classes in all arts areas

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

	Rogers	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	77.0%	34.9%
Math 2006 (7th)	52.2	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?

- 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

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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%

Special features

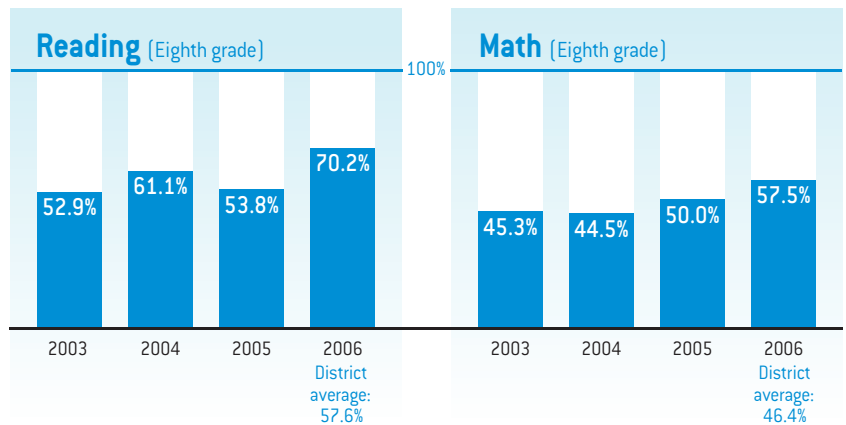
- Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program
- 8th grade portfolio assessment project

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

	Schiller	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	43.7 %	34.9 %
Math 2006 (7th)	52.4	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?

- 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

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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%

Special features

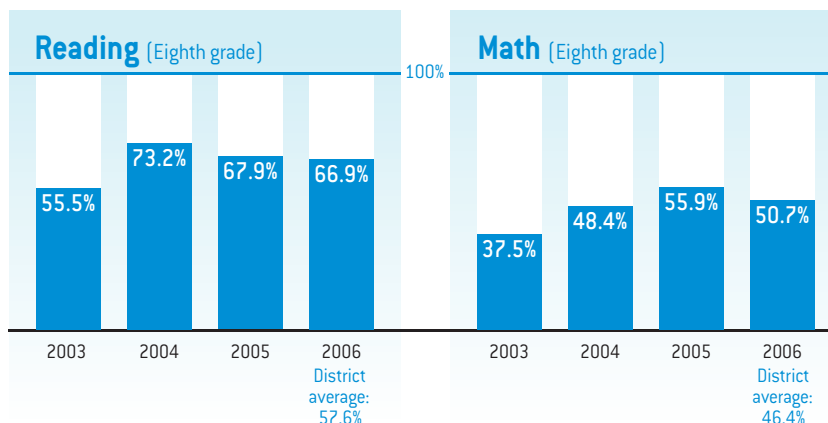
- Bagpipe band
- Partnership with Pioneer Education Center

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

	South Brook	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	44.6 %	34.9 %
Math 2006 (7th)	42.0	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?

- Near district average in all categories

What are this school's challenges?

- Near district average in all categories

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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%

Special features

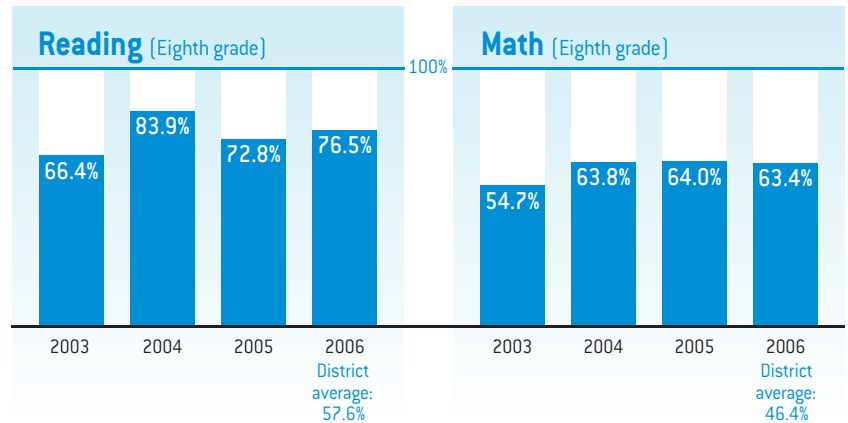
- French and Spanish languages
- Chinese language and community service clubs

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

	South Hills	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	56.9%	34.9%
Math 2006 (7th)	45.9	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?

- High overall PSSA 8th grade reading scores

What are this school's challenges?

- Near district average in all other categories

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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%

Special features

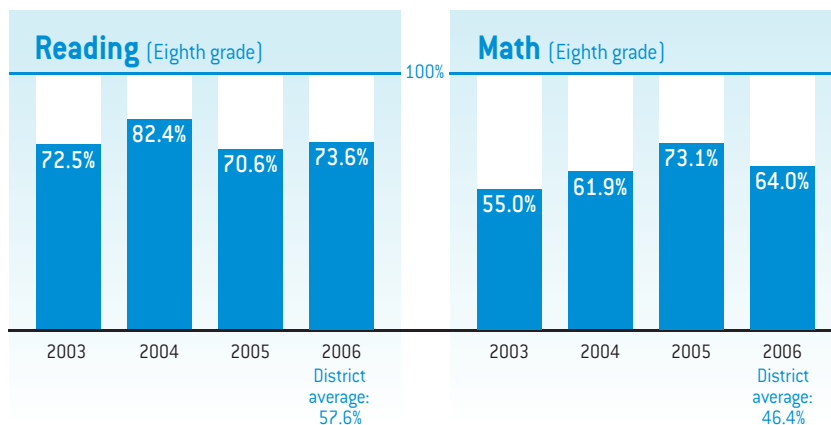
- Annual medieval feast and Roman banquet
- CMU math tutors

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

	Sterrett	Districtwide*
Reading 2006 (7th)	54.3%	34.9%
Math 2006 (7th)	56.0	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?

- 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

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