

# 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

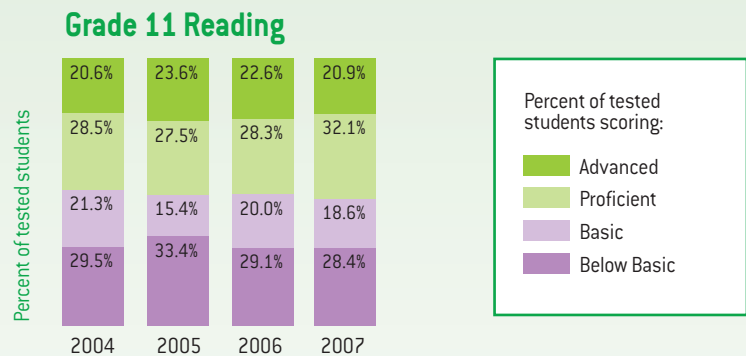
Percentage of students taking the SAT: 61.5%

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

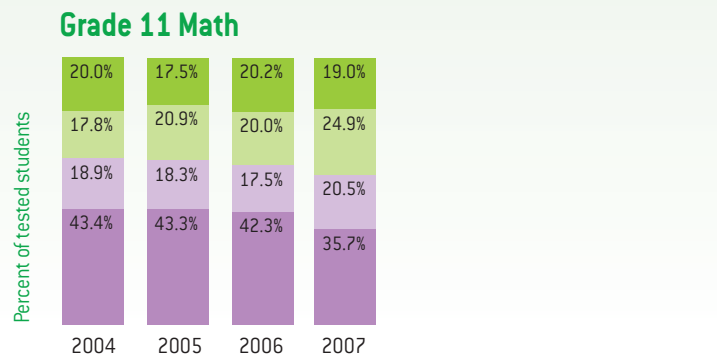
## Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

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.apluschools.org](http://www.apluschools.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%

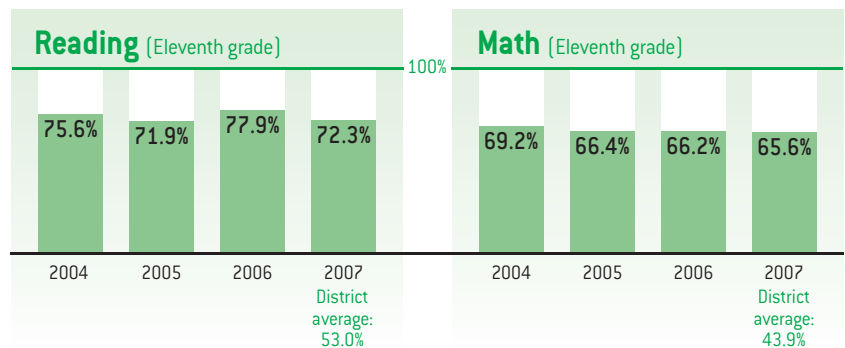
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 19.3%  
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

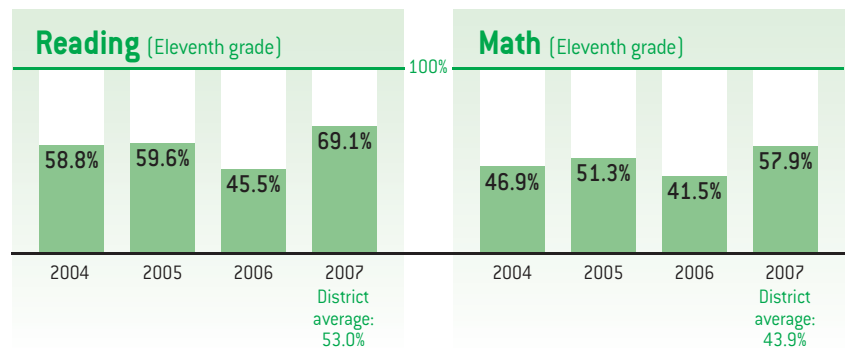
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

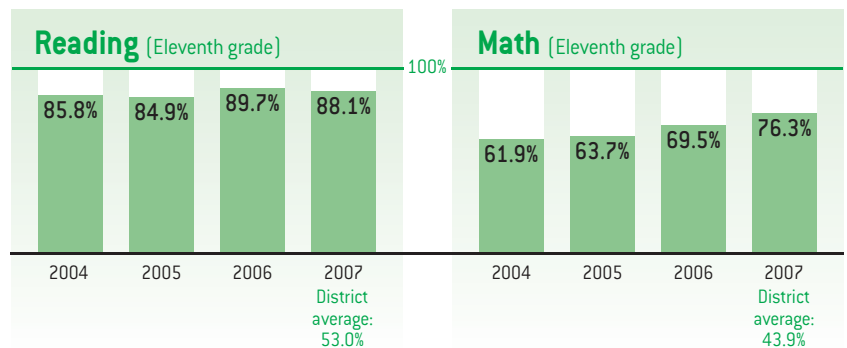
District average: 7.3%

### 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%

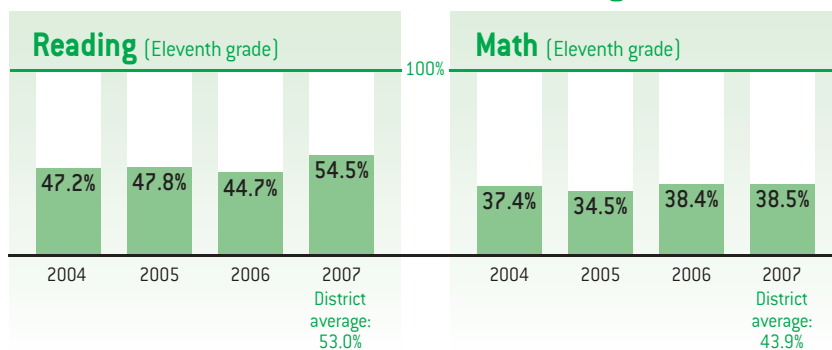
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

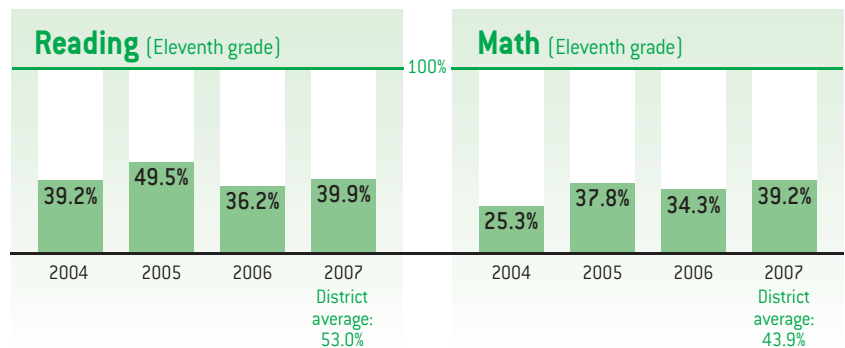
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

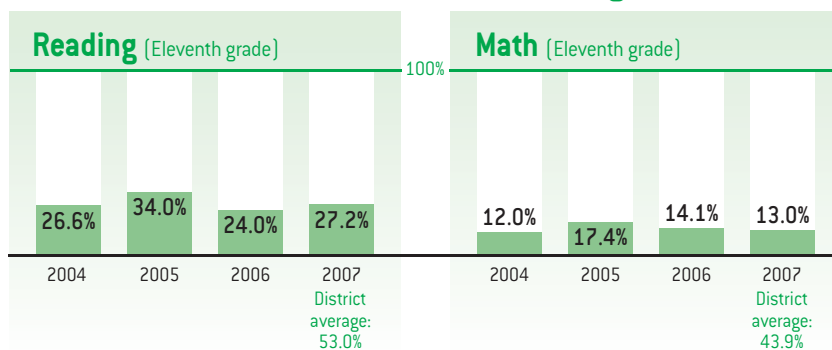
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

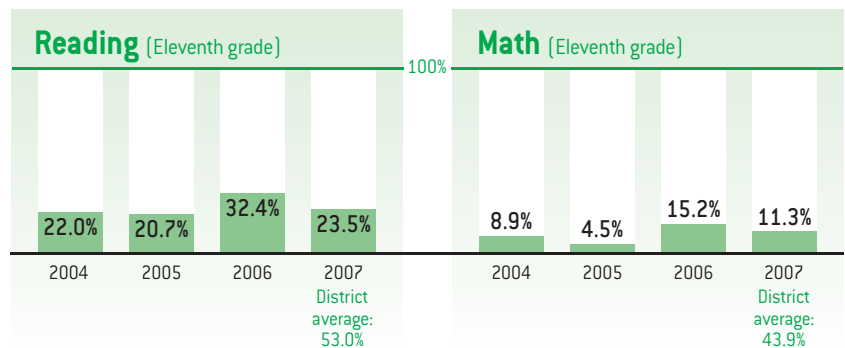
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 1.7%  
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

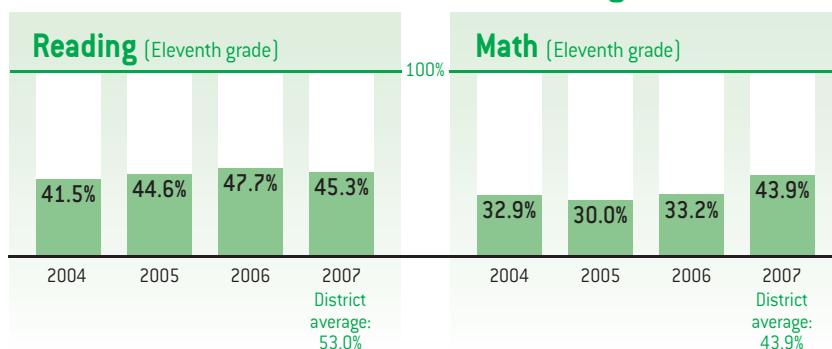
District average: 7.3%

## 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%

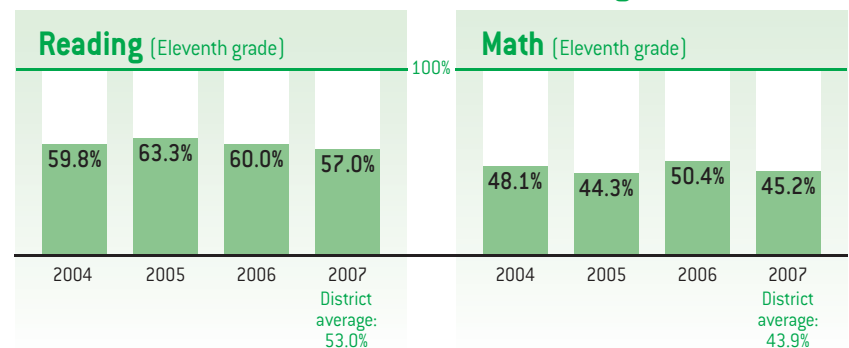
Percentage of students taking at least one course in the IB (International Baccalaureate) program: 13.1%

## 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%

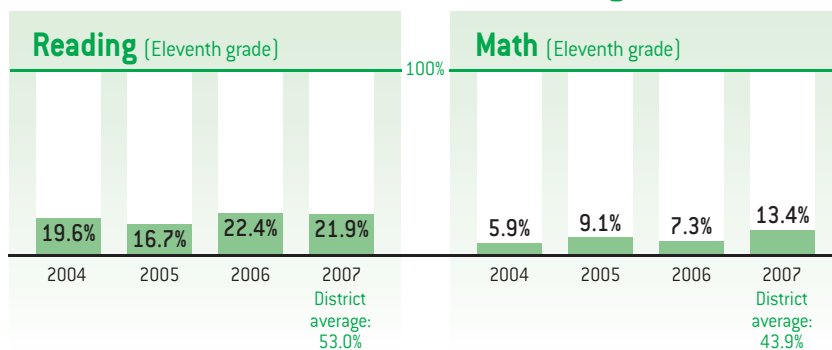
Percentage of students taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses: 0.0%  
District average: 7.3%

## 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