## 2008 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program



## PART I - ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

Include this page in the school's application as page 2.

The signatures on the first page of this application certify that each of the statements below concerning the school's eligibility and compliance with U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) requirements is true and correct.

1. The school has some configuration that includes grades K-12. (Schools on the same campus with one principal, even K-12 schools, must apply as an entire school.)
2. The school has made adequate yearly progress each year for the past two years and has not been identified by the state as "persistently dangerous" within the last two years. To meet final eligibility, the school must meet the state's adequate yearly progress requirement in the 2007-2008 school year.
3. If the school includes grades 7 or higher, the school must have foreign language as a part of its core curriculum.
4. The school has been in existence for five full years, that is, from at least September 2002 and has not received the No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools award in the past five years.
5. The nominated school or district is not refusing OCR access to information necessary to investigate a civil rights complaint or to conduct a district wide compliance review.
6. OCR has not issued a violation letter of findings to the school district concluding that the nominated school or the district as a whole has violated one or more of the civil rights statutes. A violation letter of findings will not be considered outstanding if OCR has accepted a corrective action plan from the district to remedy the violation.
7. The U.S. Department of Justice does not have a pending suit alleging that the nominated school or the school district as a whole has violated one or more of the civil rights statutes or the Constitution's equal protection clause.
8. There are no findings of violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in a U.S. Department of Education monitoring report that apply to the school or school district in question; or if there are such findings, the state or district has corrected, or agreed to correct, the findings.

## PART II - DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

All data are the most recent year available. Throughout the document, round numbers to the nearest whole number to avoid decimals, except for numbers below 1, which should be rounded to the nearest tenth.

DISTRICT (Question 1-2 not applicable to private schools)

1. Number of schools in the district:

| 177 | Elementary schools |
| ---: | :--- |
| 28 | Middle schools |
| 0 | Junior High Schools |
| 60 | High schools |
| 16 | Other |
| 281 | TOTAL |

2. District Per Pupil Expenditure:

Average State Per Pupil Expenditure: $\qquad$

SCHOOL (To be completed by all schools)
3. Category that best describes the area where the school is located
[ X ] Urban or large central city
[ ] Suburban school with characteristics typical of an urban are
[ ] Suburban
[ ] Small city or town in a rural are
[ ] Rural
4. $\qquad$ Number of years the principal has been in her/his position at this school.
$\qquad$ If fewer than three years, how long was the previous principal at this school?
5. Number of students as of October 1 enrolled at each grade level or its equivalent in applying school only:

| Grade | \# of <br> Males | \# of <br> Females | Grade <br> Total | Grade | \# of <br> Males | \# of <br> Females | Grade <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pre K |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{7}$ | 116 | 141 | 257 |
| K |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{8}$ | 85 | 124 | 209 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{9}$ |  |  | 0 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |  |  | 0 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{1 1}$ |  |  | 0 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ |  |  | 0 | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |  |  | 0 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 78 | 85 | 163 | Other |  |  | 0 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 117 | 123 | 240 |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL STUDENTS IN THE APPLYING SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  | 869 |

6. Racial/ethnic composition of the school:

| 1 | \% American Indian or Alaska |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8 | \% Asian or Pacific Islander |
| 40 | \% Black or African American |
| 32 | \% Hispanic or Latino |
| 19 | \% White |

100 \% TOTAL
Use only the five standard categories in reporting the racial/ethnic composition of the school.
7. Student turnover, or mobility rate, during the past yea $\qquad$ 10 \%

This rate should be calculated using the grid below. The answer to (6) is the mobility rate.

| ( 1 ) | Number of students who <br> transferred to the school after <br> October 1 until the end of the year | 44 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| ( 2 ) | Number of students who <br> transferred from the school after <br> October 1 until the end of the year | 46 |
| ( 3 ) | Total of all transferred students <br> [sum of rows (1) and (2)] | 90 |
| (5) | Total number of students in the <br> school as of October 1 | 872 |
| ( 6 ) | Total transferred students in row <br> (3) divided by total students in row | 0.10 |

8. Limited English Proficient students in the school: $\qquad$ \%

56 Total Number Limited English Proficient
Number of languages represented 8

Specify languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Albanian, French, Chinese, Polish, Arabic, Liberian
9. Students eligible for free/reduced-priced meals $\qquad$ \%

Total number students who qualify: 617

If this method does not produce an accurate estimate of the percentage of students from low income families, or the school does not participate in the federally supported lunch program, specify a more accurate estimate, tell why the school chose it, and explain how it arrived at this estimate.
10. Students receiving special education services: $\qquad$ \%

Indicate below the number of students with disabilities according to conditions designated in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Do not add additional categories.

| 1 | Autism | 0 | Orthopedic Impairment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | Deafness | 0 | Other Health Impairment |
| 0 | Deaf-Blindnes | 9 | Specific Learning Disabilit |
| 0 | Emotional Disturbanc | 3 | Speech or Language Impairment |
| 0 | Hearing Impairment | 0 | Traumatic Brain Injury |
| 0 | Mental Retardation | 0 | Visual Impairment Including |
| 0 | Multiple Disabilities |  | Blindness |

11. Indicate number of full time and part time staff members in each of the categories below:

Number of Staff

|  | Full-time | Part-time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Administrator(s) | 2 | 0 |
| Classroom teachers | 40 | 0 |
| Special resource teachers/specialist | 2 | 0 |
| Paraprofessionals | 4 | 13 |
| Support Staff | 8 | 1 |
| Total number | 56 | 14 |

12. Average school student-classroom teacher ratio, that is, the number of 22 : 1 students in the school divided by the FTE of classroom teachers, e.g., 22:1
13. Show the attendance patterns of teachers and students as a percentage. Please explain a high teacher turnover rate. The student dropout rate is defined by the state. The student dropoff rate is the difference between the number of entering students and the number of exiting students from the same cohort. (From the same cohort, subtract the number of exiting students from the number of entering students; divide that number by the number of entering students; multiply by 100 to get the percentage drop-off rate.) Briefly explain in 100 words or fewer any major discrepancy in attendance, dropout or the drop-off rates. Only middle and high schools need to supply dropout rates, and only high schools need to supply drop-off

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Daily student attendance | 93 | $\%$ | 93 | $\%$ | 93 | $\%$ | 93 | $\%$ | 93 | $\%$ |
| Daily teacher attendance | 94 | $\%$ | 96 | $\%$ | 97 | $\%$ | 93 | $\%$ | 96 | $\%$ |
| Teacher turnover rate | 16 | $\%$ | 4 | $\%$ | 9 | $\%$ | 18 | $\%$ | 14 | $\%$ |
| Student drop out rate (middle/hig | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ |
| Student drop-off rate (high school | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ | 0 | $\%$ |

## Please provide all explanations below

Prior to 2002, the majority of Conwell staff members were elementary certified teachers. Many were teaching students in grades seven and eight. As certification requirements changed, due to new federal legislation, Conwell re-visited the areas of teacher
certification and, through the site-selection process, interviewed and selected teachers who were certified in secondary areas to teach grades seven and eight. This accounts for the high teacher turnover rate in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, due to the two-year transition process to have all teachers with proper credentials in their areas of appointment.

In 2006-2007, Conwell was designated by our regional superintendent as possibly gradegrowing to become a special admissions middle/high school with a Bio-Technology High School component. Again, there was a need to transition from elementary certified staff to secondary (7-12) certified staff. This accounts for the high turnover rate for 2006-2007. The plan to grade-grow was not approved after all. It seems that the School District recognized Conwell's accomplishments as a middle school and chose to maintain our existing program and middle school configuration.

## PART III - SUMMARY

Russell H. Conwell Elementary School was founded in the highly industrialized business community of Kensington in North Philadelphia in 1928. In 1969, the school was converted to become the first Middle Magnet School in the United States. A vacant church building, at 3076 Emerald Street, was acquired-one block away as the middle school annex, to increase the number of students and the variety of curricular offerings.

In recent years, area businesses have closed, industrial buildings have been abandoned and unemployment rates have increased. Still, Conwell attracts students from 77 feeder schools in Philadelphia to receive a challenging curriculum with research-based supports, creative and performing arts, 21st century technology, foreign language and enrichment programs in a supportive environment where no child is left behind!

Conwell Middle Magnet has a grade 5-8 organization with a maximum enrollment of 891 students. The racial/ethnic composition is forty percent African American, thirty-two percent Latino, nineteen percent White, eight percent Asian, and one percent American Indian. Conwell voluntarily desegregates and takes pride in the achievements of our diverse student groups. All students receive free breakfast and lunch, due to the large percentage of eligible students. Twenty-seven percent of all students are Mentally Gifted, six percent are English Language Learners and one percent receives Special Education services. The average daily staff and student attendance is above ninety-three percent.

Conwell's mission is to engage all students in a rigorous standards-driven curriculum at the Advanced level with high expectations and state-of-the art instruction in a safe and nurturing environment. Classroom visits show students are engaged and on-task, and both teachers and students are energetic and enthusiastic. All Conwell students are provided equal opportunities. All sections are mixed groups of regular education, English Language Learners, Gifted, and special education students with inclusionary supports (pull-outs occur to comply with mandated requirements). Conwell's staff recognizes that ELL students often require more vocabulary and comprehension skills development and that bi-lingual children (Latino, Asian, Vietnamese, Albanian, Polish, etc.) may also have specific needs based on their levels of development. Rather than target a specific student group and generalize for all of those students, each Conwell student is treated as a 'precious gem' and is given an individual needs assessment.

Our vision is to offer a superb middle school experience focusing on both educational and social skills in a safe, 'pro-active', culturally diversed environment with exploratory and accelerated learning opportunities, and guidance for life-long learning skills. All stakeholders prioritize the importance of a quality education, and share common values and beliefs. Our high expectations lead to quality performances, as evidenced by displays of Advanced level student work in each classroom. All children can succeed in inclusionary classroom settings. Conwell values its 'Emerging Scholars' component - a challenging, Advanced level 'gifted and talented' program to improve the capacity of all students to learn. The Emerging Scholars motto is 'A Rising Tide Lifts All Ships' and, in our three year partnership with this program, Conwell's ships have lifted higher than even our own expectations.

Conwell is a full site-selection school. A committee of Conwell staff selects qualified candidates to fill teacher vacancies. Four years ago, this committee met with the Superintendent to select a new principal a man who graduated from Conwell Elementary in the 1950's, who returned to teach in 1980, and soon became Assistant Principal. His leadership introduced a 'Can-Do' Attitude and the belief that all children are 'precious gems.' The principal's dedication is demonstrated by his twenty plus years of perfect attendance.

We believe that we are 'on track' to continue to achieve! It is our plan to focus on fifth and sixth grade literacy with additional resources, classroom support, professional development and individualized help for all Below Basic students. Conwell stakeholders take great pride in our academic gains, as evidenced by standardized test scores in recent years, particularly at the Advanced level. Conwell's staff is committed to continue its tradition of academic excellence and quality instruction. Each year our staff raises the bar - increasing both expectations and supports to provide opportunities for all children to achieve their full potential.

## 1 Assessment Results:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education website, http://www.pde.state.pa.us, provides:
Conwell's School Report Card for 2006-2007 including Attendance Data, Teacher Qualifications, Accountability Report and Assessment Report. The Accountability section shows Conwell's performance compared with the goals set by NCLB. The Assessment Report provides two year comparisons of PSSA academic performance and participation.

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment standardized test results. The PSSA is designed to measure individual student performance rating the degree to which students are proficient in Pennsylvania state standards. Performance categories are: Advanced (Superior Performance), Proficient (Satisfactory Performance), Basic (Marginal Performance) and Below Basic (Inadequate Academic Performance). The goal is for all schools to demonstrate progress towards achieving one hundred percent proficiency for both the individual school's total population, as well as for each student group of forty or more students.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) guidelines as part of NCLB legislation. Conwell has twenty-nine targets measurable indicators of AYP that include student achievement in math and reading, attendance rate, and test participation.

In addition to PSSA, the School District of Philadelphia has administered Terra-Nova nationally normed assessments. Terra Nova data is available at https://sdp-
webprod.phila.k12.pa.us/school_profiles/index.jsp?LocNum=523\&LocName=RUSSELL+H.+CONWELL+M IDDLE+SCH.\&Region=REGION+5+EAST\&code=elem.

A comprehensive core curriculum plan, implemented with fidelity, coupled with our 'Emerging Scholars' three year partnership have resulted in upward longitudinal performance trends for Conwell students. 'Emerging Scholars' provides programs to identify talents and interests of individual students and offer challenging opportunities for all students to achieve their full potential. In addition, Conwell's East Regional Superintendent consistently supports and encourages Conwell's administrative team to 'raise the bar' each year, setting goals to meet the one hundred percent NCLB challenge by year 2014.

For year 2006-2007 Conwell's PSSA data for all students indicates that eighty-three percent of all students in grades $5-8$ scored at the Advanced or Proficient level in Reading and eighty-six percent in Mathematics, with forty-one percent Advanced in Reading and fifty-one percent Advanced in Math.

Scores were consistent for all student groups. In Reading, the Proficiency range was from sixty-six percent English Language Learners to eighty-eight percent Asian and, in Mathematics, the Proficiency range was from seventy-five percent special education students to ninety percent Asian. The relatively low sixty-six percent in ELL Proficiency may be attributed to the School District's policy of exiting all students from the ELL program once they achieve 'Proficiency.'

Scores reflected little variance when disaggregated by ethnicity. In Mathematics, overall Proficiency percentages were eighty-five percent White and Latino, eighty-six percent Black and ninety percent Asian. In Reading, Proficiency percentages were eighty-five percent White, eighty-six percent Black, seventy-four percent Latino and eighty-eighty percent Asian.

At first glance, it appears that Latino Reading scores were low in comparison to others but, from grade 5 to grade 8 Latino Reading scores rose from fifty-five percent to eight-nine percent Proficient or Advanced! In fact, scores for all students rose from grade 5 to 8 in reading from seventy-three percent to ninety-four percent, and in math from seventy-nine percent to ninety-two percent, indicating growth over time.

Economically Disadvantaged student scores for 2006-2007 were also high and showed growth from grade 5 to grade 8. This student group scored eighty-two percent Proficiency for all students in Reading and eighty-six percent in Mathematics. Proficient or Advanced grade 5 scores were seventy-one percent and eighty-one percent for grade 5 Reading and Math respectively, but in grade 8, scores were ninety-four percent in Reading and ninety-two percent in Mathematics!

## 2. Using Assessment Results:

Conwell teachers embed assessment in every aspect of our planning, thinking, and doing. Curriculum analysis, assessment alignment, and reflection on data, including results of high-stakes assessments, drive the assessment process. Teacher collaboration focuses on analyzing data to create effective teaching and learning strategies.

Quality teaching and learning, in our four-year program, has produced significant gains. Differentiated instruction using Guided Reading, Constructed Reponses, Problem Solving, Journal Writing and 'Best Practices' strategies coupled with professional development have increased staff capacity to offer Advanced level instruction. Assessment results identify students who need to enroll in programs designed for traditionally high risk, Economically Disadvantaged and Below Basic. Specific programs include Fast Forward, Power Hour, Summer School, Camp Conwell, Saturday School, Study Island, E.C. Tutoring and Small Group Instruction. With these supports in place, all of our children are provided with equal opportunities to succeed.

PSSA results show achievement gains and growth from grades 5 to 8 in 2006-2007. Conwell's instructional programs, supportive interventions, and single school culture have helped to increase student performance by Grade 8. The 2006-2007 Reading and Math scores are the highest percentages in Conwell's history of gathering PSSA data. In every classroom, the daily objective is always aligned to a State Standard. Conwell takes pride in these accomplishments!

Assessment data clearly drives instruction. A continuous review of assessment data results in modifying the School Improvement Plan to 'stay on target.' Every walk-through, observation, grade group and content area meeting, Benchmark assessment, teacher-made test, report card grades, Gates and WRAP tests, rubric assessments of student work and standardized scores provide feedback for re-visiting our academic programs.

## 3. Communicating Assessment Results:

Conwell's administration sets the tone for an open channel of communication with an 'open door' policy. Parents and community partners are encouraged to visit, volunteer and participate in all professional development and student performance assessment meetings.

Teachers access their Benchmark data every six weeks and identify 'Red Light' students whose scores indicate a need for intervention. They meet in CSAP/grade groups weekly and have a voice at all committee meetings, turn-around trainings and School Improvement Planning.

Standardized test results and Benchmark scores are mailed to parents with a comprehensive analysis of scores in relation to State Standards. Our Bi-Lingual Assistants work with parents in need of translation documents that report and interpret data. Philadelphia's District website, www.phila.k12.pa.us, publishes both District and school scores. The 'Family Net' link allows parents to review report card grades, standardized test results and attendance data. Parents may use library computers to access information.

Parents and teachers communicate via interim reports, phone calls, e-mails, conferences, school visits and Home and School meetings. A school aide makes a personal call to each parent every day a student is absent. Three report cards are issued each year, with three-half-days for the first two reports that allow for individual parent-teacher conferences. Weekly newsletters are sent home to provide information, encourage participation in up-coming events and thank stakeholders for continued
support. Home and School members supervise the Parent Informational Desk. Administrators, parents and student representatives work together on School Improvement Planning, scheduling school trips, 'Conwell Pride' campaigns, student rewards and special events.

Our students are provided many leadership opportunities, and 'student voice' is a key component to the Middle School Plan. All students analyze their own Benchmark results and maintain portfolios of individual goals, progress, achievements and test data.

Conwell has a long-time Inter-Faith partnership with St. Phillip's Church and After-School Program. Our community partnerships include St. Francis Inn Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen, Veterans' Hospital, Phil-A-Bundance, Pennsylvania Ballet, Project Pride, 24th Police District, Aspira, and Congresso. Conwell welcomes partners who can offer our students service learning experiences.

## 4. Sharing Success:

Russell H. Conwell was nationally recognized for his lecture 'Acres of Diamonds.' Mr. Conwell believed that one could travel the world searching for treasure only to find acres of diamonds in your own backyard. Conwell is home to 891 'precious gems.' Our caring is genuine and the respect is mutual. This we humbly share with all who will listen.

Conwell's students have placed us in many 'spotlights.' In November 2005, the National Middle Schools Conference was held in Philadelphia and Conwell was chosen as a 'Showcase School.' Educators from all parts of North America traveled on buses to Conwell's 'Action Lab' workshops. Our diamonds have also dazzled many competitions. Conwell students won First Place in the 2004 'First-in-Math' Statewide Competition and the Pennsylvania Latino Conference Writing Competition. Others were First Place winners in the Philadelphia Olympics Writing Contest, Computer Fair and Carver Science Fair. In 20042005 and in 2005-2006, Conwell teachers won the Rose Lindenbaum Teacher of the Year Award. Conwell has earned Best Practices Awards, Statewide AYP recognition every year since 2002 and Keystone Awards for Academic Excellence every year since 2003.

Educators, parents, community partners and Conwell applicants are encouraged to tour our facilities and observe classes. The principal is a member of the Regional planning team and mentors two Drexel University administrative interns. Conwell's accomplishments have been featured by ABC, Fox Network, Star News and the Philadelphia Tribune. Recently, Conwell hosted the United States Ambassador to Greece, National League Rookie of the Year Ryan Howard and Chicago Bear Jason McKie.

Our dedicated family shares the belief that success is the only option. Students have a 'Yes We Can' attitude. We believe, 'If We Enter, We Will Win.' Located in an urban area with low-income families and a majority of African American and Latino students, in an outdated 1920's building and an old church building as an annex, our students are willing to accept seemingly impossible challenges, not afraid to fail and knowing that they will learn from these experiences.

## PART V - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

## 1. Curriculum:

Pennsylvania's Department of Education provides a 'Framework for Continuous School Improvement Planning' with State Standards and Assessment Anchors. The School District of Philadelphia's Curriculum Office provides a comprehensive plan to meet NCLB requirements. Scheduling Timelines plan for six-week instructional cycles, each allowing for Benchmark Assessments, review, reflection, and re-teaching in the sixth week. In addition, Effective Instructional Strategies guides are written to include the diverse learning styles of all students.

Advanced level teaching and accelerated pacing is the expectation for all classrooms. Our work focuses on the Renzulli 'Emerging Scholars' Model of Inquiry and Talent Development to ensure Rigor. The curriculum requires students to apply core knowledge, concepts or skills to solve real-world problems. At Conwell, there is a single school culture where staff and students value respect, responsibility, honesty, civility and tolerance.

Language Arts is taught in mandated instructional blocks of 120 minutes for grade 5 and 90 minutes for grades 6 to 8. The eighth grade curriculum blends the School District's high school African American Literature Anthology with Elements of Literature Anthology to enrich understanding of African American heritage. Independent Reading is a rostered class to reinforce the expectation that all students will read novels of their own choosing at appropriate reading levels and will become life-long readers.

Mathematics is taught in a mandated 90-minute block daily. Students investigate, analyze, reason, prove, apply and create as they acquire and use content knowledge. Math teachers use overhead projectors, calculators (graphing calculators in grades 7 and 8), white boards and manipulatives. Fifty percent of eighth grade students receive the ninth grade Algebra program and high school credit, while all eighth graders are eligible to pass the Algebra I Exam to receive this credit for Advanced Placement.

Experimentation and discovery occur in all Science classes every day. Students design and create lab projects, using the scientific method. All students participate in the Science Fair. 'Emerging Scholars' science electives include Robotics and Flight Simulation.

The grade seven whole-year World Language program offers an exploratory course in Chinese. All eighthgrade students are rostered for Spanish daily. This language program is designed as the Spanish I high school offering and students receive credit for a year of high school foreign language.

Conwell's Social Studies courses focus on United States history, world cultures and geography. Students relate lessons learned from the past and make meaningful connections to the present as well as for future decision-making. Debating, government issues and politics, current events, and role-playing are highlighted at all grade levels. World Cultures (grades 6,7 and 8) is a project-centered program that extends cultural knowledge learned in Social Studies and offers options for in-depth research.

Conwell stakeholders believe there is a strong connection between academics and the Arts. Conwell has two orchestras, Drumline, an eighty-five member vocal choir, handbell choir, an electronic keyboard classroom and ballet classes taught by Pennsylvania Ballet instructors. Conwell students perform in Philadelphia's annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the Regional Arts Festival. Core Curriculum Standard threads create the fabric of the visual arts curriculum.

Health and Physical Education classes are rostered to all students. Emphasis is placed on social, emotional and physical growth-balanced living, fitness, nutrition and self-esteem. Conwell's sports teams include track, basketball, soccer, volleyball and baseball.

Technology teachers follow the District's K-8 Technology Curriculum to insure equity in the mastery of 21st Century skills. Using laptop computers, students are taught advanced technology skills to compete in The Pennsylvania Middle Grades Computer Fair. Students in need of academic support are enrolled in Fast Forward to accelerate reading skills development, and Study Island to focus on skills development in all major subject areas. Both programs are research proven 'Best Practices' technology interventions.

Multi-disciplinary projects are required at all grade levels. Forty-two Extra Curricular and 'Emerging

Scholars' programs are offered to all students. Students may partake in 'Polish Language, Customs, and Foods', 'Student Council Leaders', 'Robotics', 'School Newspaper', 'Graphing Calculator Activities', 'Service Learning Crochet Club' and 'National Junior Honors Society.'

Conwell takes pride in our inclusionary classroom settings. Gifted, English Language Learners and Special Education students are included in all classes. Three Mentally Gifted programs are on site, each with a particular focus ' Technology, the Arts, and Mathematics.

## 2a. (Elementary Schools) Reading:

Language Arts focuses on the skills and strategies required for effective reading and writing. During shared reading, the teacher provides direct instruction, models reading aloud, and uses 'think alouds' to engage all students. Emphasis is placed on before, during and after activities to make personal connections, predictions, interaction with the text (reciprocal teaching), vocabulary development (word study) and critical thinking question and response.

Guided reading offers small group instruction and is critical for students reading below grade level. Strategies such as summarizing, identifying main idea, synthesizing and predicting are taught and reinforced. Literature circles and readers theater offer accelerated learning opportunities to all students. Students assume roles such as word wizard, connector, summarizer, and discussion director. Students take ownership of their groups as they read and interact with one another. Daily Editing is one specific strategy for pre-classwork. Students volunteer to 'teach' and ask, 'What is wrong and why?' for each error. Students, thereby, create rules for grammar and are held accountable for these rules in their writing.

Independent reading is a signature feature of Conwell. Students lovingly carry books with them as one would hold onto precious treasure. Classroom libraries are rich and varied and a visit to the school library is always a special treat.

This year, the Philadelphia School District introduced a Middle School Plan For Content Area Literacy. Professional development has focused on teaching comprehension strategies in all classrooms. These strategies include Preview Vocabulary, Review/Analyze/Connect, Reciprocal Teaching, Summarize and Synthesize through Writing, Comprehension Constructors and Structured Note taking. Individual reading levels are assessed periodically, using the Gates/McGintie and WRAP Tests. Teachers and students evaluate five-week cycle performances by taking Benchmark tests and reviewing individual and class results in week six. All teachers differentiate instruction according to levels, skills development and accommodations needed. Below Basic fifth-grade students receive additional Fast Forward and Study Island support. Literacy Power Hour is offered twice weekly to all Below Basic students. Extra-Curricular tutoring, Saturday School and summer enrichment programs are available to all students.

Several Conwell teachers integrate music and reading comprehension skills in partnership with the Opera Company of Philadelphia. Classes read the librettos for 'Carmen', 'Porgy and Bess', and 'Don Giovanni' to name a few. The students visit the Philadelphia Academy of Music, attend the opera, and write a personalized review of their experience.

## 3. Additional Curriculum Area:

Math is a Rigorous, standards-driven, 90 minute, Advanced level teaching and learning experience where teachers facilitate in a nurturing class environment. Teachers provide direct instruction to introduce new concepts and materials, but classes are student-centered. Students become teachers and take charge of the overhead projector, calling on other students to explain their thought process, show their work and justify all answers. The teacher circulates the room, coaching and facilitating, and moving the lesson along at an accelerated pace. Calculators and hands-on manipulatives are available on all student tables. Grade five's curriculum, Everyday Math, offers inquiry based learning, with open-ended response opportunities using pattern blocks, tangrams and centimeter cube manipulatives. Students in grade six, seven and eight are offered Math in Context. Students actively participate to problem-solve, analyze, apply mathematical relationships and justify their reasoning strategy. Fifty percent of our current eighth grade students are taking the ninth grade Holt Algebra I course, complete with ninth grade Benchmark Assessment Tests. This program is highly successful and there are plans to expand this opportunity to all eighth graders.

Conwell has a team of exceptional mathematics facilitators. They possess content knowledge, encourage
students to routinely make connections to real-world applications and, most importantly, build caring relationships with their students to expect success. Word walls abound, graphic organizers are effective, 'Study Island' supports students who need additional help, rubrics are posted, constructed responses are embedded in each lesson and problem solving occurs daily, but the key to our successful math program has been our teachers and students who, every day, give 100\% effort to achieve their full potential. In recent years, the personal growth and professional development of our staff has paid major dividends in raising student achievement to the Advanced Level.

## 4. Instructional Methods:

Core Curriculum provides the foundation for implementing research-based 'Best Practices' instructional strategies. The administrators and Director of Accelerated Learning are responsible for daily walk-throughs and turn-around training to ensure that quality teaching and learning occurs everyday, in all classes, with all students engaged in the learning process.

Each class is comprised of students with a wide range of reading levels and readiness for learning. Differentiated instruction is key to our inclusionary philosophy. Skilled teachers offer, within the same lesson, both gifted opportunities for students who are capable of such challenges and a variety of supports to accelerate the rate of growth for students who are at Basic and Below Basic levels. Six-week Benchmark Assessments allow for periodic identification of students in need of support. Weekly CSAP Tier I meetings for teachers are rostered, with tutoring programs, Fast Forward, Study Island, Saturday School, Power Hour, small group instruction, counseling, peer mentoring and individualized academic and behavior plans available as interventions so that 'No Child Is Left Behind.'

Cooperative group work is encouraged in all classrooms. Reciprocal Teaching is an excellent strategy to engage students in all subject areas to assume various roles and responsibilities. Conwell students are proficient in using rubrics to judge the quality of their work and the work of their peers. Rubrics and standards are connected to daily objectives written on the blackboard, with the goal for the day. Students are encouraged to question, to think 'outside the box', to explain and justify, and to explore all options in a risk-free environment.

BDA activities (before, during and after) provide opportunities to use graphic organizers to compare and contrast, analyze how story elements create an author's purpose and point of view, and cite evidence to support findings as students review a passage. Teachers model effective communication, motivating students to continuously add to their 'toolboxes' specific strategies and skills such as TAG and T-Square. Conwell systematically teaches the process of connecting what is known to drawing a hypothesis (to predict), through careful observation and interpretation of what is observable.

Teachers use District Coordinating Documents to cooperatively plan lessons and projects using the crosscutting Middle School Plan Literacy Strategies. Learning at Conwell is a process as learners develop lifelong skills to achieve their full potential by questioning, reasoning and discovering new and uncharted learning opportunities.

## 5. Professional Development:

Conwell's professional development plan addresses the additional skills/training/capacity building required to effectively analyze data, design next steps, plan delivery methods and track student progress. Time is allotted for staff collaboration and evidence-based reflection on both teaching practices and student learning. A yearly opportunities calendar offers continuous professional learning, collaboration, planning and reflection. Regional supports include meetings and workshops for teachers who have specific certifications as well as on-line courses. Curriculum coaches provide on-site mentoring for new teachers. Often, the Central Curriculum Office scripts professional development meetings. The principal, however, is always permitted to adjust the day's presentations to address the needs of the particular school and its students.

Conwell's staff meetings focus on the following topics: 'The Middle School Plan for Content Area Literacy', 'Creating a Single School Culture', 'Analyzing Data to Provide Effective Instruction', 'Differentiation Instruction', and 'Advanced Level Teaching.' There are weekly Administrative, Leadership Team and Grade Group/CSAP Tier I meetings. The Building Committee meets bi-monthly and there are monthly meetings for the Home and School Association, Safety Committee and Finance Committee. Additional meetings are scheduled when there is purpose and urgency.

The principal is the instructional leader. Administrators visit grade group meetings and classes daily. They
provide immediate constructive feedback to improve teacher performance and ultimately, raise student achievement. Every staff meeting includes the principal's 'State of the School' message and 'Hot Topics'. Conwell's staff takes pride in a shared vision and there are times when the staff needs to discuss 'buying into' a new idea or procedure. The principal listens carefully to how the staff perceives what works well and what may need to be changed. The library's Teachers Resource Center contains current research and publications as well as Core Curriculum supplementary materials.

Conwell's Professional Development always focuses on academic rigor, relevance and building relationships. Every decision is made in the best interest of our students.

## PART VII - ASSESSMENT RESULTS

| Subject Reading (LA) |  |
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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March | March | March | March |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards \% Proficient or Advanced | 73 | 58 | 64 | 59 | 48 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 20 | 10 | 9 | 22 | 11 |
| Number of students tested | 153 | 129 | 123 | 160 | 162 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 71 | 62 | 58 | 59 | 46 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 14 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 10 |
| Number of students tested | 109 | 53 | 55 | 160 | 134 |
| $2 . \quad$ African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 81 | 63 | 77 | 58 | 54 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 26 | 8 | 12 | 31 | 14 |
| Number of students tested | 77 | 48 | 34 | 62 | 56 |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 55 | 52 | 55 | 64 | 40 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 11 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 8 |
| Number of students tested | 47 | 46 |  | 63 | 67 |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 77 | 61 | 44 | 44 | 63 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Proficient or Advanced | 23 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Number of students tested | 13 | 18 | 16 | 27 | 24 |

## Subject Math

Grade 5
Test PSSA

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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March | March | March | March |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Proficient or Advanced | 82 | 74 | 77 | 71 | 70 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 35 | 39 | 35 | 32 | 24 |
| Number of students tested | 153 | 129 | 123 | 159 | 162 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 . \quad$ African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 77 | 71 | 85 | 72 | 54 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 34 | 27 | 32 | 38 | 14 |
| Number of students tested | 77 | 48 | 34 | 61 | 56 |
| $2 . \quad$ Asian |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 100 | 64 | 87 | 91 | 40 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 69 | 50 | 73 | 55 | 7 |
| Number of students tested | 13 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 15 |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 87 | 78 | 75 | 66 | 40 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 26 | 44 | 30 | 26 | 8 |
| Number of students tested | 47 | 46 | 56 | 62 | 67 |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 77 | 83 | 56 | 67 | 63 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 46 | 50 | 19 | 22 | 17 |
| Number of students tested | 13 | 18 | 16 | 27 | 24 |

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Subject Reading (LA) Grade 6
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``` Test PSSA
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## Edition/Publication Year

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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March | March | March | March |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Proficient or Advanced | 71 | 81 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 27 | 35 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 219 | 222 |  |  |  |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 98 |  |  |  |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1 . \quad$ African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 80 | 87 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards Advanced | 30 | 33 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 79 | 70 |  |  |  |
| $2 . \quad$ Asian |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 71 | 87 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards Advanced | 29 | 44 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 23 |  |  |  |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 63 | 77 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 23 | 34 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 73 | 79 |  |  |  |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 69 | 76 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 25 | 33 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 52 | 45 |  |  |  |

## Subject Math

Grade 8
Test PSSA
Edition/Publication Year $\qquad$ Publisher Data Recognition Corporation

|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March | March | March | March |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Proficient or Advanced | 92 | 84 | 83 | 72 | 47 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 64 | 50 | 55 | 13 | 10 |
| Number of students tested | 258 | 257 | 222 | 216 | 257 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 98 | 97 | 99 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 91 | 80 | 81 | 72 | 47 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 62 | 49 | 54 | 13 | 9 |
| Number of students tested | 158 | 194 | 159 | 216 | 153 |
| $2 . \quad$ African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 91 | 86 | 83 | 74 | 47 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 70 | 48 | 55 | 11 | 12 |
| Number of students tested | 109 | 111 | 84 | 82 | 99 |
| 3. Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard Proficient or Advanced | 90 | 81 | 80 | 72 | 41 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 55 | 42 | 47 | 12 | 5 |
| Number of students tested | 73 | 79 | 60 | 68 | 85 |
| 4. White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 95 | 78 | 82 | 66 | 52 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 60 | 56 | 60 | 13 | 12 |
| Number of students tested | 58 | 50 | 55 | 55 | 60 |

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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March | March | March | March |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Proficient or Advanced | 94 | 80 | 82 | 80 | 69 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 64 | 42 | 39 | 29 | 19 |
| Number of students tested | 258 | 257 | 221 | 221 | 257 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 92 | 78 | 81 | 80 | 69 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 61 | 40 | 30 | 29 | 18 |
| Number of students tested | 158 | 194 | 158 | 221 | 153 |
| $2 . \quad$ African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 95 | 79 | 81 | 90 | 81 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 76 | 48 | 43 | 33 | 17 |
| Number of students tested | 109 | 111 | 84 | 83 | 99 |
| 3. Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard <br> Proficient or Advanced | 89 | 80 | 82 | 73 | 57 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 48 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 15 |
| Number of students tested | 73 | 79 | 60 | 70 | 85 |
| 4. White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard Proficient or Advanced | 97 | 76 | 82 | 75 | 67 |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards <br> Advanced | 62 | 34 | 39 | 25 | 23 |
| Number of students tested | 58 | 50 | 54 | 57 | 60 |

Subject Math
Grade 6
Test PSSA

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Publisher Data Recognition

|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 80 | 91 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 39 | 54 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 219 | 222 |  |  |  |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 99 |  |  |  |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" pus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 80 | 92 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 41 | 43 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 148 | 138 |  |  |  |
| 2. African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" pus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 85 | 94 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 37 | 56 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 79 | 70 |  |  |  |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 80 | 86 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 37 | 52 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 73 | 79 |  |  |  |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 75 | 87 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 42 | 44 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 52 | 45 |  |  |  |

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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 86 | 88 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 42 | 34 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 231 | 258 |  |  |  |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 98 |  |  |  |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 88 | 83 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 45 | 29 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 153 | 157 |  |  |  |
| 2. African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 88 | 86 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 48 | 37 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 81 | 106 |  |  |  |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 81 | 84 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 32 | 25 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 82 | 73 |  |  |  |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 86 | 95 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 38 | 38 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 42 | 60 |  |  |  |

## Subject Math

Grade 7
Test PSSA
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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | March | March |  |  |  |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 89 | 87 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 58 | 48 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 231 | 259 |  |  |  |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 99 |  |  |  |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Economically Disadvantaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 89 | 84 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 60 | 44 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 154 | 158 |  |  |  |
| 2. African American |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 90 | 87 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 54 | 52 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 81 | 106 |  |  |  |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 87 | 84 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 57 | 38 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 82 | 74 |  |  |  |
| $4 . \quad$ White |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% "Meeting" plus \% "Exceeding" State Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proficient or Advanced | 83 | 90 |  |  |  |
| \% "Exceeding" State Standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced | 55 | 45 |  |  |  |
| Number of students tested | 42 | 60 |  |  |  |

Provide the following information for all tests in reading (language arts or English) and mathematics. Show at least three years of data. Complete a separate table for each test and grade level, and place it on a separate page. Explain any alternative assessments.

Subject Math

## Grade 5

$\qquad$ Test Terra Nova
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|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 64 | 67 | 61 | 60 | 63 |
| Number of students tested | 155 | 131 | 125 | 162 | 160 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 65 | 66 | 60 | 60 | 62 |
| Number of students tested | 75 | 49 | 60 | 61 | 55 |
| Asian | 66 | 64 | 60 | 71 | 70 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 15 | 60 | 11 | 15 |
| Latino | 60 | 66 | 59 | 58 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 49 | 47 | 56 | 58 | 67 |
| 4. White | 70 | 71 | 55 | 57 | 68 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 18 | 18 | 27 | 23 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NATIONAL MEAN SCORE |  |  |  |  |  |
| NATIONAL STANDARD DEVIATIO |  |  |  |  |  |

Edition/Publication Year 2nd Publisher CTB/McGraw Hill

Scores are reported here as NCEs

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 60 | 67 | 55 | 58 | 58 |
| Number of students tested | 217 | 228 | 255 | 263 | 228 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 63 | 70 | 56 | 59 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 217 | 228 | 56 | 263 | 118 |
| A. Asian | 54 | 70 | 56 | 59 | 58 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 25 | 56 | 16 | 20 |
| Latino | 58 | 65 | 52 | 56 | 55 |
| Number of students tested | 71 | 80 | 78 | 56 | 67 |
| 4. White | 61 | 66 | 56 | 58 | 59 |
| Number of students tested | 52 | 47 | 64 | 63 | 58 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NATIONAL MEAN SCORE |  |  |  |  |  |
| NATIONAL STANDARD DEVIATIO |  |  |  |  |  |

Subject Reading (LA)
Grade 5
Test Terra Nova
Edition/Publication Year 2nd
Publisher CTB/McGraw Hill
Scores are reported here as NCEs

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 58 | 58 | 55 | 58 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 154 | 131 | 125 | 162 | 160 |
| Percent of total students tested | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 59 | 61 | 56 | 60 | 64 |
| Number of students tested | 74 | 49 | 56 | 61 | 55 |
| 2. Asian | 56 | 50 | 56 | 62 | 64 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 15 | 56 | 11 | 15 |
| Latino | 54 | 56 | 54 | 56 | 57 |
| Number of students tested | 49 | 47 | 56 | 56 | 67 |
| 4. White | 66 | 62 | 55 | 68 | 63 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 18 | 18 | 27 | 23 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NATIONAL MEAN SCORE |  |  |  |  |  |
| NATIONAL STANDARD DEVIATIO |  |  |  |  |  |

Subject Math
Grade 6
Test Terra Nova
Edition/Publication Year 2nd
Publisher CTB/McGraw Hill
Scores are reported here as NCEs

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 62 | 66 | 61 | 67 | 62 |
| Number of students tested | 217 | 228 | 255 | 263 | 228 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 62 | 66 | 61 | 66 | 60 |
| Number of students tested | 78 | 71 | 61 | 102 | 82 |
| 2. Asian | 61 | 74 | 61 | 79 | 69 |
| Number of students tested | 14 | 25 | 61 | 16 | 20 |
| Latino | 61 | 66 | 58 | 65 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 71 | 80 | 78 | 65 | 67 |
| White | 63 | 64 | 62 | 66 | 64 |
| Number of students tested | 52 | 47 | 64 | 63 | 58 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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| NATIONAL MEAN SCORE |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 57 | 60 | 60 | 62 | 60 |
| Number of students tested | 234 | 264 | 261 | 225 | 230 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 |
| Number of students tested | 85 | 107 | 61 | 86 | 87 |
| 2. Asian | 56 | 62 | 61 | 62 | 56 |
| Number of students tested | 21 | 19 | 61 | 21 | 10 |
| Latino | 57 | 58 | 58 | 59 | 57 |
| Number of students tested | 81 | 77 | 80 | 59 | 70 |
| White | 54 | 61 | 60 | 65 | 60 |
| Number of students tested | 42 | 61 | 56 | 53 | 63 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 65 | 69 | 64 | 67 | 62 |
| Number of students tested | 230 | 264 | 260 | 225 | 230 |
| Percent of total students tested | 98 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Arrican American | 66 | 70 | 64 | 68 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 83 | 107 | 64 | 86 | 87 |
| 2. Asian | 71 | 74 | 64 | 72 | 66 |
| Number of students tested | 21 | 19 | 64 | 21 | 10 |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino | 52 | 65 | 62 | 63 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 80 | 77 | 80 | 63 | 70 |
| $4 . \quad$ White | 62 | 70 | 64 | 69 | 63 |
| Number of students tested | 41 | 61 | 55 | 53 | 63 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 60 | 61 | 63 | 61 | 60 |
| Number of students tested | 261 | 256 | 227 | 221 | 259 |
| Percent of total students tested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 61 | 61 | 63 | 63 | 62 |
| Number of students tested | 110 | 112 | 63 | 83 | 98 |
| A. Asian | 60 | 65 | 63 | 58 | 63 |
| Number of students tested | 17 | 16 | 63 | 10 | 13 |
| Latino | 57 | 60 | 63 | 60 | 57 |
| Number of students tested | 75 | 78 | 63 | 60 | 87 |
| 4. White | 62 | 60 | 63 | 59 | 62 |
| Number of students tested | 59 | 49 | 54 | 58 | 61 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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|  | 2006-2007 | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 | 2002-2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Testing Month | October | October | May | April | April |
| SCHOOL SCORES* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 58 | 66 | 63 | 61 | 58 |
| Number of students tested | 260 | 256 | 227 | 221 | 258 |
| Percent of total students tested | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 |
| Number of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percent of students alternatively assessed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBGROUP SCORES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. African American | 59 | 66 | 63 | 61 | 58 |
| Number of students tested | 110 | 112 | 63 | 83 | 98 |
| 2. Asian | 62 | 77 | 63 | 67 | 69 |
| Number of students tested | 17 | 16 | 63 | 10 | 13 |
| $3 . \quad$ Latino | 55 | 64 | 62 | 61 | 53 |
| Number of students tested | 74 | 78 | 63 | 61 | 87 |
| $4 . \quad$ White | 58 | 65 | 64 | 61 | 61 |
| Number of students tested | 59 | 49 | 54 | 58 | 60 |

If the reports use scaled scores, provide the national mean score and standard deviation for the test.

|  | $2006-2007$ | $2005-2006$ | $2004-2005$ | $2003-2004$ | $2002-2003$ |
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