



**Bronx Charter School for
Excellence 5**

**2023-24 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT**

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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Bronx Charter School for Excellence 5 (Bronx Excellence 5, Bronx 5) opened in the fall of 2019 as an important and exciting public-school alternative to serve children in the East Tremont neighborhood in the South Bronx. Since its inception, Bronx Excellence 5 has expanded one-grade level each year and serves K-6 in fall 2024. Bronx 5 will scale to K-8 like other schools in the network. The award-winning Bronx Excellence approach provides a differentiated, project-based learning environment that seeks to develop high-level analytical and critical thinking skills in every scholar. During the 2023-2024 school year, Bronx 5 served 262 children in grades K-5.

The mission of Bronx Charter School for Excellence 5 is to prepare young people in New York City to compete for admission to and succeed in top public, private and parochial high schools by cultivating their intellectual, artistic, social, emotional, and ethical development. The school accomplishes this by offering a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum, which at the earliest of grades has an eye toward college preparation. Bronx Excellence 5 provides a supportive and caring environment that maintains high expectations for all students. The demographics of the population served by Bronx Excellence 5 are as follows:

Ethnicity	Percentage
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.00%
Asian	0.76%
Black/African American	30.92%
Hispanic/Latino	68.32%
Multiple Ethnicities	0.00%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00%
White	0.00%

In addition, 84.35% of our students are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

In the table below, provide the school’s BEDS Day enrollment for each school year.

School Enrollment by Grade Level and School Year

School Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2021-22	56	70	64	71			261
2022-23	43	51	47	55	60		256
2023-24	35	49	49	39	46	44	262

GOAL 1: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Goal 1: English Language Arts

Bronx Excellence 5 students will become proficient readers and writers of the English language.

BACKGROUND

During the 2023-24 academic year, Bronx Charter School for Excellence 5 implemented its high-quality, comprehensive English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum that is aligned to New York State’s Next Generation Learning Standards. The reading program provides for students the foundation needed to become proficient readers, including skills and knowledge to understand how phonemes are connected to print; ability to decode words; ability to read fluently; background knowledge and vocabulary to foster comprehension; development of active strategies to construct meaning from print; and development and maintenance of a motivation to read. We chose this curriculum because it allows us to facilitate a literacy approach that incorporates multiple genres, has the flexibility to differentiate, and uses direct instruction to teach foundational skills prior to moving onto more complex content. The elementary program is grounded in techniques that support explicit and systematic instruction and offers a platform for ongoing professional development for teachers in the critical elements of instruction for phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies. This program is supplemented with guided reading and literature circles based on student learning needs. Students are regularly exposed to authentic texts and provided guided instruction at their level. Teachers use multiple levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy question stems to promote critical thinking. All instructional staff participate in workshops and ongoing modeling

throughout the academic year to enhance their skills and optimize their use of curriculum resources.

Bronx Excellence 5 utilizes the writing workshop model for scholars to experience processed and craft writing. Students improve writing fluency; learn to communicate effectively; develop knowledge of the English written language system, with an emphasis on syntax and discourse; understand the connections between reading and writing; understand and can write across various fictional and non-fictional genres; and develop a love of writing, culminating in publishing parties where written work is celebrated. The implementation of our reading program is effective because of the instructional strategy of uninterrupted, consistent, daily flexible reading groups that focus supports within smaller groups for struggling readers while offering enrichment activities for proficient and advanced student readers. Scholars receive small group instruction and interventions that cross grade-level classrooms. Teachers gather extensive assessment data to determine students' learning levels and provide individualized support to target needs. Assessments include a combination of formal and informal measures such as daily checks and anecdotes; quarterly benchmark tests; annual state assessments; and curriculum-based assessments administered at the conclusion of the seven-day instructional cycle. All data is used to inform lesson planning, establish targeted small group mini lessons, monitor progress, and evaluate the efficacy of our programming. Moreover, it helps to drive differentiated professional development by strengthening areas of vulnerability and leveraging assets to optimize instruction.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE ELA

ELA Measure 1 - Absolute

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at or above proficiency on the New York State English language arts examination for grades 3-8.

The tables below summarize the participation information for this year's test administration as well as the performance of all students and students enrolled for at least two years.

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2023-24 State English Language Arts Exam Number of Students Tested and Not Tested

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested						Total Enrolled
		Absent	Refusal	ELL/IEP	Admin error	Medically excused	Other reason	
3	35	2	-	-	-	1	-	38
4	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
5	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
All	126	2	0	0	0	1	0	129

Performance on 2023-24 State English Language Arts Exam By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year¹

Grade	All Students			Enrolled in at least their Second Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
3	34	25	73.53%	22	17	77.27%
4	46	35	76.09%	33	24	72.73%
5	45	21	46.67%	30	15	50.00%
All	125	81	64.80%	85	56	65.88%

ELA Measure 2 - Absolute

Each year, the school's aggregate Performance Index ("PI") on the State English language arts exam will meet that year's state Measure of Interim Progress ("MIP") set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.

In New York State, ESSA school performance goals are met by showing that an absolute proportion of a school's students who have taken the English language arts test have scored at the partially proficient, or proficient and advanced performance levels (Levels 2 or 3 & 4). The percentage of students at each of these three levels is used to calculate a PI and determine if the school has met the MIP set each year by the state's ESSA accountability system. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a PI value that equals or exceeds the state's 2023-24 English language arts MIP for all students of **113**. The PI is the sum of the percent of students in all tested grades combined scoring at Level 2, plus two times the percent of

¹ Students are considered "enrolled in at least their second year" if they were enrolled on BEDS day of the school year prior to the most recent exam administration.

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students scoring at Level 3, plus two-and-a-half times the percent of students scoring at Level 4. Thus, the highest possible PI is 250.²

English Language Arts 2023-24 Performance Index

Bronx Excellence 5 had an ELA performance index of 164.40 in 2023-24.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

In 2023-2024 Bronx Excellence 5 exceeded the MIP Goal for English Language Arts. We attribute our high results to our ELA program and the components that we have implemented such as the uninterrupted flexible reading groups that are incorporated daily for an hour, our assessments, and seven-day reading cycle.

ELA Measure 3 - Comparative

Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state English language arts exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the public school district of comparison. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.³

2023-24 State English Language Arts Exam Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Students at or Above Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	77.27%	22	29.7%	2623
4	72.73%	33	34.8%	2725
5	50.00%	30	28.7%	2882
6			32.4%	2822

² You can find the statewide MIP goals for 2022-23 to 2026-27 [here](#)

³ Schools can access these data when the NYSED releases its database containing grade level ELA and mathematics results for all schools and districts statewide.

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7			40.8%	2885
8			43.0%	2926
All	65.88%	85	35.0%	16863

ELA Measure 4 - Comparative

Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state English language arts exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.

The Institute conducts a Comparative Performance Analysis, which compares the school’s performance to that of demographically similar public schools statewide. The Institute uses a regression analysis to control for the percentage of economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. The difference between the school’s actual and predicted performance, relative to other schools with similar economically disadvantaged statistics, produces an Effect Size. An Effect Size of 0.3, or performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree, is the target for this measure. Given the timing of the state’s release of economically disadvantaged data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results.⁴

2022-23 English Language Arts Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Mean Scale Score		Effect Size
		Actual	Predicted	
3	100	456	436.4	1.89
4	96.8	454	440.1	1.36
All	98.3	455	438.3	1.61

ELA Measure 5 - Growth

Each year, under the state’s Growth Model, the school’s mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.

⁴ These data can be found in the school’s Accountability Summary provided by the Institute in spring 2024.

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METHOD

Given the timing of the state’s release of Growth Model data, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results, the most recent Growth Model data available.⁵ This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2022-23 and also have a state exam score from 2021-22 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2021-22 score are ranked by their 2022-23 score and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (student growth percentile). Students’ growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school’s mean growth percentile. In order for a school to perform above the target for this measure, it must have a mean growth percentile greater than 50.

2022-23 English Language Arts Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Target
4	53.8	50.0
5		50.0
6		50.0
7		50.0
8		50.0
All	53.8	50.0

ELA INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

During 2023-24, in addition to the New York State 3rd – 8th grade exams, the school primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in ELA: Internally developed

ELA Measure 6: Growth Measure

At least 75% of scholars in grades 3-8 will achieve the normed rate of growth as demonstrated by mastery of 75% or more of grade level content from the beginning of the school year.

METHOD

The table below shows the proficiency rates of students at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Because it is assumed that students will grow at the normed rate to master grade level content by the conclusion of the school year, these figures demonstrate the percentage of students in

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grades 3-8 who mastered 75% or more of grade level content at the normed rate since the beginning of the school year.

Site	Grade	Count of Students	% Proficient
Bronx 5	3	38	68.42%
Bronx 5	4	45	88.89%
Bronx 5	5	45	95.56%
Bronx 5	All	128	85.16%

SUMMARY OF THE ELA GOAL

Bronx Excellence 5 met five of six performance measures.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State English language arts exam for grades 3-8.	No
Absolute	Each year, the school's aggregate PI on the state's English language arts exam will meet that year's state MIP as set forth in the state's ESSA accountability system.	Yes
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state English language arts exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	Yes
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state English language arts exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.	Yes
Growth	Each year, under the state's Growth Model the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in English language arts for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.	Yes
Growth	At least 75% of scholars in grades 3-8 will achieve the normed rate of growth as demonstrated by mastery of 75% or more of grade level content from the beginning of the school year.	Yes

EVALUATION OF ELA GOAL

Bronx Excellence 5 continues to work toward ensuring each English language arts (ELA) measure is met. In 2023-24, 27.13% of the school's scholars were identified as English language

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learners (ELLs) which is a factor in the above data. This year, Bronx 5 will continue to implement Foundations each morning for all ELL scholars and tutoring interventions are provided in the afternoon. Please see the discussion below for additional information regarding ELA action plans.

Measure 1 – Absolute: 64.80% of all students tested, and 65.88% of students in at least their second year, were proficient on the New York State English Language Arts exam. This measure was not met in the aggregate for grades 3 - 5.

- Of the 34 students tested in Grade 3, 22 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 22 continuously enrolled third graders, 77.73% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State English Language Arts examination.
- Of the 46 students tested in Grade 4, 33 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 33 continuously enrolled fourth graders, 72.73% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State English Language Arts examination.
- Of the 45 students tested in Grade 5, 30 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 30 continuously enrolled fifth graders, 50.00% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State English Language Arts examination.

Measure 2 – Absolute: Bronx Excellence 5 met this measure with a PI of 161.4 which exceeded the MIP target of 113.

Measure 3 – Comparative: Bronx Excellence 5 students in at least their second year outperformed their CSD 8 peers. The Bronx 5 proficiency rate for tested students in grades 3 – 5 grades in at least their second year was 65.88%, and the average for students in grades 3-8 in CSD 8 was 35%. The measure was met.

- In grade 3, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 47.57% percentage points higher than the CSD average.
- In grade 4, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 37.93% percentage points higher than the CSD average.
- In grade 5, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 21.3% percentage points higher than the CSD average.

Measure 4 – Comparative: This measure was met with an effect size of 1.61.

Measure 5 – Growth: Bronx 5's mean growth percentile was greater than 50; this measure was met.

Measure 6 – Growth: Bronx 5 used internally developed assessments to determine 85.16% of scholars in grades 3 - 5 demonstrated mastery of grade level content. Because it is assumed that students will grow at the normed rate to master grade level content by the conclusion of the school year, this rate demonstrates the percentage of students in grades 3 -5 who mastered 75% or more of grade level content at the normed rate since the beginning of the school year. This performance measure was met.

ELA ACTION PLAN

Bronx Excellence 5 will continue to educate our scholars with a goal of equity in mind. This ensures that all children have equitable access to high-quality instruction. To ensure that we accommodate all our scholars, we are holding intervention/tutoring sessions before, during, and after school hours. In addition, Bronx Excellence 5 will be holding ELA parent workshops to further support all our scholars and families. We have adapted and changed our reading curriculum this year from Journeys to Into Reading to further align our curriculum to the Next Generation Learning Standards. Bronx Excellence 5 will continue to provide equitable access to our high-quality instructional program to all students and will remain vigilant of all learners' progress, including those with special educational needs and English Learners. All teachers received training designed to reinforce strategies to support English learners and students with disabilities. We will continue to prioritize our professional development for all teachers with a strong focus on the Next Generation Standards.

Topics include:

- Key Ideas and Details
- Craft & Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- Text Type & Purpose
- Research to Build and Present Knowledge
- Comprehension and Collaboration
- Presentation of Knowledge and Idea
- Convention of Academic English/Language for Learning
- Knowledge of Language
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

We will prioritize our professional development with more time devoted to addressing the needs of the struggling, proficient, and advanced readers. Since Bronx Charter School for

Excellence 5 teaches reading through a daily cycle of whole group instruction to flexible reading groups within the entire grade, most of the improvement will take place during the flexible reading group sessions. Upper grade teachers will spend more time devoted to guided reading and literature circles, with a strong emphasis on building effective reading comprehension strategies and critical thinking techniques. Importantly, teachers will receive support from the leadership team, the principals, and additional support staff to identify students who require literacy intervention. As noted, 67 scholars were classified as ELLs in 2023-24, which was 27.13% of the overall student population. These scholars are provided data-driven instruction which includes interventions. Some of these scholars also receive special educational services in accordance with their IEP or are in the process of being evaluated for an IEP. While serving this high-need student population Bronx 5 continues to outperform peer schools in New York City and has had higher than predicted effect size outcomes, which reflects the strength of the program and its development.

GOAL 2: MATHEMATICS

Goal 2: Mathematics

Bronx Excellence 5 students will demonstrate steady progress in the understanding and application of mathematical skills.

BACKGROUND

Bronx Excellence 5 uses a math curriculum that was originally designed to address instructional shifts and support the implementation of the Common Core learning standards and is now updated for the Next Generation math standards. This program sequences mathematical progressions into modules. The curriculum aligns well with the school's approach to learning and provides a foundation of knowledge, skills, and competencies upon which to build as students advance in content and grade level. We selected this curricular approach because it allows students to engage with exciting, intriguing, and animated content that provides enhanced opportunities to explore, expand upon, and broaden the depth of mathematical discourse, real-world connections, reasoning, critical thinking, and problem solving. This includes computational, procedural, and conceptual knowledge that supports and builds success in mathematics with authentic problem solving.

The program centers on teaching with a concrete-pictorial-abstract learning progression through real-world, hands-on experiences. It encourages students to use various mental

strategies to solve problems and to focus on the process of finding solutions. It builds conceptual understanding rather than rote memorization, with an emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving and focuses on deep knowledge building to understand mathematics conceptually. Our math program also uses key concepts as building blocks for more complex treatments in articulated, logical, modular progressions using a narrative approach to build coherence. Students are encouraged to use math talk to build mathematical vocabulary to discuss concepts in context. Scholars are expected to learn content and processes of mathematics to become lifelong mathematical thinkers. Middle school students continue to work with the standards-aligned, coherent, and focused curriculum that reflects the logical and sequential nature of mathematics. The curriculum simultaneously develops conceptual understanding, computational fluency, and problem-solving skills within real-world context. Our program is research-based and provides robust professional development for teachers, inclusive of teacher-led instructional videos and tools to target instruction based on student need. Math is taught daily for a minimum of 60 minutes in elementary school and 90 minutes in middle school. During the class, content is introduced to the whole group. The teacher uses real-time data collected throughout the lesson, such as checks for understanding or questioning methods, along with unit quizzes and tests, and informal performance assessments. Additional assessments include formal and informal measures such as exit tickets, performance tasks, interim and state exams, and unit quizzes and tests.

Data garnered from these measures is used to formulate small group interventions, assess curriculum efficacy, inform lesson planning, and guide professional development. Based on classroom data, teachers provide scaffolded small group and individualized targeted instruction as students practice work independently. This way, interventions are provided in real time, particularly for scholars who are not immediately mastering content. Our program also allows differentiation with advanced sections and groups created to enrich the math experience for scholars who are accelerated. While scholars are expected to master both content and mathematical processes appropriate for their age and grade, our goal is to support scholars so they can complete Algebra by the end of eighth grade.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE MATHEMATICS

Math Measure 1 - Absolute

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Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at or above proficiency on the New York State Mathematics examination for grades 3-8.

The tables below summarize the participation information for this year’s test administration as well as the performance of all students and students enrolled for at least two years.

2023-24 State Mathematics Exam
Number of Students Tested and Not Tested

Grade	Total Tested	Not Tested							Total Enrolled
		Absent	Refusal	ELL/IEP	Admin error	Medically excused	Other reason	Took Regents	
3	37	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	38
4	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
5	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
All	128	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	129

Performance on 2023-24 State Mathematics Exam
By All Students and Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grade	All Students			Enrolled in at least their Second Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
3	36	32	88.89%	23	22	95.65%
4	46	42	91.30%	33	30	90.91%
5	45	41	91.11%	30	28	93.33%
All	127	115	90.55%	86	80	93.02%

Math Measure 2 - Absolute

Each year, the school’s aggregate Performance Index (“PI”) on the state mathematics exam will meet that year’s state Measure of Interim Progress (“MIP”) set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.

METHOD

In New York State, ESSA school performance goals are met by showing that an absolute proportion of a school's students who have taken the mathematics test have scored at the partially proficient, or proficient and advanced performance levels (Levels 2 or 3 & 4). The percentage of students at each of these three levels is used to calculate a PI and determine if the school has met the MIP set each year by the state’s ESSA accountability system. To achieve this measure, all tested students must have a PI value that equals or exceeds the state’s 2023-24 mathematics MIP for all students of **115.3**. The PI is the sum of the percent of students in all tested grades combined scoring at Level 2, plus two times the percent of students scoring at

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Level 3, plus two-and-a-half times the percent of students scoring at Level 4. Thus, the highest possible PI is 250.

Mathematics 2023-24 Performance Index (PI)

Bronx Excellence 5 had a performance index in math of 217.32 in 2023-24.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

In 2023-2024 Bronx 5 exceeded the MIP Goal for Math. We attribute our high results to our Math program and the components that we have implemented.

Math Measure 3 - Comparative

Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state mathematics exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.

METHOD

A school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the public school district of comparison. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year at the school and the total result for all students at the corresponding grades in the school district.

2023-24 State Mathematics Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent of Students at or Above Proficiency			
	Charter School Students In At Least 2 nd Year		All District Students	
	Percent Proficient	Number Tested	Percent Proficient	Number Tested
3	95.65%	23	37.60%	2763
4	90.91%	33	39.28%	2859
5	93.33%	30	36.23%	2815
6			33.86%	2936
7			39.50%	2995
8			34.45%	2218
All	93.02%	86	36.92%	16586

Math Measure 4 - Comparative

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Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state mathematics exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.

METHOD

The Institute conducts a Comparative Performance Analysis, which compares the school's performance to that of demographically similar public schools statewide. The Institute uses a regression analysis to control for the percentage of economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State. The difference between the school's actual and predicted performance, relative to other schools with similar economically disadvantaged statistics, produces an Effect Size. An Effect Size of 0.3, or performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree, is the target for this measure. Given the timing of the state's release of economically disadvantaged data and the demands of the data analysis, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results.⁶

2022-23 Mathematics Comparative Performance by Grade Level

Grade	Percent Economically Disadvantaged	Mean Scale Score		Effect Size
		Actual	Predicted	
3	100	480	441.5	2.68
4	96.8	472	441	2.21
All	98.3	475.9	441.2	2.44

Math Measure 5 - Growth

Each year, under the state's Growth Model, the school's mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.

METHOD

Given the timing of the state's release of Growth Model data, the 2023-24 analysis is not yet available. This report contains 2022-23 results, the most recent Growth Model data available.⁷ This measure examines the change in performance of the same group of students from one year to the next and the progress they are making in comparison to other students with the

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same score in the previous year. The analysis only includes students who took the state exam in 2022-23 and also have a state exam score in 2021-22 including students who were retained in the same grade. Students with the same 2021-22 scores are ranked by their 2022-23 scores and assigned a percentile based on their relative growth in performance (student growth percentile). Students' growth percentiles are aggregated school-wide to yield a school's mean growth percentile. In order for a school to meet the measure, the school would have to achieve a mean growth percentile above the target of 50.

2022-23 Mathematics Mean Growth Percentile by Grade Level

Grade	Mean Growth Percentile	
	School	Target
4	60.4	50.0
All	60.4	50.0

MATHEMATICS INTERNAL EXAM RESULTS

During 2023-24, in addition to the New York State 3rd – 8th grade exams, the school primarily used the following assessment to measure student growth and achievement in mathematics: Internally developed

Math Measure 6: Growth:

At least 75% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve the normed rate of growth as demonstrated by mastery of 75% or more of grade level content since the beginning of the school year.

METHOD

The table below shows the proficiency rates of students at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Because it is assumed that students will grow at the normed rate to master grade level content by the conclusion of the school year, these figures demonstrate the percentage of students in grades 3-8 who mastered 75% or more of grade level content at the normed rate since the beginning of the school year.

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Site	Grade	Count of Students	% Proficient
Bronx 5	3	38	55.26%
Bronx 5	4	45	91.11%
Bronx 5	5	45	88.89%
Bronx 5	All	128	79.69%

SUMMARY OF THE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Bronx Excellence 5 met each math measure and attained this Accountability Plan goal.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State Mathematics exam for grades 3-8.	Yes
Absolute	Each year, the school’s aggregate PI on the state’s mathematics exam will meet that year’s state MIP as set forth in the state’s ESSA accountability system.	Yes
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students who are enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state mathematics exam will be greater than that of students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	Yes
Comparative	Each year, the school will exceed its predicted level of performance on the state mathematics exam by an effect size of 0.3 or above (performing higher than expected to a meaningful degree) according to a regression analysis controlling for economically disadvantaged students among all public schools in New York State.	Yes
Growth	Each year, under the state’s Growth Model the school’s mean unadjusted growth percentile in mathematics for all tested students in grades 4-8 will be above the target of 50.	Yes
Growth	At least 75% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve the normed rate of growth as demonstrated by mastery of 75% or more of grade level content since the beginning of the school year.	Yes

EVALUATION OF THE MATHEMATICS GOAL

Bronx 5 met all measures and met the mathematics goal.

Measure 1 – Absolute: 90.55% of students tested met proficiency, and 93.02% of students tested who were enrolled in at least their second year were proficient on the New York State mathematics exam. This measure was met.

- Of the 36 students tested in Grade 3, 23 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 23 continuously enrolled third graders, 95.65% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State math examination. 2023-24

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- Of the 46 students tested in Grade 4, 33 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 33 continuously enrolled fourth graders, 90.91% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State math examination.
- Of the 45 students tested in Grade 5, 30 were enrolled in at least their second year. Of the 30 continuously enrolled fifth graders, 93.33% performed at or above a level 3 on the New York State math examination.

Measure 2 – Absolute: Bronx Excellence 5 met this measure with a PI of 217.32 which exceeded the MIP target of 115.3.

Measure 3 - Comparative: Bronx Excellence 5 students in at least their second year outperformed the CSD average. The Bronx 5 average proficiency rate for tested students in grades 3 - 5 in at least their second year was 93.02%, and the average for students in grades 3-8 in CSD 8 was 36.92%. This measure was met.

- In grade 3, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 58.05 percentage points higher than the CSD average.
- In grade 4, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 51.63 percentage points higher than the CSD average.
- In grade 5, Bronx 5 proficiency for students in at least their second year was 57.1 percentage points higher than the CSD average.

Measure 4 – Comparative: This measure was met with an effect size of 2.44.

Measure 5 – Growth: Bronx 5's mean growth percentile for 2022-2023 was 60.4. This measure was met.

Measure 6 – Growth: Bronx 5 used internally developed assessments to determine 80% of scholars in grades 3 - 5 demonstrated mastery of grade level content. This performance measure was met.

MATHEMATICS ACTION PLAN

Bronx Excellence 5 will continue to educate our scholars with a lens towards the maintenance of equity. This ensures that all children have equitable access to high-quality instruction. Bronx Excellence 5 will continue to provide academic intervention for scholars who did not achieve their academic goals and will continue to implement resources and strategies that have historically proven successful for our scholars. To assess students' instructional needs at the

start of the 2024-2025 school year, Bronx Excellence 5 dedicated the first few weeks of school to administering benchmark assessments to gauge where students are in their development. Using this and other data collected throughout the year, the school will provide intensive, data-driven differentiation to target individualized needs. Bronx Excellence 5 will continue to provide equitable access to our high-quality instructional program to all students and remain vigilant of all learners' progress, including those with special educational needs and English Learners. All teachers received training designed to reinforce strategies to support English learners and students with disabilities. We will continue to prioritize our professional development for all teachers with a strong focus on the Next Generation Standards.

Topics include:

- Perseverance in Problem Solving
- Abstract & Quantitative Reasoning
- Critiquing and Constructing Viable Arguments
- Mathematic Models
- Appropriate Strategies & Tools
- Precision
- The use and search for Mathematical Structures
- Express and search for Regularity in repeated reasoning.

Teachers will receive support from the leadership team, the principal, and additional support staff to identify students who require intervention in the areas of Mathematical concepts within the first few weeks of school.

GOAL 3: SCIENCE

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Students will demonstrate proficiency relevant to science achievement and use technology, scientific concepts, principles, and theories to conduct and analyze investigations.

BACKGROUND

The science curriculum is based on the New York State P-12 Science Learning Standards (NYSP-12SLS) and focuses on three dimensions of learning – Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts. Under the guidance of the standards, the science program takes an inquiry-based approach to learning. It provides students with opportunities to build connections that link science to technology and societal impacts and

provides the skills and knowledge our students need to become scientifically literate citizens of the 21st century. This approach aligns to our commitment to inspire conscientious, inquisitive, knowledgeable, and lifelong scholars. Students practice solving problems creatively, thinking critically, working cooperatively in teams, using technology effectively, and developing positive science attitudes.

Science instruction at Bronx Excellence 5 is differentiated for all learning styles and incorporates several methods of instructional delivery and assessment. Instruction emphasizes active, hands-on explorations in the early grades that help students build their understanding of key concepts. It invites students to develop and explain concepts in their own words orally, through writing, and drawing. Students are provided with options and projects that allow them to demonstrate mastery of content. Young learners are encouraged to actively explore, discover, and learn about the natural world.

The middle school science program is also governed by the NYSP-12SLS. Key ideas and performance indicators are used to prepare our students to further develop and cultivate science abilities and understanding. Students continually learn to complete hands-on scientific investigations, blended with literacy-rich activities and interactive digital tools. They also learn to develop hypotheses and provide reasoning using evidence. With practice, trial, and error, students in grades 5-8 demonstrate their understanding of scientific processes, skills, and procedures. Bronx Excellence 5 scholars also learned about cultivating a hydroponic lab and eighth graders may take an advanced high school course of living environment and participate in Urban Advantage, an initiative designed to advance scientific learning in New York City. Varied opportunities allow students to demonstrate appropriate scientific language, procedures, and proficiency, culminating in the state examinations. Assessments include classroom assignments, discourse, experiments, quizzes and tests, and presentations. Data is used to inform instruction, evaluate program efficacy, and differentiate professional development.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCIENCE

Science Measure 1 - Absolute

Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at or above proficiency on the New York State science examination.

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The school administered the New York State Testing Program science assessment to students in 5th grade in spring 2024. The table below summarizes the performance of students enrolled for at least two years.

Charter School Performance on 2023-24 State Science Exam
By Students Enrolled in At Least Their Second Year

Grade	Students in At Least Their 2 nd Year		
	Number Tested	Number Proficient	Percent Proficient
5	30	15	50.00%
All	30	15	50.00%

Science Measure 2 – Comparative

Each year, the percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state science exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.

The school compares tested students enrolled in at least their second year to all tested students in the public school district of comparison. Comparisons are between the results for each grade in which the school had tested students in at least their second year and the results for the respective grades in the school district of comparison.

2023-24 State Science Exam
Charter School and District Performance by Grade Level

Data were not yet available to complete this analysis at the time the APPR was prepared.

SUMMARY OF THE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCIENCE GOAL

Bronx Excellence 5 did not meet the absolute measure, and data were not yet available to conduct the comparative measure analysis.

Type	Measure	Outcome
Absolute	Each year, 75 percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year will perform at proficiency on the New York State examination.	No
Comparative	Each year, the percent of all tested students enrolled in at least their second year and performing at proficiency on the state exam will be greater than that of all students in the same tested grades in the school district of comparison.	N/A

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EVALUATION OF THE SCIENCE GOAL

Bronx 5 is unable to determine if the comparable measure was met. The school did not meet the absolute measure.

ACTION PLAN

To assess students' instructional needs, Bronx 5 will implement multiple benchmark assessments to gauge where students are in their development sooner. Using this and other data collected throughout the year, the school will provide intensive, data-driven differentiation to target individualized needs. Bronx 5 will continue to provide equitable access to our high-quality instructional program to all students and remain vigilant of all learners' progress, including those with special educational needs and English Learners. We will continue to prioritize our professional development for science teachers with a strong focus on the Next Generation Standards.

GOAL 4: ESSA

ESSA Measure 1

Under the state's ESSA accountability system, the school is in good standing: the state has not identified the school for comprehensive or targeted improvement.

Because *all* students are expected to meet the state's performance standards, the federal statute stipulates that various sub-populations and demographic categories of students among all tested students must meet the state standard in and of themselves aside from the overall school results. As New York State, like all states, is required to establish a specific system for making these determinations for its public schools, charter schools do not have latitude in establishing their own performance levels or criteria of success for meeting the ESSA accountability requirements. Each year, the state issues School Report Cards that indicate a school's status under the state accountability system. More information on assigned accountability designations and context can be found [here](#).

Accountability Status by Year

Year	Status
2021-22	Good Standing
2022-23	Local Support and Improvement (Good Standing)
2023-24	Local Support and Improvement (Good Standing)

ADDITIONAL CONTEXT AND EVIDENCE

Bronx Excellence 5 has met this goal every year of reporting.

OPTIONAL GOALS

Goal 5: Parent Satisfaction

Parents will express a high satisfaction rating with the school.

Goal 5: Absolute Measure

Each year two-thirds of parents will demonstrate satisfaction with the school’s program based on a parent satisfaction survey.

METHOD

Each year Bronx Excellence 5 families receive a satisfaction survey. This survey allows leadership and staff to receive parent feedback, and determine both how the school is succeeding, and where it can improve.

RESULTS

Each year, the New York City Department of Education asks parents, teachers, and students to complete the annual DOE School Quality Survey, and respondents are asked to evaluate their school’s performance based on the six elements of the Framework for Great Schools. This measure was met, and the goal was attained.

Key 2024 Parent Satisfaction Survey Results

	Bronx 5
Parent Involvement	93%
Parent-Teacher Trust	97%
Parent-Principal Trust	96%
Safety	98%
Cleanliness	97%

Goal 5: Absolute Measure

Each year, 90 percent of all students enrolled during the course of the year return the following September.

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METHOD

Each year, enrollment is tracked in ATS, which acts as a city-wide student information system. The retention rate was calculated by finding the number of students discharged before the first day of school. Subtracting this number from 2023-24 enrollment total will show the number of returning students. This allows us to calculate our retention rate.

RESULTS & EVALUATION

Of the 176 students enrolled on BEDS Day of 2022-23, 131 returned and remained enrolled for BEDS Day 2023-24. This represents a 74.43% retention rate. This measure was not met.

Site	BEDS DAY SY22	# of Graduates	BEDS DAY 23 (Returned)	Retention Rate
Bronx 5	176		131	74.43%

The Bronx Excellence 5 school community includes many families who are transient and living in alternative housing. To build partnerships in support of this vulnerable subpopulation and address retention and attendance, our staff has intentionally established relationships with those alternative housing facilities, and our teams work hard to provide individual families resources and support. Bronx 5 was first opened at the height of the pandemic, and this had repercussions such as limiting access to the facility. Now that the building is fully open to families we are hosting more in-person community building events which will help retention stabilize. Historical retention rates are as follows:

Year	Retention Rate
2020-21	89%
2021-22	100%
2022-23	61%
2023-24	74%

Goal 6: Attendance

The school will maintain a high student attendance average.

Goal 6: Absolute Measure

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Each year the school will have a daily attendance rate of at least 95 percent.

METHOD

Each year, attendance is tracked in ATS, which acts as a city-wide student information system. Attendance results for this report were pulled from an ATS attendance report.

2023-24 Attendance

	Bronx 5
K	91.17%
1	91.16%
2	93.05%
3	92.17%
4	93.05%
5	92.16%
ALL	92.16%

Year	Average Daily Attendance Rate
2019-20	92.56%
2020-21	94.25%
2021-22	90.45%
2022-23	90.26%
2023-24	92.16%

RESULTS AND EVALUATION

Overall, the school fell below the performance measure.