

## DATA AT A GLANCE: PROGRAM PARTICIPATION SNAPSHOT CUNY Middle Grades Initiative/GEAR UP (MGI/GEAR UP)

The City University of New York (CUNY) Middle Grades Initiative/GEAR UP is a consortium project of the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs – Collaborative Programs, five CUNY colleges, three affiliated partners and 12 partner schools in the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan. The current cohort of nearly 3,500 students are in grades 9-12 and receive school-based academic support and college awareness as they prepare to graduate from high school. The GEAR UP cohort of students is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. MGI/GEAR UP is funded with University tax levy dollars and a six-year federal GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) partnership grant from the United States Department of Education. Consistent with the mission of the national GEAR UP project, our overall goal is to increase the number of low-income students prepared to enter and succeed in post secondary education.

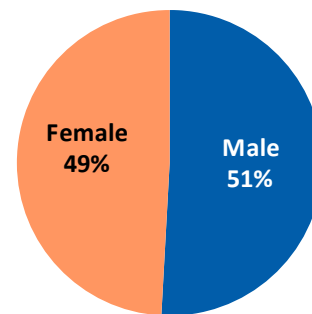
### MGI/GEAR UP Participation\* by Academic Year

	All MGI/GEAR UP Students	GEAR UP Cohort Only
<b>2006-07</b>	2,118	1,123
<b>2007-08</b>	2,806	1,181
<b>2008-09</b>	3,150	1,559
<b>2009-10</b>	3,587	1,547

\*Unduplicated student counts by year.

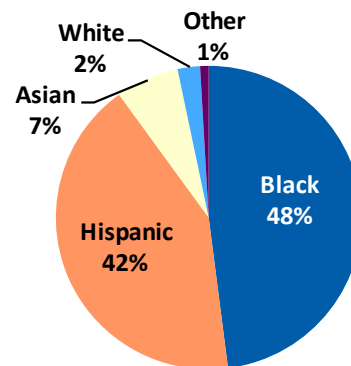
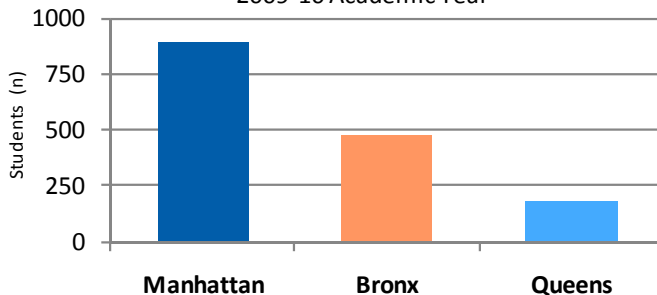
### GEAR UP Participants by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

2009-10 Academic Year



### GEAR UP Participants by NYC Borough

2009-10 Academic Year



### GEAR UP Participation in CUNY's College Now Program

In the 2009-10 academic year, GEAR UP students began participating in College Now (<http://collegenow.cuny.edu>), CUNY's dual enrollment program that allows high school students to enroll in college-credit courses, college-preparatory courses and activities, and experiential-based summer programs. Research has shown that College Now participation is positively related to students' college persistence and overall progress toward a degree.

GEAR UP students have enrolled in a variety of College Now courses, such as:

- **General Psychology**
- **Probability & Statistics**
- **Summer Theater Workshop**
- **Fundamentals of Public Speaking**
- **Introduction to Sociology**
- **Precalculus**

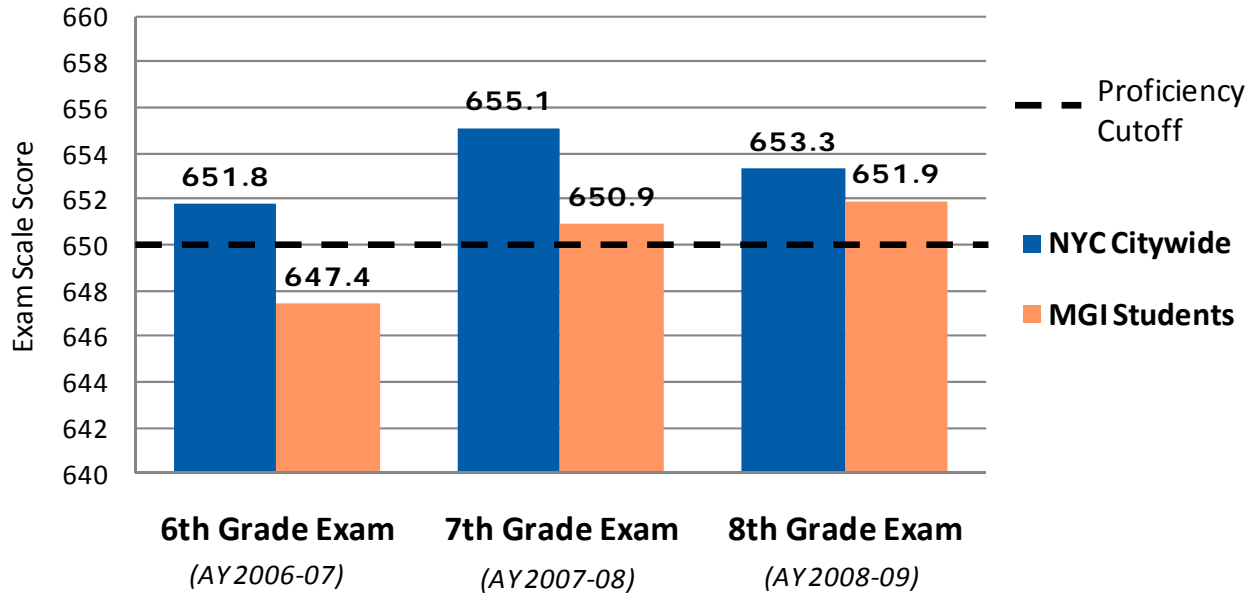
# Summary of Research & Evaluation

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Average New York State ELA and Math Exam scores for MGI students have increased at a faster pace than average scores for New York City overall. The charts below show the narrowing exam score gap between the current MGI 10th grade cohort and students citywide as they progressed from the 6th to the 8th grade.

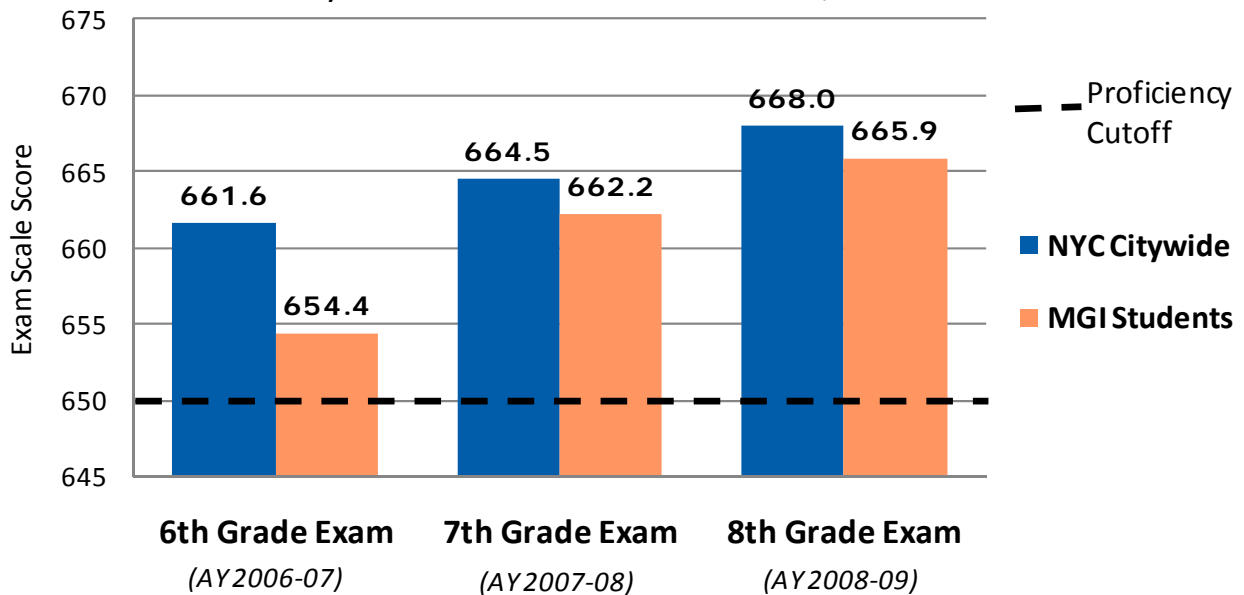
## Average NY State ELA Exam Scores

NYC Citywide & MGI 8th Grade Cohorts, AY 2008-09



## Average State Math Exam Scores

NYC Citywide & MGI 8th Grade Cohorts, AY 2008-09



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