

The DOE Compares Schools to Their “Peers” Based on Student Demographics Rather Than to the Citywide Average

- High Schools on the Closure List:
 - All in the bottom 25th percentile of their peers for their four-year graduation rates and the bottom 50th percentile for their six-year graduation rates.
 - Serve smaller shares of special education students and students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch than their peers. Also serve a larger share of black students and incoming students who ranked in the bottom third on their 8th grade math test than do their peers.
- Elementary and Middle Schools on the Closure List:
 - In the bottom 25th percentile on ELA proficiency and bottom 20th percentile on math proficiency among their peers. Most also ranked low in terms of attendance. One school ranked just above median in terms of the median adjusted growth percentile in ELA or math.
 - Serve larger shares of black and special education students, and have a larger share of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch than do their peers.
- Per pupil budgets for schools on the closing list are largely at the median or higher than schools in their peer groups.

Full report available [here](#).