

**THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IS CLOSING FOR STUDENTS  
AT THE  
CHARTER OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE  
WITH EXCEPTIONAL READING SCORES RELEASED IN 2009**



**87% OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 SCORE AT LEVELS 3 & 4 MAKING CSEE A TOP  
PERFORMING SCHOOL IN YONKERS**

(May 7, 2009) The Charter School of Educational Excellence is closing the achievement gap for students in third to sixth grade as evidenced by the exceptional reading scores released by the State Education Department today on the New York State English Language Arts Assessments.

Most outstanding were the test results in sixth grade this year with **100%** of the students meeting and exceeding state standards with performance Levels of 3 and 4. These results compared to last year show a **33.0%** increase in reading proficiency in sixth grade.

Another remarkable achievement this year was observed in third grade. The third grade demonstrated **93%** of its students performing at Levels 3 and 4; a significant increase from **52.0%** of students being proficient in this grade level in 2008.

Fourth grade made another leap in their test scores for a second year in a row with **88%** of its students performing at Levels 3 and 4, which shows an increase of **13.0%** in the level of proficient readers in fourth grade as compared to last year.

**73%** of students performing at Levels 3 and 4 this year in fifth grade shows a noteworthy **23.0%** increase in the level of successful test scores in fifth grade from last year, also.

The 2009 test scores reflect double-digit percentage increases with more students achieving proficiency in all grade levels tested. The ELA Performance Index below shows the rapid and increasing success CSEE has had over the course of three academic school years.



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**3-Year ELA Performance Index  
GRADES 3-6**

YEAR	SY	Levels 3 & 4 *Proficiency in Reading	
Year 1	2006-2007	*43%	
Year 2	2007-2008	*56%	(+ increase 13.0%)
Year 3	2008-2009	*87%	(+ increase 31.0%)