

# H.E.R.O. High (Health, Education, and Research Occupations High School) (07X259)

2016–17 School Quality Snapshot / High School

## General Information

[schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/07/X259](https://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/07/X259)

Principal: Kristin Cahill Garcia  
Grades served: 09,10,11,12,SE  
Enrollment: 455  
Average SAT: 902/1600  
Shared Space: Yes  
Admissions methods: Limited Unscreened

## Student Demographics

Asian: 1% | Black: 39% | Hispanic: 57% | White: 1%  
English Language Learners: 11%  
Student with Special Needs 20%

## Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 4  
% of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 26%

## Attendance

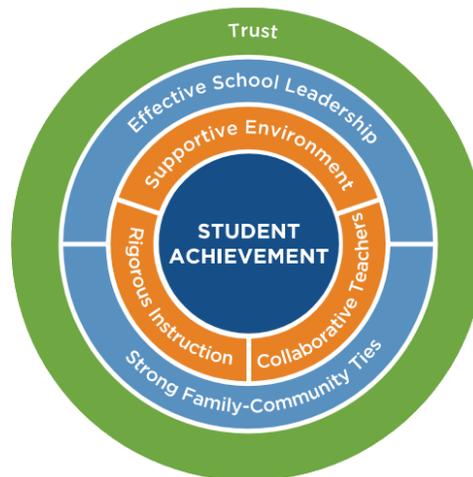
Student Attendance: 83% (City: 89%)  
Students Chronically Absent: 47% (City: 31%)  
Teacher Attendance: 97%

## School Overview

At HERO High, students learn how to save lives and serve their communities by preparing for a career as a registered nurse or community health worker. Students take college classes starting in tenth grade and can earn a two-year Associates Degree with help from a small school environment. Our academic program will prepare every student to succeed in college and their career through hands-on, real-world problem solving, advanced work in math and science, and challenging reading and writing tasks in every class. Start your technical training early through internships in clinical nursing and community health work. Sometimes even heroes need extra help, so we offer tutoring in every subject area.

## Framework for Great Schools

Research shows that schools strong in the six areas are far more likely to improve student learning.



### KEY:

Excellent     Good    Fair    Poor

## Activities, Sports, and Arts

**76%** of students feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school (City: 74%)

### Extracurricular Activities

Tutoring, Student-led Clubs

### PSAL Sports

**Boys:** Baseball, Basketball, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Tennis

**Girls:** Basketball, Softball

**Co-Ed:** N/A

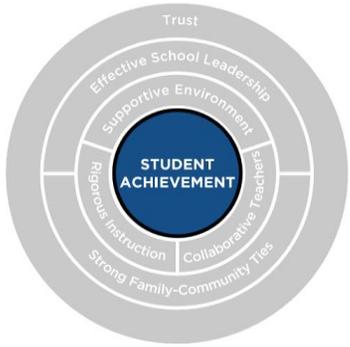
### Arts Classes

Core Music, Mixed Media, Studio Art, Modern Dance, Graphic Design



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<sup>1</sup> College or career preparatory courses and exams (number of students successfully completing out of 109 seniors):

- College Credit Course (61)
- Algebra II Regents (5)
- Chemistry Regents (2)
- Physics Regents (1)

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**KEY:**



**Student Achievement**

This section presents information on the progress towards graduation, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and postsecondary options pursued by students at this school.

**Progress Toward Graduation**

**Credits**

**74%**

earned enough credits in 9th grade to be on track for graduation

Comparison Group\*: 76%  
Borough: 80%  
City: 85%

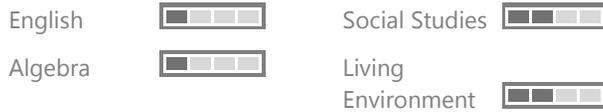
**70%**

earned enough credits in 10th grade to be on track for graduation

Comparison Group\*: 75%  
Borough: 76%  
City: 82%

**Regents**

How well does this school help students improve from their incoming proficiency levels and perform on Regents exams?



**Graduation**

**4-Year**

**72%**

graduated within four years

Comparison Group\*: 76%  
Borough: 67%  
City: 74%

**6-Year**

**N/A**

graduated within six years

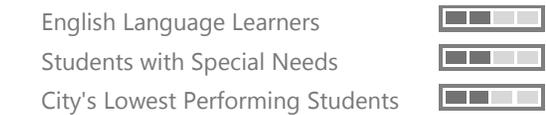
Comparison Group\*: N/A  
Borough: 71%  
City: 78%

Over the past two years, how did seniors from different starting points in 8th grade perform at this school?

| Starting Point (8th grade level) | High School Outcomes |             |               |             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                                  | Graduated in 4 yrs   |             | College ready |             |
|                                  | School               | Comp Group* | School        | Comp Group* |
| Level 3 or 4                     | 80%                  | 95%         | 60%           | 84%         |
| Level 2                          | 84%                  | 86%         | 26%           | 43%         |
| Level 1                          | 59%                  | 65%         | 7%            | 12%         |

**Closing the Achievement Gap**

How well did this school help different groups of students graduate in four years?



**College and Career Readiness**

**57%**

successfully completed approved college or career preparatory courses and exams.<sup>1</sup>

Comparison Group\*: 33%  
Borough: 34%  
City: 49%

**20%**

graduated college ready (met CUNY's standards for avoiding remedial classes)

Comparison Group\*: 34%  
Borough: 34%  
City: 47%

**N/A**

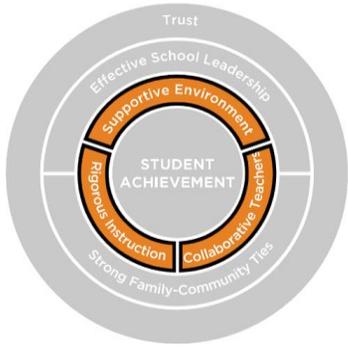
graduated from high school and enrolled in college or other postsecondary program within 6 months

Comparison Group\*: N/A  
Borough: 49%  
City: 57%

Postsecondary options pursued by students from this school:

- N/A CUNY (City University of New York) - 4 yr
- N/A CUNY (City University of New York) - 2 yr
- N/A New York State Public
- N/A New York State Private
- N/A Out of State
- N/A Other

**\*Comparison Group** is made up of students from other schools across the city who were the most similar to the students at this school, based on their incoming test scores, disability status, economic need, and over-age status. The "comparison group" result is an estimate of how the students at this school would have performed if they had attended other schools throughout the city.



**1 Quality Review**

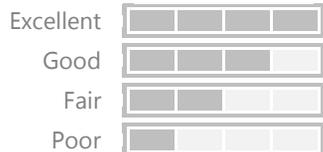
Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school May 11, 2015

**2 Survey Response Rates**

Teachers: 91% (29)  
Parents: 34% (146)  
Students: 69% (296)

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**KEY:**



**Rigorous Instruction**

Curriculum and instruction are designed to engage students, foster critical thinking skills, and are aligned to the Common Core.

**Quality Review <sup>1</sup>**

- How interesting and challenging is the curriculum?
- How effective is the teaching and learning?
- How well does the school assess what students are learning?

**Survey <sup>2</sup>**

**77%**  
responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction  
  
Borough: 78%  
City: 79%

**Selected Questions**

- 61% of students say that they learn a lot from feedback on their work (City: 64%)
- 72% of students know what their teacher wants them to learn in class (City: 79%)
- 56% of teachers say that students build on each other's ideas during class discussions (City: 64%)

**Collaborative Teachers**

Teachers participate in opportunities to develop, grow, and contribute to the continuous improvement of the school community.

**Quality Review**

- How well do teachers work with each other?
- How well are teachers developed and evaluated?  
N/A

**Survey**

**88%**  
responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers  
  
Borough: 81%  
City: 83%

**Selected Questions**

- 93% of teachers say that teachers at this school work together to design instructional programs (City: 86%)
- 96% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 85%)
- 90% of teachers say that teachers feel responsible that all students learn (City: 87%)

**Supportive Environment**

The school establishes a culture where students feel safe, challenged to grow, and supported to meet high expectations.

**Quality Review**

- How clearly are high expectations communicated to students and staff?
- How safe and inclusive is the school?  
N/A

**Survey**

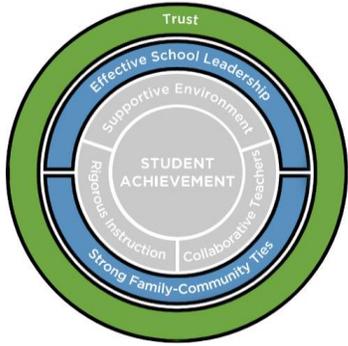
**69%**  
responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment  
  
Borough: 70%  
City: 72%

**Selected Questions**

- 81% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 84%)
- 45% of students say that teachers support them when they are upset (City: 49%)
- 89% of students say that this school provides them with information about the college enrollment process (City: 87%)

**Less Restrictive Environment**

- Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments



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| Fair      |  |
| Poor      |  |

**Effective School Leadership**

School leadership inspires the school community with a clear instructional vision and effectively distributes leadership to realize this vision.



**Quality Review <sup>1</sup>**

How well are resources aligned to instructional goals?  
N/A

How well does the school meet its goals?  
N/A

How well does the school make decisions?  
N/A

**Survey <sup>2</sup>**

**94%**  
responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

Borough: 84%  
City: 85%

**Selected Questions**

100% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 85%)

93% of teachers say that curriculum, instruction, and learning materials are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 81%)

96% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 93%)

**Strong Family-Community Ties**

The school forms effective partnerships with families and outside organizations to improve the school.



**Quality Review**

How well does the school partner with families?

**Survey**

**91%**  
responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

Borough: 84%  
City: 83%

**Selected Questions**

95% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how parents can help their child learn (City: 87%)

93% of parents say that they have communicated with their child's teacher about their child's performance (City: 83%)

93% of teachers say that teachers at this school work closely with families to meet student needs (City: 88%)

**Trust**

Relationships between administrators, educators, students, and families are based on trust and respect.



**Survey**

**91%**  
responded positively to questions about Trust

Borough: 87%  
City: 87%

**Selected Questions**

89% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 80%)

89% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 85%)

94% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 91%)

86% of students say that teachers treat them with respect (City: 88%)

**Additional Information:** This report provides a summary of school information; to learn more, parents are encouraged to review the resources listed below and speak with members of the school community. For an explanation of this document, see the [Family Guide](#).

- School Quality Guide, including NYC School Survey: [tools.nycenet.edu/guide/2017/#dbn=07X259&report\\_type=HS](http://tools.nycenet.edu/guide/2017/#dbn=07X259&report_type=HS)
- Quality Review: [schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/Quality\\_Review\\_2015\\_X259.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/Quality_Review_2015_X259.pdf)
- NYC School Finder: [schoolfinder.nyc.gov/#/schools/07X259](http://schoolfinder.nyc.gov/#/schools/07X259)
- School Performance Dashboard: [tools.nycenet.edu/dashboard/#dbn=07X259&report\\_type=HS](http://tools.nycenet.edu/dashboard/#dbn=07X259&report_type=HS)