

The FAFSA Completion Project, Year Two: A Tale of Two Schools

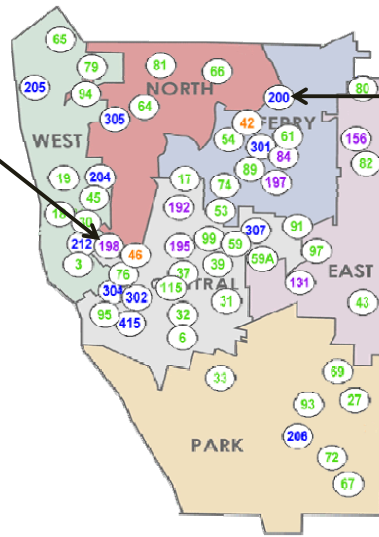
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International Prep



- 1913: Originally constructed as home to Buffalo State College
- 1930: Grover Cleveland High School formed as a school serving the Lower West Side of Buffalo
- 1959: Building renovated
- 1970s: Designated as the school to serve foreign language-speaking students within the City of Buffalo
- 2007: Began housing two schools, Grover Cleveland High School, and the International Preparatory School
- 2010: Close to new students due to low test scores
- 2011/13: Building renovated
- 2013: Building reopened as International Preparatory School and the new STAR Academy
- Grades 5-12: 431 students
- 35 countries
- 40 languages



Bennett High School



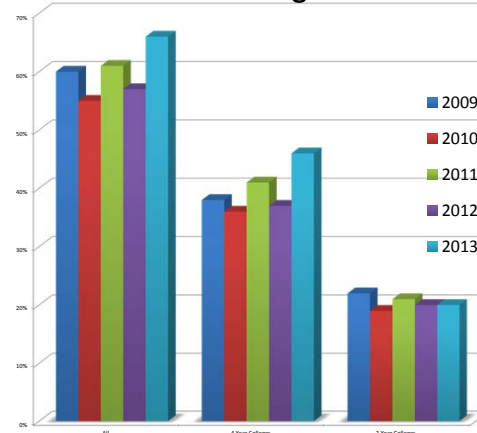
- 1920s: Built; site of All High Stadium
- Exam/ Magnet school with three College Prep programs: Academy of International Law, Business, and Computers
- 2005: Building renovated
- 2010: Part of Buffalo Promise Neighborhood
- 2010: Declared a "priority" school, for failing to meet State Education Standards
- 2013: Dr. Terry Ross hired as turn-around specialist
- 2014: Controversies and continued poor performance lead to discussions of closing school and reopening it on a different basis
- Grades 9-12: 848 students

More Buffalo Students Headed* to College

	Total Enrollment	Attendance %	Academic Achievement %	English Proficiency %	Math Proficiency %	College Readiness Index	Graduation Rate
International Preparatory School of Grover Cleveland	121	92%	91%	92%	93%	9/10	Unranked
Bennett High School	840	79%	78%	74%	80%	9/10	100% of
City Schools School	887	36%	28%	27%	28%	70.8%	112/140
High School Central Technical High School	1009	66%	66%	66%	66%	17.2%	10/10
Laurelton Park High School	384	32%	20%	20%	20%	9/10	100%

Source: U.S. News & World Report, Report on Best High Schools

The Undergraduate Academies have been involved with "Say Yes" since Fall 2013, and it is in our best interest to help the students of the Buffalo Public Schools take their next step into higher education.



Source: The National Student Clearinghouse

Say Yes Buffalo is a landmark collaboration that brings the community of the Buffalo Public School District together with the shared vision of every student successfully proceeding to college when given the support, resources, and opportunities.

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