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BRILLA SCHOOLS NETWORK: 2017-18 RESULTS



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Public Charter Schools



In 2017-18, Seton Education Partners expanded its pioneering public charter school, Brilla, to two additional campuses—Brilla’s first middle school and Brilla’s second elementary school (Brilla Veritas). Growth did not impede success. Since its founding in 2013, Brilla has consistently achieved academic growth results that match or beat the most acclaimed charter schools—and 2017-18 was no different.

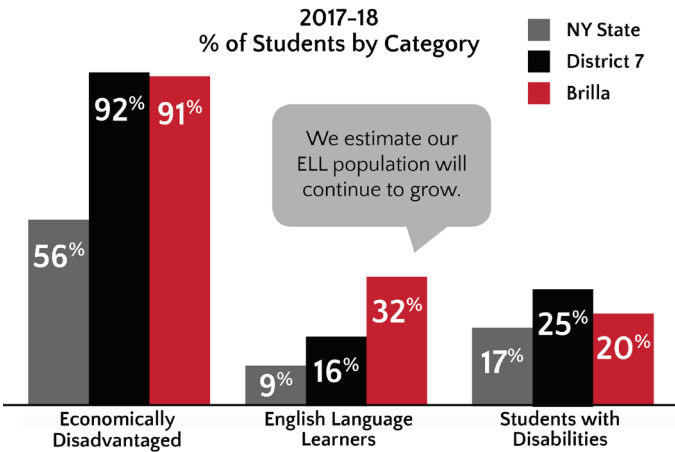
Brilla, which means “shine” in Spanish, was founded in response to the shuttering of 60+ Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York. Brilla pairs a secular charter school of virtue with El Camino, an optional, privately operated afterschool Catholic faith formation program. Together with El Camino, Brilla schools seek to educate the whole child—mind, body and soul—bridging the best of classical education with modern 21st century technology.

1. Are we serving the children who need us most? Yes.

Brilla is located in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the South Bronx, one of the nation’s poorest congressional districts. Brilla served 649 students during the 2017-18 school year. **73% of students were Latino, 25% were African-American, and 91% qualified for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program.** Brilla also served an especially high number of English Language Learners and students with special needs. Below are statistics about our community and the special populations we served.

| Mott Haven (Zip Code 10454) | |
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| Residents who speak English at home | 35% |
| Foreign born population | 26% |
| Median household income | \$20,232 |
| Less than high school education | 45% |
| High school or equivalent | 27% |
| BA degree or higher | 9% |
| Children living in poverty | 59% |
| Children living in poverty in female led households | 71% |

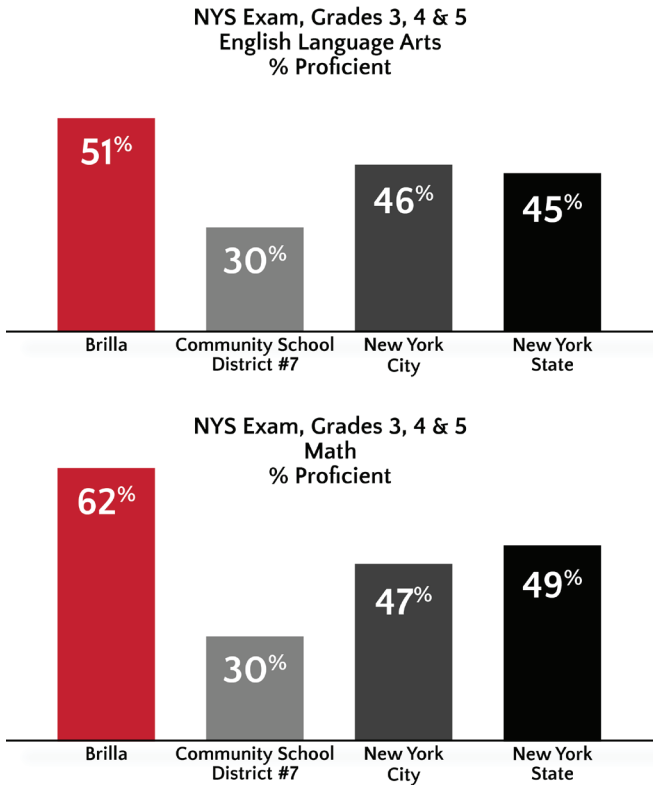
Data from the 2010 Census and the 2013 American Community Survey, an annual report produced by the US Census Bureau.



FOUNDED: 2013
NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 780
NUMBER OF CAMPUSES: 3
GRADES SERVED: K-6
HISPANIC OR LATINO: 73%
BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 25%

2. How did student academic proficiency on the state tests compare to the district, city and state?

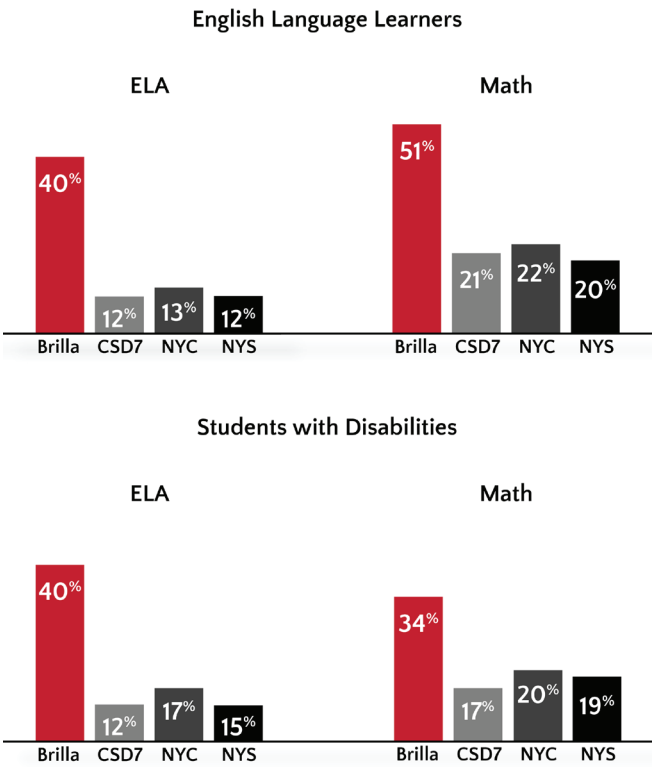
Brilla continued to outperform New York State, New York City, and our local Community School District #7 on the state English Language Arts (ELA) and math proficiency tests. 51% of students scored proficient in ELA, and 62% scored proficient in math.



BRILLA STUDENTS OUTPERFORMED NEW YORK STATE STUDENTS BY 13 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN MATH AND 6 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN ELA.

3. How did special student populations perform on the state tests compared to their peers in the district, city and state?

Brilla students with disabilities and English Language Learners surpassed their peers in the district (CSD7), city and state in both English Language Arts (ELA) and math.

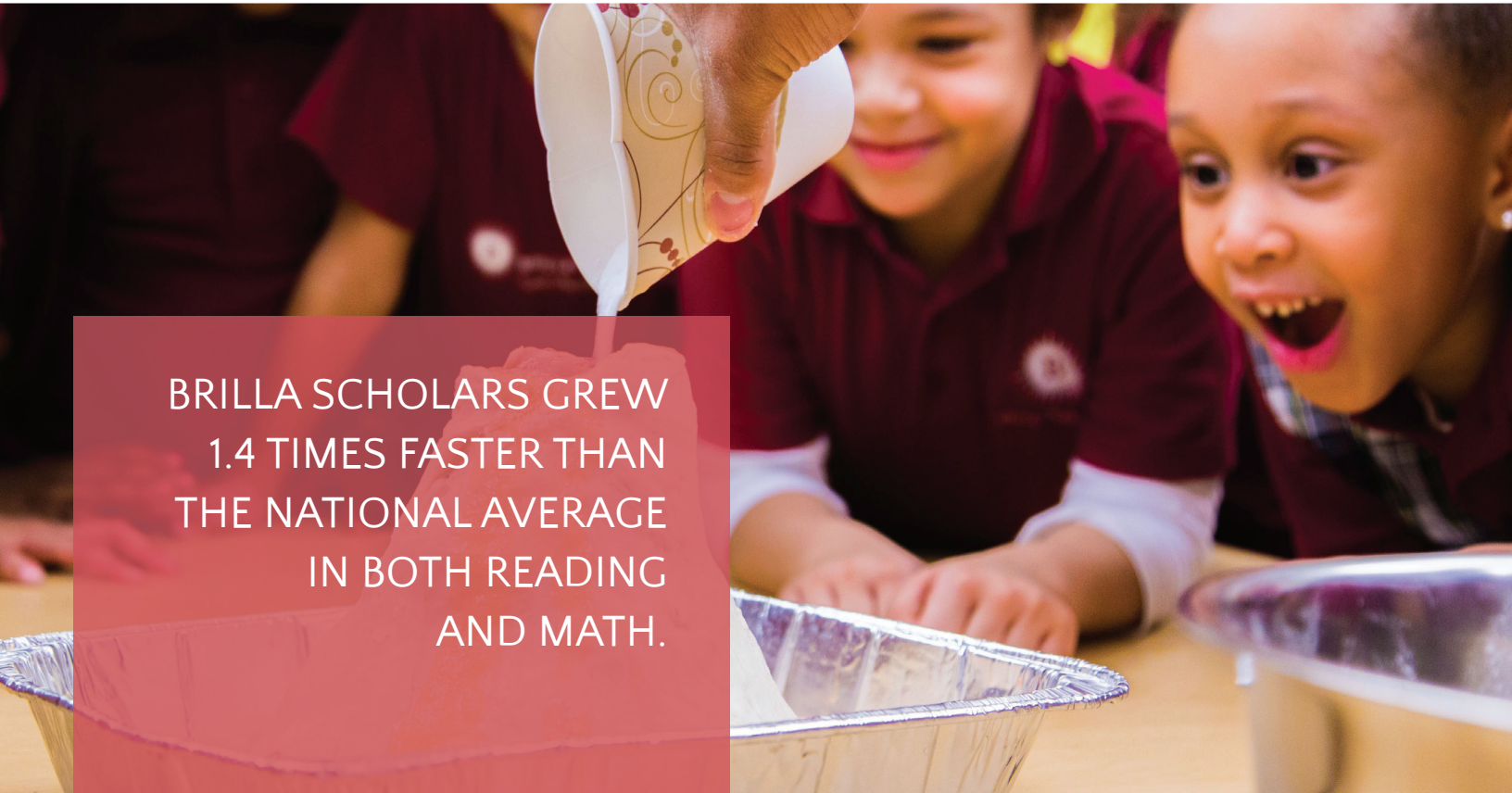


4. How did academic proficiency compare to similar schools?

In math, Brilla was the fourth highest performing school out of all New York state elementary schools serving a similar composition of children (based on percent of children who have special needs, are English Language Learners, are Hispanic and are low-income). In ELA, Brilla was the 10th highest performing school out of 114 comparable schools. Only one other charter school in the state with a demographic grouping comparable to Brilla's was in the top quartile of performance.

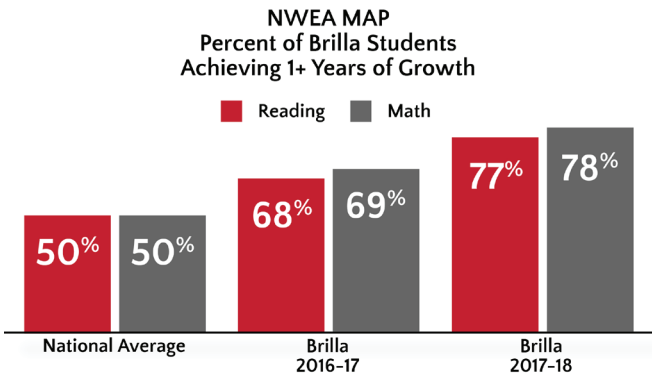
| Performance Relative to Comparable Schools | 10 of 114 | | 4 of 114 | | | |
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| | 17-18 ELA Proficiency | 17-18 Math Proficiency | Hispanic 50%+ | SPED 15%+ | ELL 20%+ | Poverty 85%+ |
| P.S. 172 Beacon School of Excellence | 95% | 100% | 76% | 28% | 24% | 87% |
| The Walton Avenue School | 69% | 94% | 78% | 22% | 20% | 96% |
| P.S./I.S. 210 21st Century Academy | 54% | 72% | 97% | 22% | 36% | 92% |
| Brilla College Prep Charter School | 51% | 62% | 73% | 19% | 26% | 90% |
| P.S. 131 Brooklyn | 52% | 59% | 55% | 18% | 37% | 85% |
| Wave Preparatory Elementary School | 54% | 59% | 58% | 18% | 21% | 88% |
| Learners and Leaders | 52% | 57% | 78% | 24% | 21% | 87% |
| The Equity Project Charter School (TEP) | 40% | 56% | 95% | 21% | 28% | 91% |
| P.S. 110 | 36% | 53% | 91% | 17% | 40% | 93% |
| Mount Eden Children's Academy | 41% | 53% | 78% | 16% | 28% | 88% |
| P.S. 029 Queens | 54% | 52% | 62% | 16% | 28% | 88% |
| East Elmhurst Community School | 56% | 51% | 86% | 18% | 47% | 93% |
| P.S. 066 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis | 53% | 51% | 65% | 26% | 27% | 87% |
| P.S. 097 Forest Park | 51% | 50% | 72% | 17% | 23% | 88% |
| P.S. Basheer Quisim | 36% | 47% | 67% | 15% | 30% | 91% |
| P.S. Horace Mann | 44% | 47% | 55% | 17% | 22% | 91% |
| P.S. 008 Luis Belliard | 26% | 46% | 96% | 20% | 38% | 97% |
| Pioneer Academy | 32% | 44% | 95% | 22% | 39% | 97% |
| Lucero Elementary | 38% | 43% | 91% | 23% | 50% | 98% |
| P.S. 503 The School of Discovery | 30% | 43% | 73% | 22% | 59% | 96% |

BRILLA SCHOLARS GREW 1.4 TIMES FASTER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN BOTH READING AND MATH.



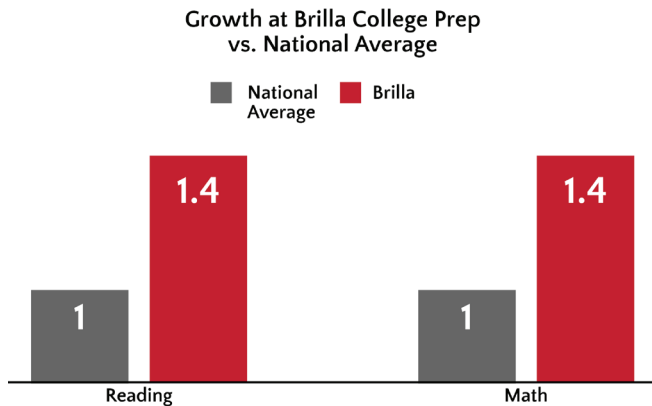
5. How did student academic growth compare to the national average?

In our fifth year, Brilla scholars continued to make tremendous academic gains. Students take the nationally normed Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) assessment, which allows schools to compare student growth to grade-level peers across state lines. NWEA MAP monitors student growth in the fall, winter and spring. According to NWEA norms, only 50% of students are expected to meet their individual growth targets. In 2017-18, 77% of students at Brilla made one or more years of progress in reading, while 78% made one or more years of progress in math. **These results are on par with or outpace the results of many high-performing charter networks. What is especially remarkable is that these results surpassed the previous year's already strong results, despite being a year during which Brilla launched two new schools.**



6. Is this more growth than individual students would typically achieve? **Yes.**

Schools should be expected to deliver one year of academic progress for each year a student is in school. On NWEA MAP, only 50% of students meet this goal. **Brilla scholars grew 1.4 times faster than the national average in both reading and math.** This accelerated growth helps eliminate the achievement gap between our students and their more affluent peers.



Other Ways Brilla Shines

Attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences:

100% since founding

School Culture Events:

20+ per year

Student Attendance:

95%

Number of Expulsions:

0 since founding

Number of Suspensions:

11 occurrences

Satisfied or Highly Satisfied Parents:

95%

