

**BRILLA**

Schools Network

An Initiative of  
Seton Education Partners

## BRILLA SCHOOLS NETWORK: 2018-19 RESULTS



In 2018-19, Seton Education Partners expanded its pioneering public charter school, Brilla, to additional grades. 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 2018-19 was no different.

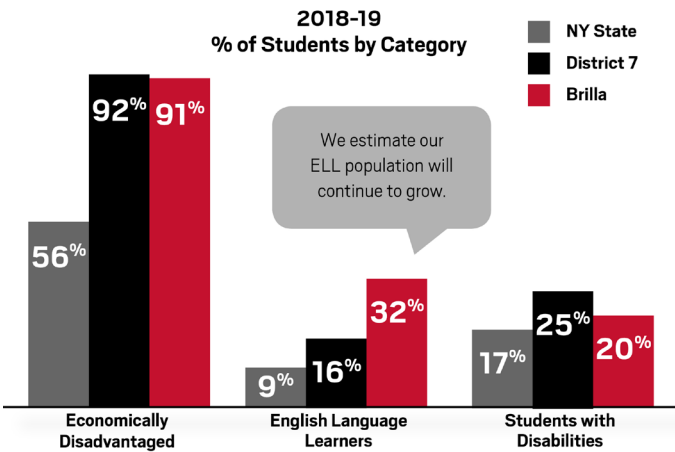
Brilla, which means “shine” in Spanish, was founded in response to the shuttering of 60+ Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York. Brilla pairs a secular charter school of virtue with El Camino, an optional, privately operated afterschool Catholic faith formation program. Together with El Camino, 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 730 students during the 2018-19 school year. **72% of students were Latino, 26% 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)	
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%

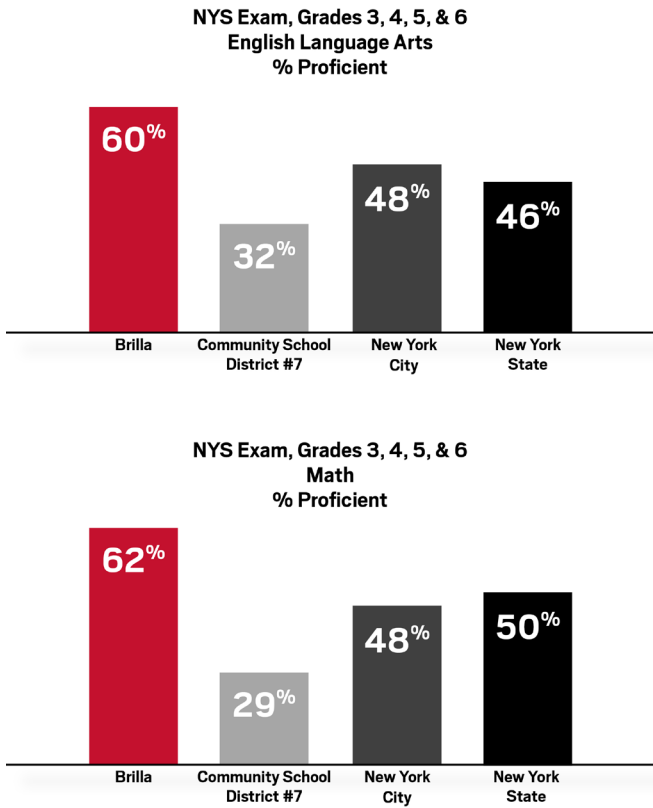
Data from the 2010 Census and the 2013 American Community Survey, an annual report produced by the US Census Bureau.



FOUNDED: **2013**  
 NUMBER OF STUDENTS: **730**  
 NUMBER OF CAMPUSES: **3**  
 GRADES SERVED: **K-6**  
 HISPANIC OR LATINO: **72%**  
 BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN: **26%**

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

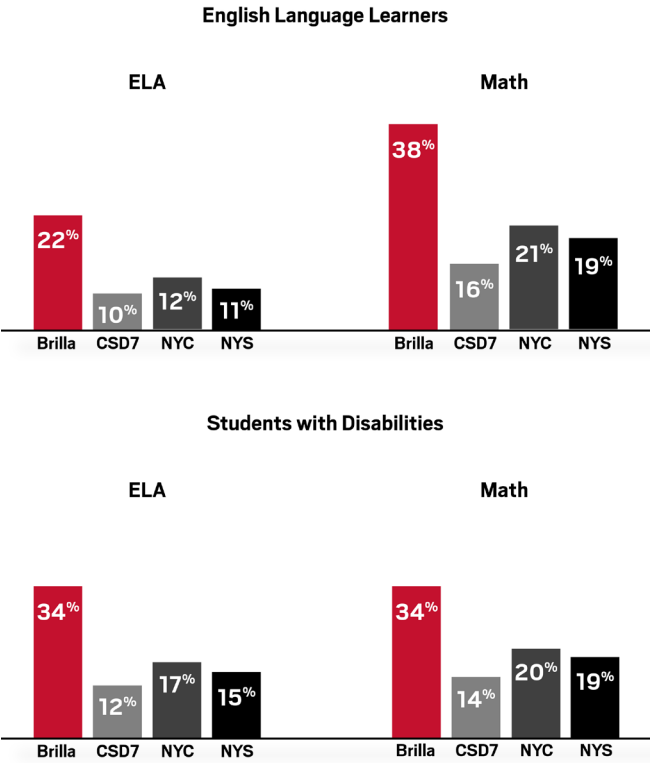
Brilla continued to outperform New York State, New York City, and our local Community School District #7 on the state English Language Arts (ELA) and math proficiency tests. 60% of students scored proficient in ELA, and 62% scored proficient in math.



BRILLA STUDENTS OUTPERFORMED NEW YORK STATE STUDENTS BY **12 PERCENTAGE POINTS** IN MATH AND **14 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 both ELA and math, Brilla was the third 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).

Performance Relative to Comparable Schools					
	3 of 103	Hispanic (Not filtered)	SPED 15%+	ELL 20%+	Poverty 85%+
	18-19 ELA Proficiency				
The Walton Avenue School	74%	81%	23%	23%	93%
P.S. 002 Meyer London	65%	15%	23%	32%	93%
Brilla College Prep Charter School	60%	74%	21%	21%	89%
P.S. 131 Brooklyn	54%	55%	19%	31%	85%
P.S. 192 - The Magnet School for Math & Science	53%	47%	22%	27%	80%
P.S./I.S. 210 - Twenty-first Century Academy	52%	98%	22%	38%	93%
P.S. 189	44%	95%	20%	24%	93%
The Bilingual Bicultural School	44%	94%	28%	31%	96%
The Dr. Emmett W. Bassett School	42%	46%	16%	28%	83%
P.S. 153 Adam Clayton Powell	42%	75%	16%	30%	90%
Bedford Park Elementary School	42%	67%	15%	28%	87%
P.S. 086 Kingsbridge Heights	40%	89%	20%	31%	87%
P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim	40%	66%	23%	33%	91%
P.S. 290 Juan Morel Campos	40%	74%	23%	21%	95%
Mount Eden Children's Academy	39%	79%	16%	21%	93%
P.S. 205 Fiorello LaGuardia	39%	80%	22%	24%	89%
P.S. 110	38%	91%	17%	42%	91%
P.S. 086 The Irvington	38%	95%	24%	27%	96%
Lucero Elementary School	38%	91%	15%	45%	917%
P.S. 506: The School of Journalism & Technology	38%	64%	16%	33%	93%
P.S. 291	38%	92%	19%	29%	100%
Helen M. Marshall School	37%	89%	29%	30%	93%
P.S. 048 P.O. Michael J. Buczek	37%	92%	20%	32%	92%
Grant Avenue Elementary School	37%	63%	32%	24%	94%
P.S. 9 Ryer Avenue Elementary School	37%	81%	26%	32%	92%
P.S. 179	37%	82%	26%	22%	95%

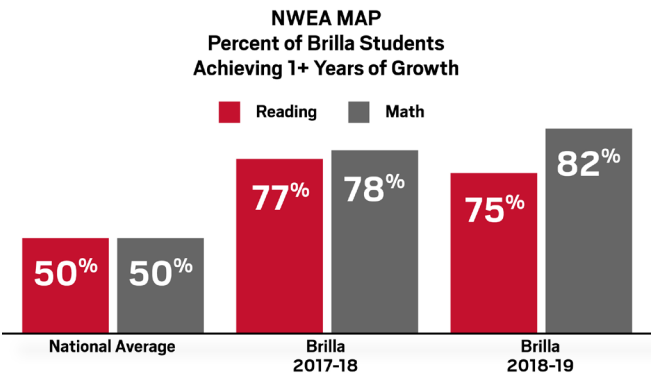
BRILLA SCHOLARS GREW  
1.5 TIMES FASTER THAN  
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN  
BOTH READING AND MATH.

Performance Relative to Comparable Schools					
	3 of 103	Hispanic (Not filtered)	SPED 15%+	ELL 20%+	Poverty 85%+
	18-19 Math Proficiency				
The Walton Avenue School	90%	81%	23%	23%	93%
P.S. 002 Meyer London	73%	15%	23%	32%	93%
Brilla College Prep Charter School	62%	74%	21%	21%	89%
P.S. 131 Brooklyn	60%	55%	19%	31%	85%
P.S. 192 - The Magnet School for Math & Science	55%	47%	22%	27%	80%
P.S./I.S. 210 - Twenty-first Century Academy	55%	98%	22%	38%	93%
P.S. 189	52%	79%	16%	21%	93%
The Bilingual Bicultural School	48%	33%	17%	46%	91%
The Dr. Emmett W. Bassett School	47%	91%	19%	42%	91%
P.S. 153 Adam Clayton Powell	46%	89%	26%	29%	87%
Bedford Park Elementary School	46%	89%	20%	31%	87%
P.S. 086 Kingsbridge Heights	46%	96%	20%	37%	97%
P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim	46%	95%	23%	38%	95%
P.S. 290 Juan Morel Campos	46%	74%	23%	21%	95%
Mount Eden Children's Academy	45%	46%	16%	28%	83%
P.S. 205 Fiorello LaGuardia	45%	91%	22%	45%	97%
P.S. 110	45%	24%	17%	41%	82%
P.S. 086 The Irvington	45%	75%	24%	55%	95%
Lucero Elementary School	45%	66%	15%	33%	91%
P.S. 506: The School of Journalism & Technology	43%	75%	16%	30%	90%
P.S. 291	43%	64%	19%	33%	93%
Helen M. Marshall School	43%	81%	29%	38%	91%
P.S. 048 P.O. Michael J. Buczek	41%	95%	20%	24%	93%
Grant Avenue Elementary School	41%	82%	32%	33%	97%
P.S. 9 Ryer Avenue Elementary School	39%	68%	26%	29%	92%
P.S. 179	39%	95%	26%	27%	96%



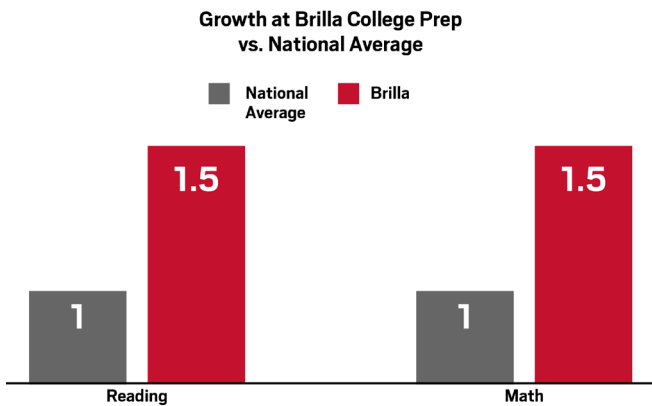
5. How did student academic growth compare to the national average?

In our sixth 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 2018-19, 75% of students at Brilla made one or more years of progress in reading, while 82% made one or more years of progress in math. **These results outpace the results of many high-performing charter networks.**



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 1.5 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.



State exam results are a testament to the tireless effort of our families, teachers, and administrators who are committed to preparing our students for excellence in high school, college, and beyond. We know, however, that this task requires more than robust academic training. It requires educating the whole child: body, mind, and spirit. To that end, in addition to **academic** results, we also track the **character** formation of our students and the strength of our **classical** program. Based on an end-of-year survey, over 70% of our parents report that their children repeatedly demonstrate behavior in line with our four core virtues and related sub-virtues. When our current 7th graders reach the end of their 8th grade studies, we plan to evaluate their understanding of the three transcendentals—Truth, Goodness and Beauty—that underpin our classical program.

OVER 70% OF OUR PARENTS REPORT THAT THEIR CHILDREN REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATE BEHAVIOR IN LINE WITH OUR FOUR CORE VIRTUES AND RELATED SUB-VIRTUES.

## 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

### Satisfied or Highly Satisfied Parents:

95%



**BRILLA**

Schools Network

An Initiative of  
Seton Education Partners