YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE

2015-2016 GUIDE TO CHOOSING A NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOL
DEAR FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE,

Congratulations! Now that you’ve reached the 8th grade, you’re ready to begin one of the most important journeys of your life — the path to choosing a high school.

We know that choosing a high school can be challenging and sometimes overwhelming, but the process is all about you! This is an opportunity to handpick which schools really cater to your hobbies, passions and interests and best represent you. The high school selection and enrollment process is all about your voice and your choice!

This guide is designed to help you and your family navigate the selection and enrollment process, explore your interests and learn more about schools that may be right for you.

New Visions for Public Schools is a nonprofit organization that, since 1989, has helped to make public schools in NYC great places for you to learn, grow and become the best that you can be. Currently New Visions partners with 77 public district and charter high schools across the five boroughs, providing support in various ways to make sure that students, just like you, get the attention they need to succeed and move on to college and the workplace.

Choosing your high school is an important step! Make the most of the 8th grade by asking lots of questions, attending the high school fairs, visiting schools during Open Houses and speaking with your guidance counselor and other adults in your school. The more you know, the more options you will have.

Admissions methods vary by program and school. Some schools require students to take special tests. Other schools give preference to students who attend an Open House or other recruitment event. To see the full list of admissions methods, see page 5 in the 2016 New York City High School Directory.

All schools are required to offer special education services and special services for students who are still learning English. Consult the NYC Department of Education’s website for additional information: schools.nyc.gov/Academics/SpecialEducation and schools.nyc.gov/Academics/ELL.

Additional information on each school and a comprehensive list of all offerings can be found in the 2016 New York City High School Directory published by the NYC Department of Education.
All 77 New Visions schools appear in this guide, grouped by category (SMALL SCHOOLS, LARGE SCHOOLS, 6-12 SCHOOLS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND TRANSFER SCHOOLS). The icons listed on this page will help you identify some of the programs that each school offers, including arts, community service, health professions and even CTE (career and technical education). You’ll also find schools listed as screened or selective, which means admission is based on middle school grades and standardized test scores. Look out for these icons at the top of each school profile, but also be sure to read the profiles closely to learn more about the schools that interest you.

**HOW DO I USE THE GUIDE?**

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**CTE SCHOOL**
Career & technical education programs offer job training toward a Regents diploma for information technology, health care and trades such as automotive maintenance and construction.

**SCRENNED SCHOOL**
Admission to screened schools is based on academics, audition, attendance and/or other assessments.

**ARTS PROGRAMS**
These schools offer programs in media arts, the performing arts, visual art and/or design.

**STEM FOCUS**
Schools with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education integrate these important core subjects to help students compete in a 21st-century global economy.

**USE OUR ONLINE FIND-A-SCHOOL TOOL**
Want to find schools near you that offer programs you like? Check out our online Find-a-School tool! Our interactive web tool will give you information about the school’s programs, sports activities and open house dates and will even tell you the best way to travel to school from your home!

Visit www.newvisions.org/choices to use our tool!

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The Bronx

ALFRED E. SMITH CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION HS
TOTAL STUDENTS: 430
PRINCIPAL: Evan Schwartz

- PSAL sports
- Uniform school
- Screened school
- CTE school
- Arts programs
- STEM focus

Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School aims to provide students with a stellar, integrated instructional program, resulting in a Regents or an Advanced Regents CTE Diploma, both of which are recognized by universities and major corporations, nationwide. Through our NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) affiliation and our ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified teachers, we offer students solid preparation for college and training for employment in automotive trades, collision repair and refinishing. Students work in paid internships with major automotive companies and dealerships such as BMW, Toyota, etc. In our certified graphic arts program, students use our state-of-the-art MAC lab, learn 3D printing and work in paid internships.

- 333 East 151st Street, Bronx, NY 10451
- (718) 993-5000
- 07X600@schools.nyc.gov
- www.aesmithhs.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Sign in at one of the city’s high school fairs or visit one of our Open Houses. For more information about admission, contact the school.

ASTOR COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
TOTAL STUDENTS: 463
PRINCIPAL: Sandra Burgos

- PSAL sports
- Dress code
- Community service
- STEM focus
- College Now

Astor Collegiate Academy (ACA) is focused on science, mathematics and preparing students for college. Freshmen participate in our Summer STEM and Early College Awareness program, University of Vermont hosts an annual overnight college tour for 30 ACA students, and a week-long College 101 course helps rising seniors finalize their college admissions. Through our Advanced Placement courses students may earn up to 18 college credits and must take science and math each year as well as complete 75 hours of community service. Our partnerships include Albert Einstein Medical Center’s Einstein Enrichment Program, College Now at Lehman College and Hostos Community College’s Astronomy course. ACA has had multiple Posse winners, the latest earning a full scholarship to DePaul University, as of 2014.

- 925 Astor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469
- (718) 944-3418
- sburgos3@schools.nyc.gov
- www.astorcollegiate.com

HOW DO I APPLY?
Sign in at an Open House (contact the school for dates and times), attend a Bronx High School Fair or schedule a “Spend an hour with the Bull” by contacting the guidance department at (718) 944-3418.

BELMONT PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
TOTAL STUDENTS: 446
PRINCIPAL: Stephen Gumbs

- PSAL sports
- Uniform school
- Screened school
- Foreign language
- College Now

Belmont Preparatory High School was founded in 2002 as a high school for academically talented students throughout the community. The curriculum is based in the humanities and uses an interdisciplinary approach to infuse language arts throughout the curriculum so that students are truly college- and career-ready upon graduation. Belmont Prep has a 15:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and students can earn up to 12 college credits in their junior and senior years in the College Now program. Excursions and field trips—including trips to New England; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; and Rome, Italy—take place annually.

- 500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458
- (718) 733-8100
- sgumbs2@schools.nyc.gov
- www.belmontprephs.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Bellmont Prep has a 15:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and students can earn up to 12 college credits in their junior and senior years in the College Now program. Excursions and field trips—including trips to New England; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; and Rome, Italy—take place annually.

BRONX ACADEMY OF HEALTH CAREERS
TOTAL STUDENTS: 470
PRINCIPAL: Dawn Santiago

- PSAL sports
- Dress code
- STEM focus
- Health professions
- College Now

Bronx Academy of Health Careers (BAHC) provides all students with a rigorous and challenging academic program focusing on science and math for all four years, with the goal of achieving an Advanced Regents Diploma and entry into four-year institutions. Our college partnerships allow students the opportunity to earn up to 12 college credits, taking college-level and credit-bearing courses. Our students are also exposed to a variety of health professions beginning in the 9th grade. We partner with organizations like the New York City Commission on Human Rights, which certifies and trains students to become peer mediators who assist in settling student disputes. Upon graduation, our students have become critical and independent thinkers that are ready to pursue careers in the health professions.

- 800 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY 10467
- (718) 696-3340
- dsantiago3@schools.nyc.gov
- www.newvisions.org/schools/entry/11X290

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to Bronx residents who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Bronx residents and then to NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

BRONX CENTER FOR SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS
TOTAL STUDENTS: 466
PRINCIPAL: Edward Tom

- PSAL sports
- Uniform school
- STEM focus

The Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics (BCSM) offers a challenging academic program with a concentration in science and mathematics, supported by the study of humanities and the integration of technology across the curriculum. We offer a number of opportunities for students, including summer enrichment through our partnerships with colleges and universities across the nation, a student mentorship program for new students, and evening school and summer institute for credit recovery.

- 1363 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456
- (718) 992-7089
- etom2@schools.nyc.gov
- www.newvisions.org/schools/entry/09X260
How Do I Apply?

Priority is given to Bronx students or residents who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy (BETA) is designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge necessary to solve real-world problems through the lens of engineering. BETA’s rigorous curriculum prepares students to become technologically literate citizens. We are committed to teaching our students how to learn and think as engineers and rediscover the wonder and joy of learning. We are recognized as a National Academy School and require that all students complete four years of math, technology/engineering and science. BETA offers day trips to the Manhattan College campus to expose students to the college experience.

How Do I Apply?

Priority is given to Bronx students or residents who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

We strive to produce mature, well-educated, lifelong learners. Our learning community is committed to helping all students become critical and independent thinkers, who make wise and socially responsible decisions that benefit themselves and the community. We offer Advanced Placement and honors-level courses, and students compete in mock trial and moot court competitions under the guidance of our partner law firm, Hogan and Lovells.

“Everything changed for me at Astor. The small, supportive environment helped me learn to express myself and to be confident in who I am.

I am a resilient, dedicated leader because of Astor.”

Fatima

Astor Collegiate Academy, Class of 2015
to internships, mentoring and fieldwork to enrich student learning. Outside of the classroom, our students not only have access to all the clubs and activities that Law and Finance offers (Chess Club, Mock Trial Team, Moot Court Team, Student Government and more), but they are also able to fully participate in all the junior varsity and varsity teams on the Kennedy Campus.

Priority is given to Bronx students or residents who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to all NYC residents. Priority is given to students who attend our Open House. Please contact the school for Open House information.

### Bronx Theatre High School

TOTAL STUDENTS: 451  
PRINCIPAL: William J. Doyle

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Bronx Theatre offers students the opportunity to take a rigorous and creative course load, preparing them for the competitive college application process and cultivating their vibrant artistic portfolios. Students earn a fully accredited Regents Diploma, taking mandatory theatre arts courses in grades 9-12, with the option of taking the Arts exam in grade 12 for the CTE Arts endorsement. Additionally, all students participate in extended day program and student summer orientation. We consider our students artists-at-work, offering them classes in dance, set design, costume design, acting and theatre business. Students have opportunities to see free Broadway plays, work alongside professional actors, directors, technicians and other artists, and participate in student production workshops and other internships through Roundabout Theatre Company.

Priority is given to Bronx students or residents who sign in at an information session and then to NYC residents — strong aptitude for the visual and performing arts is a must.

### High School for Contemporary Arts

TOTAL STUDENTS: 497  
PRINCIPAL: Tina Rodriguez-Gonzalez

High School for Contemporary Arts (HSCA) is a collaborative learning community that combines a challenging curriculum, drawing connections between the humanities, science, math and the arts with an intensive training program in the arts. We use state-of-the-art, 21st-century media technology. Our arts studios bring together study in the traditional arts (dance, theatre, fine arts and music) with study in the contemporary arts (film, video/sound production, multimedia, graphic design, and animation). Through our partnerships, our students have the opportunity to participate in special programs, performances, exhibitions, mentorships and internships, preparing them for a thriving future in the arts. HSCA also offers opportunities for students to participate in College Now in order to earn credits toward college.

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(718) 944-5610  
trodiguezgonzalez@schools.nyc.gov  
www.newvisions.org/schools.entry/11X544

### Knowledge & Power Preparatory Academy

TOTAL STUDENTS: 460  
PRINCIPAL: Panorea Panagiosoulis

Knowledge and Power Preparatory Academy (KAPPA) International High School seeks to inspire and empower scholars to become lifelong learners, well equipped for the challenges of college and prepared to participate as compassionate citizens in the ever-expanding global community. With a 15:1 student-teacher ratio and extended day program (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), KAPPA has a curriculum with a strong focus on experiential learning, including international travel. We are one of only seven public schools in New York City to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program—a demanding and internationally recognized program that allows students to earn up to one year of college credit. We encourage all students to participate in the program.

500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458  
(718) 933-1247  
ppanagi@schools.nyc.gov  
www.kappainternational.org

### How Do I Apply?

Priority is given to NYC residents who attend an information session and then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.
Students at Morris Academy for Collaborative Studies (MACS) are involved in their own learning process, becoming self-motivated, creative problem-solvers who can meet the challenges of college and career. We provide meaningful education through project-based learning—group work on projects that are important and relevant to students. Twice a year, students compete by presenting projects to the school community, on topics ranging from building cities with mathematics to designing magazines around current world issues. As part of the Mayor and Chancellor’s Community Schools Initiative, we believe that community support leads to student success. MACS has extracurricular activities, after-school clubs and increased academic support through partnerships with local colleges, community organizations, reading groups and the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC).

1110 Boston Road, Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 617-5312
mmazaroppp2@schools.nyc.gov
www.macss297.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Priority is given to Bronx students or residents who sign in at an information session, then to NYC residents who sign in at an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please call our parent coordinator, Danielle Pattillo, at (718) 617-5312, ext. 2113.

MOTT HALL BRONX HIGH SCHOOL
TOTAL STUDENTS: 385
PRINCIPAL: Kathryn Malloy

Mott Hall Bronx High School is a small college-prep high school whose mission is to prepare students for college using a liberal arts curriculum and empower them personally and academically to succeed in an ever-changing world. We hold students to high expectations inside and outside of the classroom. We have an open-access International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, a demanding and internationally recognized program that allows students to earn up to one year of college credit. We believe it takes more than academics to be ready for college and provide students with opportunities to travel abroad to places such as Africa and India. Students also commit to spending time locally, working on community service projects several times a year.

1595 Bathgate Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457
(718) 466-6800
info@mhbx.org
www.mhbx.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

WORLD VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
TOTAL STUDENTS: 300
PRINCIPAL: Martin Hernandez

World View High School’s academic program prepares students for college, career and exemplary citizenship. Our rigorous project-based learning curriculum focuses on mathematics, science and social justice. Our Early College (Honors) and Transitional Bilingual (TBE) programs help students complete graduation requirements and become fluent in English by 11th grade. Our wide range of academic support and services includes College Now, 4-8 college trips each year and personalized guidance coordinated between teacher-mentors and our dedicated Family College Office. At World View, students work hard and play hard with extracurricular activities, including over 25 PSAL sports teams, Lunch & Learn, before and after-school tutoring and clubs in many areas of interest.

100 W. Mosholu Parkway S., Bronx, NY 10468
(718) 601-0391
info@worldviewhs.org
www.worldviewhs.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Priority is given to Bronx residents who sign in at an information session and then to NYC residents who sign in at an information session. Please contact the Guidance Office for more information.

ACADEMY OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY
TOTAL STUDENTS: 440
PRINCIPAL: Cynthia Fowlkes

At Academy of Innovative Technology (Aoit), we prepare all students to enter college and employment after four years of a multidisciplinary curriculum integrating challenging academics with up-to-the-minute technology. We continue to support our students after they graduate through networking, alumni support groups and e-conferences. Students graduate from AOIT with official certifications in several information technology (IT) applications of state-of-the-art technology. We offer three-year sequences for gaming, web design and applications programming, and the National Academy Foundation provides college courses, job-readiness workshops and internships.

999 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208
(718) 827-2469
aoiths@gmail.com
www.aoiths.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Priority is given to Brooklyn residents who attend an information session and then to all NYC residents who attend an information session. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

Brooklyn Academy of Health Careers
TOTAL STUDENTS: 347
PRINCIPAL: Deonne Martin

The mission of the Academy for Health Careers (AHC) is to ensure that every student develops a strong foundation in health studies, science, leadership, communication and other competencies that are essential for careers in the health care services industry. Our school offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in health careers as well as after-school and peer tutoring.

150 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-0128
dmartin8@schools.nyc.gov
www.academyforhealthcareers.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Priority is given to NYC residents who attend an information session and then to all NYC residents who attend an information session. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

Brooklyn Academy of Science & The Environment
TOTAL STUDENTS: 513
PRINCIPAL: Veronica Peterson

Brooklyn Academy of Science and the Environment (BASE) is a small Brooklyn New Century High School. Our mission is
to create an active learning community that addresses the needs of young people while embracing environmental science, environmental justice, urban ecology and science research. Students at BASE experience field studies and project-based learning using local resources like Prospect Park and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 230-6363
jzelkow@schools.nyc.gov
www.BASEhighschool.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to Brooklyn students who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Brooklyn students or residents and then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

At the Brooklyn School for Math and Research (B-Smart), we provide our students with an education that is grounded in mathematics and research and help to cultivate competence, confidence and critical thinking skills, all essential tools for success in college and beyond. All students take three periods of math during the 9th grade and can take advantage of the school’s unique offerings, including Mandarin Chinese or College Now courses at CUNY’s New York City College of Technology during the 11th and 12th grades. Our after-school programs include LEGO robotics class, a swim club and an SAT prep class.

400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
(718) 381-7100
www.bsmartnow.com

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to Brooklyn residents who sign in at an information session and then to all NYC residents who sign in at an information session. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

Brooklyn School for Music & Theatre (BSMT) uses music and theatre throughout challenging academic curricula to prepare students for higher education and for careers in the music and theatre industries. Our Production Studio offers courses in performance and production elements, including Theatre Design and Technology, Musical Theatre, Acting, Vocal Music, Dance, Recording and Video Production, Set and Costume Design, Production Management and Marketing. We also have a partnership with the Roundabout Theatre Company, the largest nonprofit theatre company in New York City, and provide after-school and Saturday classes for Regents preparation and academic enrichment.

How Do I Apply?
An audition is required for performing and visual arts; priority is given to Brooklyn students or residents and then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times. For questions, contact Khalilah Brand at (718) 230-6520, ext. 2113.

Don’t just follow where your friends are going. Choose a high school that fits who you are and who you want to be—that’s the best way to choose a high school.”

NATAKI
HIGH SCHOOL FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, CLASS OF 2015

Frederick Douglass Academy VII (FDA VII) High School is modeled after Frederick Douglass Academy of Harlem. We are committed to providing the necessary skills and knowledge for successful post-secondary experiences. Failure is not an option: we offer multiple opportunities for academic acceleration and remediation. Scholars at FDA VII have the opportunity to take college-level courses and participate in local and out-of-state college tours. Dedicated guidance and college staff support scholars and their families to navigate college admissions, financial aid and the college acceptance process. Scholars may also take the NYS Driver’s Permit Examination onsite and participate in any of the school’s gender-specific empowerment activities for both males and females.

How Do I Apply?
Priority is given to incoming scholars who attend one of our many Open House events or visit our table at a citywide or borough-wide high school fair. We encourage prospective scholars and families to contact our school to...
schedule a visit and tour to meet our staff and scholars.

**HS FOR INNOVATION IN ADVERTISING & MEDIA**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 320  
**PRINCIPAL:** Adalicia Michelsen

Our school enables students to develop academic and social skills necessary to be productive contributors to society. We offer a small and dynamic learning environment, we empower students to make well-informed decisions about their futures. Our advertising and media sequence of study include Graphic Arts, Web Design, Visual Communication, Microsoft PowerPoint and Career & Financial Management courses. Students gain access to advertising industry mentorships and internships during the 11th and 12th grades and can participate in blended learning courses through our partnership with iZone. Students can also earn additional certifications as part of the school’s Microsoft IT Academy and can qualify for advertising-specific college scholarships through completion of the Advertising and Media Program.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

We are a limited unscreened school. We have two Open Houses planned for the fall: Tuesday, November 10, from 5:30–7 p.m., and Saturday, November 15, from 10–11:30 a.m. If you cannot attend an Open House, please call the school and schedule a convenient time to visit the school during the day.

**HS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE: HEROES OF TOMORROW**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 457  
**PRINCIPAL:** Seon Rice

Our school enables students to develop academic and social skills necessary to be productive contributors to society. We offer a small and dynamic learning environment, with many service-learning opportunities, a major component of our school and student life. Students are encouraged to participate in medical and legal internships and complete hands-on community service. Students who complete 200 hours of community service by the end of 11th grade will be inducted into the Archon National Community Service Honor Society.

**600 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203**  
**(718) 756-5325**  
**srice@schools.nyc.gov**  
**www.newvisions.org/schools/entry/17K546**

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Please contact the school for information on the admissions policy. Please contact our guidance counselor, Debora Chan, at dchan6@schools.nyc.gov or our parent coordinator, Eric Ferreira, at eferreira@schools.nyc.gov for Open House dates and times.

**HIGH SCHOOL FOR SERVICE & LEARNING AT ERASMUS**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 456  
**PRINCIPAL:** Peter Fabianski

Our mission at High School for Service & Learning (HSSL) is to provide educational experiences that meet the needs of our diverse student population. We build on the potential of our students through a focus on culture, community and civic agreement. Among the courses offered are personal finance and entrepreneurship, forensic science and AP courses. HSSL has extracurricular activities ranging from African Drum to Fashion and Chess, and academic support includes after-school, lunchtime and Saturday tutoring, as well as SAT and PSAT prep.

**911 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226**  
**(718) 564-2551**  
**pfabianski@schools.nyc.gov**  
**www.hssl.nyc.org**

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Priority is given to Brooklyn students and residents who attend an information session, then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

**KHALIL GIBRAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 250  
**PRINCIPAL:** Winston Hamann

Khalil Gibran International Academy (KGIA) offers students the opportunity to study the Arabic language and culture and to explore careers that require bilingual and multicultural skills such as international business, diplomacy, linguistics, journalism and other related fields. To provide students with international literacy and critical thinking skills necessary for success in the 21st century, KGIA offers an International Baccalaureate (IB) accredited diploma for juniors and seniors. Students receive personalized instruction and support through small class sizes, and every student has access to his/her own laptop. KGIA offers extracurricular activities including Regents prep, homework help, drama, basketball, soccer and access to college courses through the College Now program.

**911 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226**  
**(718) 564-2470**  
**mренде@schools.nyc.gov**  
**www.ycdhs.org**

**HIGH SCHOOL FOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 400  
**PRINCIPAL:** Marie Prendergast

We are a college pathway school designed to prepare all students to thrive in a four-year college and beyond. We offer a wide variety of Advanced Placement courses and provide enriching experiences through our arts/media- and technology-infused curriculum. Students can participate in community service and internship opportunities as well as PSAL sports teams, including our championship-winning football team. YCD students benefit from our partnerships with organizations like Replications, Counseling in Schools, Medgar Evers College and Brooklyn College, which support our college pathway program and help our students graduate with generous academic, STEM and athletic scholarship awards and ongoing support throughout college.

**362 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, NY 11217**  
**(718) 237-2502**  
**m Crossec@schools.nyc.gov**  
**www.khalilgibranhs.org**

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Priority is given to Brooklyn students and NYC residents who attend an information session. For more information about Open Houses and school tours, please call (718) 237-2502.
World Academy for Total Community Health (WATCH) High School is a CTE school, preparing students for a range of health careers, such as nursing, or dental assistance or other careers in the health industry, like IT and administration. Our socially supportive learning environment prepares students to make healthy choices, lead healthy lives and advocate for the total health of their families, communities, nation and, ultimately, their world. Students take four years of math, science and English and may take Advanced Placement classes and college classes through the College Now program. Our programs of study are designed with a variety of professions in mind: health science, community health and the Medical Science Program, where students can shadow surgeons at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

400 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 922-0650
ccchrist2@schools.nyc.gov
www.watchnyc.org

How Do I Apply?
Priority is given to students residing in the geographical catchment area, Brooklyn, or NYC who sign in at an information session. Open sessions are held during the first week of November; dates are posted on the WATCH website. Please contact the parent coordinator at (718) 922-0650, ext. 692, or pwhite11@schools.nyc.gov to RSVP.

MANHATTAN

Academy for Software Engineering

TOTAL STUDENTS: 470
PRINCIPAL: Seung Yu

The Academy for Software Engineering (AFSE) prepares students to design and create the next generation of software and applications. All incoming 9th graders participate in summer orientation, and small academic classes integrate team projects, industry internships with professional mentors from New York City’s tech industry and other real-world, problem-based experiences. By partnering directly with New York City’s technology and entrepreneurial community, students learn advanced computing and problem-solving skills and use cutting-edge equipment to foster innovations that impact their communities and the world at large. Two AFSE students have been recognized by the White House for their award-winning mobile application development.

BREAD & ROSES INTEGRATED ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

TOTAL STUDENTS: 50
PRINCIPAL: Rodney Lofton

Our mission is to educate and develop responsible citizens who demonstrate leadership skills, excellence of character, scholastic achievement and a commitment to community service. Our advisory period for all students helps to foster a personalized and supportive school culture where teachers are assigned eight to ten students, meeting weekly in groups and one-on-one as needed. We expose students to the arts and community service projects and partner with organizations, including Columbia University, Abyssinian Development Corporation and Nkechie’s Project, to support them academically, socially and emotionally. At our career leadership forums, students meet leaders of major corporations and gain opportunities to intern in various industries.

Bread & Roses is no longer accepting new students. For more information, please contact the school.

Business of Sports School

TOTAL STUDENTS: 440
PRINCIPAL: Joshua Solomon

At Business of Sports School (BOSS), we expect our students to learn the fundamentals of business and entrepreneurship to graduate prepared for careers as sports-related business analysts, marketers, entrepre-
At Frank McCourt High School (FMHS), we prepare our students to be articulate and effective communicators in every medium, particularly through their writing, presentations, classroom discussions and peer dialogue. ISM, one of the integrated courses we teach, is a combination of science and math and is co-taught by two teachers who emphasize the relationship between math and science. Humanities is a combination of English and social studies and, likewise, teaches the relationships between the two. Schedules are uniquely designed to help students achieve mastery in different courses at their own pace. This school has a two-credit requirement of internship-related action research, and nontraditional assessments are used to measure student progress, teamwork and group presentations.

FMHS is a screened program. Students must complete a writing assignment and schedule an interview/tour. For the interview, you need to be ready to collaborate with a team and be observed by FMHS students and staff. Information on our interview schedule appears on our website in September.

The Heritage School was founded as a collaboration between the New York City Department of Education and Teachers College, Columbia University. The Heritage School seeks to have its students become respectful citizens and leaders who possess the academic and social skills as well as the habits of mind to be successful in higher education and the world beyond. We partner with Hunter College as part of College Now and in 2013 celebrated the induction of one of our students into the National Honor Society. Students can participate in the 16 PSAL sports, including varsity football.

The mission of the school is to provide a challenging academic program for our students. Students must take all major subjects in all four years, taking the core curriculum in grades 9 and 10 and then selecting courses of study in grades 11 and 12, with the help of department specialists in both English and math.

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**GETTING INTO A NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOL:**

**A STEP-BY-STEP CHECKLIST**

This timeline will help you stay on track as you choose the right high school for you!

**SUMMER BEFORE 8TH GRADE:**
- Sign up for email updates about admissions deadlines and events in your area at nyc.gov/schools/subscribe.
- Attend high school admissions workshops.
- Find out dates for upcoming fall borough- and citywide fairs.
- Prepare for the specialized high school exam.
- Begin to explore your hobbies and interests to determine what schools you might be interested in!

**EARLY SEPTEMBER:**
- Choose your top 12 schools, using resources like this guide and the DOE High School directory.
- Make a list of them, in order of the schools you like the most.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to begin working on your high school applications.

**SEPTEMBER:**
- Register for the specialized high school exam or schedule auditions.
- Attend Open Houses! Contact the schools you are interested in and schedule a visit.
- Attend the citywide high school fair on September 26-27.

**DECEMBER:**
- Work with your guidance counselor to submit your high school applications for the Round 1 deadline on December 1, 2015.

**EARLY SPRING:**
- Find out where you’ve been accepted!

**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER:**
- Attend the borough high school fairs on October 17-18.
- Register for and take the specialized high school exam on October 24-25.
- Continue to attend Open Houses and school visits.

**LATE SPRING:**
- If you are unsatisfied with your placement, appeal!
- In Round 2 of applications, visit your local borough enrollment offices to apply for your neighborhood zoned schools.
- Apply for new schools that will open in September 2016.

All dates are subject to change. For updated information, visit schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Calendar.
of an advisor, who is assigned to each 9th grader and remains with the student for four years. The core curriculum includes a two-year sequence of biology and chemistry, English, math and global studies. We offer Advanced Placement classes as well as language classes in Chinese (Mandarin) and Spanish. All students must complete 20 hours of community service annually.

75 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004
(212) 825-9008
contact@millenniumhs.org
www.millenniumhs.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to students who live in the following ZIP codes: 10002, 10004, 10005, 10006, 10007, 10012, 10013, 10038 or 10280; then to Manhattan students or residents; and then to NYC residents. Please visit our school website for fall tour information. Registration is required; please register at www.millenniumhs.org

NEW DESIGN HIGH SCHOOL
TOTAL STUDENTS: 430
PRINCIPAL: Scott Conti

New Design High School (NDHS) is a small academic high school with a focus on design, located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. NDHS enrolls students in design classes all four years to help meet their academic, intellectual, social, emotional and artistic needs. By integrating the idea, concept and process of design, students participate in an innovative, experiential form of inquiry-based education that is focused on understanding real-world contexts, self-expression and problem solving. NDHS focuses on building strong relationships and creating a nurturing environment for all students, offering students in grades 10-12 weekly individual coaching from staff. NDHS also curates the second-largest graffiti show in New York City each year, called Rooftop Legends, on its roof.

350 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002
(212) 475-4148
info@newdesignhigh.com
www.newdesignhigh.com

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to students and residents of Community School District 1, then to residents of New York City. Please check the New Design High website and blog for tour dates. Tours are typically held each November.

"My school has taught me that if you want something, you should go out and pursue it. Building relationships provides opportunities. Take that initiative. At my school I learned to take the next step."

QUEENS

ACADEMY FOR CAREERS IN TELEVISION & FILM
TOTAL STUDENTS: 510
PRINCIPAL: Edgar Rodriguez

Academy for Careers in Television and Film (TvF) is a small CTE school, preparing students for careers in movie and television production. We are New York City’s most extensive preparation program for careers in television and film production, providing students the opportunity for state-approved and industry-sponsored CTE endorsements. Students learn by working alongside industry professionals with state-of-the-art equipment in TvF’s nonprofit student production company, Next Step Pictures, Inc., producing video content for both corporate and nonprofit clients. Eleventh and 12th graders may earn college credit through AP courses and our College Now program with in-house courses through LaGuardia Community College and other CUNY campuses. Since our first graduating class in June 2012, we have had a graduation rate of 95.8% or higher!

1-50 51st Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 609-3330
info@actvf.org
www.actvf.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a limited, unscreened admissions policy. Priority is given to NYC residents who sign in at an information session and then to all NYC residents. Our Open Houses will take place on Wednesday, October 21, and Thursday, November 12, from 6–8 p.m. For details about the Open Houses, please call the school or visit the website at www.actvf.org.

CAMBRIA HEIGHTS ACADEMY
TOTAL STUDENTS: 353
PRINCIPAL: Melissa Menake

At Cambria Heights Academy, we believe that students need to build confidence and expertise in cutting-edge technologies and new media to achieve success in the 21st century. We utilize technology as a learning tool and provide individualized academic plans for all students. We provide multiple outlets for academic development and creative expression. Incoming 9th graders can participate in our Freshman Arts Immersion Experience, which includes African dance, graffiti art, music production, theatre and voice. We offer both an extended day and a
Civic Leadership (CLA) offers a challenging academic program in a highly personalized learning environment, emphasizing the importance of youth development through service learning. Our three core values—commitment to learning, commitment to community and empowerment—promote the social, emotional and academic development of our students by helping them become independent, critical thinkers who are assets to their communities. The college application process begins in junior year, and we expect our students and families to be active participants in the process. An academic portfolio, community service and/or internships are required for graduation.

How Do I Apply?
Priority is given to Queens students or residents who attend an information session, then to NYC residents who attend an information session, then to Queens students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House information.

Queens HS for Information, Research & Technology

We strive to provide students with a comprehensive learning experience preparing them for success in college and beyond. We are creating a positive learning environment attuned to the mental, physical and emotional needs of our students, their parents and the surrounding community. Our goal is to accomplish this through the implementation of technology, community and parent partnerships and enrichment activities. Programs and extracurricular activities include Multicultural Club, Science Club, Dance Team and Art Club; college and career prep opportunities; and CTE courses in computer programming. Students who have completed their CTE certification in CISCO networking work as the IT department, servicing the needs of the whole building.

How Do I Apply?
Priority is given to New York City residents who sign in at an information session and then to New York City residents. Contact the parent coordinator, Kecia Pinckney, at (718) 868-2978, ext. 1481, for more information.

Fort Hamilton High School (FHHS) is the largest comprehensive urban high school in a suburban setting, known as the “jewel in the crown” of Bay Ridge. Based on the philosophy that all students can succeed, we strive to set a standard for excellence with a citywide magnet program for the performing arts. The school boasts a brand new science lab, state-of-the-art dance studio and SmartBoards in every classroom, Mobile Labs and iPad Labs. In addition to PSAL sports teams for boys and girls, we offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including extended day, Saturday Academies, peer tutoring, Student Leadership Program, the Anchor Literary Art Magazine, and dozens of additional clubs to meet the diverse interests of our students.

How Do I Apply?
Priority is given to Brooklyn students or residents and then to NYC residents. For zoned program only: priority is given to students who live in the zoned area. Students may apply to our Honor Academy or audition for one of the following: dance, instrumental or vocal. Information Night will be held Monday, October 19, 2015, at 7 p.m.

High School for Community Leadership

Founded in 2010, High School for Community Leadership focuses on fostering leadership and building community. Our students are expected to pursue academic excellence, adhering to our non-traditional 90-minute class schedule similar to a college schedule, and committing to serving in the broader Jamaica, Queens, community as well as in the school. Upon enrolling, students are positioned to graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma, taking four years of math, science and a foreign language. Students participate in a 3D modeling program with 3D printers and laser cutter machines in conjunction with the Parsons School of Design (The New School), and students who qualify can take college courses in an early college program in conjunction with St. John’s University.

How Do I Apply?
Open Houses are scheduled in the middle of October, and in spring, around the middle of March. Visit www.nychscl.org or call (718) 558-9801 and ask to speak to Ms. Papadatos, for more information.
courses possible, because the best preparation for post-secondary education is four years of challenging work in high school. Our school’s name is somewhat misleading: we certainly believe that the ability to use the tools of telecommunication is essential for all our students, but college preparation is our focus. We offer a special college preparatory program for accelerated students and a wide variety of AP courses. Ninth and 10th grades are divided into small learning communities and a very high percentage of our students participate in after-school athletic teams.

350 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220
(718) 750-3400
xshepard@schools.nyc.gov
www.hstat.org

**NEW DORP HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2015**

“I came to New Dorp as a freshman at a new school on my first day in the United States. After four years, I learned English, earned over 30 college credits and will study accounting next year in college. Don’t ever be afraid to try.”

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**BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 3,170  
**PRINCIPAL:** Michael Athy

- PSAL sports  
- Screened school programs  
- Arts programs  
- STEM focus  
- College Now

For eight decades, Bayside High School has been a school of choice as well as a vibrant community. Bayside seeks to provide all students with a valuable, rewarding experience, preparing them for college and beyond with in-depth, wrap-around student services, a wide array of clubs and teams and rigorous, college-focused academics. Students can choose from six different programs: Digital Art & Design, Music: Performance & Production, Environmental Engineering & Technology, Non-Profit Management & Humanities, Computer Programming & Web Design, and Sports Medicine Management. Bayside also offers 25 AP and 25 college-accredited courses, providing students the opportunity to graduate with college credits and professional-level certifications in a field of their choice.

32-24 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside NY, 11361  
(718) 229-7600  
imedinaarias@schools.nyc.gov  
www.baysidehighschool.org

**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 3,157  
**PRINCIPAL:** David Morrison

- PSAL sports  
- CTE school  
- Screened school programs  
- Arts programs  
- STEM focus  
- College Now

Everyone of Hillcrest’s students chooses to be part of one of our eight Small Learning Communities (SLCs): Academy of Media Arts & Music, Pre-Med, Theatre, Teachers of Tomorrow, Public Service & Law, Business/ Technology (BIZ/Tek), Global Citizens, and Health Sciences and our iLearn Academy, which provides enhanced learning strategies for targeted students. Each SLC has fewer than 500 students and has its own theme, course offerings, teachers and guidance counselors, creating a safe, nurturing and supportive environment that makes learning purposeful and enjoyable. Hillcrest also provides a comprehensive Advanced Placement and a College Now program with over 950 students participating in either program.

160-05 Highland Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432  
(718) 658-5407  
dmorr4@schools.nyc.gov  
www.hillcrestweb.com

**NEW DORP HIGH SCHOOL**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 2,835  
**PRINCIPAL:** Deirdre DeAngelis

New Dorp is a comprehensive high school with a challenging learning environment, rich in instructional techniques and support services. All students benefit from a large variety of extracurricular activities, and our theme-based/career-focused Small Learning
Communities (SLCs) prepare students for college and career opportunities. The eight SLCs include The Future Teachers Academy; The Law Institute & Air Force JROTC Program; Corporate Center for Software Engineering & Virtual Enterprise; The Institute of Mathematics & Science; Academy of Communication & Media Arts; Academy of Fine & Dramatic Arts; Institute of Health Sciences; and The Institute of Forensic Science & Criminology. They expose students to real-world experiences through internships and community service, which are required in all SLCs.

465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306
(718) 667-8686
ddeange@schools.nyc.gov
www.newdorphs.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a selective admissions policy for all of its Smaller Learning Communities. Please consult DOE High School Directory for more information. Priority is given to Staten Island students, then to NYC students. For the Zoned Program, priority is given to students who live in the zoned area. Please contact parent coordinator Donna LeChillgrien at (718) 667-8686, ext. 1, to arrange an appointment to visit the school.

6-12 SCHOOLS
- May be either small or large schools
- Mentorship opportunities for upper-classmen and junior high students

The Bronx

BRONX LATIN SCHOOL
TOTAL STUDENTS: 539
PRINCIPAL: Annette Fiorentino

Rooted in its commitment to the community and grounded in the love of learning, Bronx Latin offers a challenging program of arts and sciences and encourages serious scholarship, independent thought and clarity of expression. Interdisciplinary course units culminate in a Socratic Seminar, and the school’s partnership with Lehman College provides accelerated students an opportunity to participate in College Now courses beginning junior year. AP classes are offered in Spanish, statistics and US history, and extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, guitar club, Amnesty International, BRASS League and many school sports teams: flag football, soccer and basketball.

800 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 991-6349
afiorentino2@schools.nyc.gov
www.bronxlatin.com

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to NYC residents who attend an information session and then to NYC residents. Please call the school for Open House dates and times.

EAST BRONX ACADeMY FOR THE FUTURE
TOTAL STUDENTS: 650
PRINCIPAL: Sarah Scrogin

At East Bronx Academy for the Future (EBA) we give our students the individual attention they need to prepare for success in college, careers and beyond. Digital technology is used to tailor students’ learning experiences to fit their needs and abilities. This includes offering fully online, blended and in-person classes that prepare students for exit exams, colleges and trade schools in New York and the northeast. Students can also take college courses through a partnership with Lehman College. EBA takes part in a community schools program, which allows the staff and faculty to better support students and their entire families. Numerous EBA alumni are employed directly by the school, having received the skills necessary to succeed in an office environment.

1716 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10460
(718) 861-8641
information@eastbronxacademy.org
www.eastbronxacademy.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to Bronx students or residents who sign in at an information session, then to NYC residents who sign in at an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please consult the school for Open House dates and times.

WEST BRONX ACADeMY FOR THE FUTURE
TOTAL STUDENTS: 620
PRINCIPAL: Wilber Morales

At West Bronx Academy (WBA) we prepare our graduates to be social, civic and economic leaders in their city. WBA coursework prepares our students for college and career. Our classes are enhanced by real-world learning and hands-on experiences, including a multitude of field trips aligned to course work and overnight college trips to gain exposure to life beyond West Bronx. Our 9-12 advisory program supports students in discovering their passions, paving the way to make academic dreams become a reality. We offer college credit-bearing AP courses, including English Language, Government and Studio Art, as well as instructional support both after school and on Saturdays to prepare all learners for success!

500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458
(718) 563-7139
info@westbronxacademy.org
www.westbronxacademy.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to Bronx students or residents who sign in at an information session, then to NYC residents who sign in at an information session, then to Bronx students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please consult the school for Open House dates and times.

YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL OF THE BRONX
TOTAL STUDENTS: 321
CO-DIRECTORS: Devon Eisenberg & LeMarie Laureano

At the Young Women’s Leadership School (TYWLS) of the Bronx, we create confident and compassionate young women and prepare them for college and other postsecondary experiences. We specialize in mathematics, science and technology, preparing students for college beginning in the 9th grade. Each year students visit at least one college; upperclass students visit more. A mock college application process in 9th grade includes the Common Application, securing letters of recommendation and writing their essays, while 10th graders work with college counselors to find the right college. We offer a Summer Bridge program for incoming students, Advanced Placement courses and Saturday and after-school supports to ensure student success.

1865 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453
(718) 731-2590
info@tywlsbronx.org
www.tywlsbronx.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a selective admissions policy and is open only to females. Preference is given to continuing 8th grade students, then to other Bronx students who attend an orientation. High school (and middle school) orientations are held in October and November. Visit our website to select a date and reserve a seat.
**Brooklyn**

**YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, BROOKLYN**

TOTAL STUDENTS: 400  
PRINCIPAL: Talana Bradley

SSAL sports  All-girls  school  Uniform  school  Screened  school  Community  service

The Young Women’s Leadership Schools (TYWLS) nurture the intellectual curiosity and creativity of young women by supporting the “whole girl” in order to maximize academic achievement, social-emotional well-being and postsecondary success. TYWLS is supported by the Young Women’s Leadership Network and its CollegeBound Initiative to replicate the best practices of private and independent girls’ schools.

Students attend yearly international trips to China, Italy, France and London and take college trips throughout the year. Our art program includes an art gallery featuring student artwork, guitar classes and a state-of-the-art dance studio. There is a community service requirement for graduation. In 2015, the school graduated 100% of its first graduating class, and all students were accepted into college!

325 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206  
(718) 387-5641  
admissions@tywlsbrooklyn.org  
www.tywlsbrooklyn.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

This school is open only to female students. Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to Brooklyn students or residents and then to NYC residents.

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS ACADEMY II SECONDARY SCHOOL**

TOTAL STUDENTS: 435  
PRINCIPAL: Osei Owusu Afriyie

PSAL sports  Uniform  school  Community  service  STEM  focus  College  Now

Frederick Douglass Academy II (FDA II) is a college preparatory secondary school, focused on creating the next generation of society’s leaders who are committed to excellence in character, scholastic achievement and community service through a rigorous academic curriculum that exceeds national standards. We are a nurturing and supportive community of learners that provides scholars an extraordinary opportunity for personal growth. All incoming 9th grade scholars attend our Summer Bridge program in July and receive a mentor connected to their career and/or personal interests. We offer exciting electives and programs such as robotics, culinary arts, visual arts, filmmaking, entrepreneurship and over 15 PSAL sports, including football.

215 West 114th Street, New York, NY 10026  
(212) 865-9260  
enroll@fda2.net  
www.fda2.org

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to District 2 students/residents who attend an information session, then to Manhattan students/residents who attend an information session and then to NYC residents who attend an information session. Please consult our website for Open House information.

**THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY FOR LEARNING & SOCIAL CHANGE**

TOTAL STUDENTS: 600  
PRINCIPAL: Sean Davenport

STEM focus  College  Now

One of Thurgood Marshall Academy’s (TMA) greatest strengths is that we address the needs of the “whole child.” TMA’s culture is concentrated on ensuring that students and families are invested members of the school community and have opportunities to take part in the decision-making process. We have cultivated true partnerships with our families and have become a second home to students, families and staff. We are often referred to as a “full service” institution. TMA’s doors are open 6-7 days a week, from 7 a.m. to as late as 9 p.m. We willingly open our state-of-the-art space to community organizations that work with us to provide services to our students. TMA is located where the famous Harlem Renaissance-era nightclub, Smalls’ Paradise, once stood. TMA also houses a full-service clinic that includes medical providers (doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant), psycholo-
gist or social worker and health educators, as well as dentists and hygienists.

200 West 135th Street, New York, NY 10030
(212) 283-8055
lmcdougald@schools.nyc.gov
www.tmanyc.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to District 5 students or residents, then to Manhattan students or residents and then to NYC residents.

Young Women’s Leadership School, Harlem
TOTAL STUDENTS: 472
PRINCIPAL: Althea Bradshaw-Tyson

The Young Women’s Leadership School (TYWLS) was established to nurture the curiosity and creativity of young women and to address their developmental needs. We cultivate dynamic, participatory learning, enabling students to experience success at many levels, especially in the fields of math, science and technology. Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best at all times, and all students are expected to continue their education in the pursuit of a college degree. TYWLS works with families and instills in the student a sense of community, responsibility and ethical principles of behavior—characteristics that will help make them leaders of their generation. When it opened in 1996, TYWLS of East Harlem was the first public single-sex school to open in the U.S. in more than 30 years. Today, there are more than 500. TYWLS believes that student learning occurs both in and outside of the classroom, providing students with opportunities to participate in internships, scientific fieldwork and summer college programs.

105 East 106th Street, New York, NY 10029
(212) 289-7593
atyson@schools.nyc.gov
www.tywls.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a limited, unscreened admissions policy. Priority is given to continuing 8th grade students, then to NYC residents who attend an information session and then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

Robert F. Wagner Jr. Secondary School for Arts & Technology
TOTAL STUDENTS: 660
PRINCIPAL: Stephania Vu

Robert F. Wagner Jr. Secondary School for Arts and Technology (Wagner) believes that every student is an effective learner. We strive to create a familial environment where all students are both challenged and learning at high levels. Wagner fosters the development of natural curiosity, creative expression and service with a rigorous academic program that prepares students to be competitive in their college and career endeavors. We provide interactive classroom settings where lessons are student-centered, integrating writing across the curriculum and helping our students grow into well-rounded individuals who are competitive with the nation’s top universi-

“I wanted to be the first one in my family to go to college. I knew I could achieve it. My school guidance counselor worked hard to help me find the right college, and now my dream is coming true.”

ANA
COMMUNITY HEALTH ACADEMY OF THE HEIGHTS, CLASS OF 2014

Our highly qualified educational team prepares students for professional careers in an international world, as we believe a thorough understanding of Asia and a firm academic foundation are important to be competitive in the world. Our diverse students experience rigorous and differentiated curricula while in a safe and supportive school culture. Students also become experts in Asian culture and language, in addition to fulfilling and exceeding their NYS Regents requirements. Students can choose to study Japanese, Korean or Chinese, and there are opportunities for summer study abroad in Asia as well as local partnerships, mentorships and internships for students.

46-21 Colden Street, Flushing, NY 11355
(718) 353-0009
bsharma2@schools.nyc.gov
www.ewsis.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school is open only to female students. Priority is given to continuing 8th graders, then to District 4 students or residents and then to NYC residents. Please contact the school in October for Open House information.

Queens

East-West School of International Studies
TOTAL STUDENTS: 657
PRINCIPAL: Ben Sherman

Our highly qualified educational team prepares students for professional careers in an international world, as we believe a thorough understanding of Asia and a firm academic foundation are important to be competitive in the world. Our diverse students experience rigorous and differentiated curricula while in a safe and supportive school culture. Students also become experts in Asian culture and language, in addition to fulfilling and exceeding their NYS Regents requirements. Students can choose to study Japanese, Korean or Chinese, and there are opportunities for summer study abroad in Asia as well as local partnerships, mentorships and internships for students.

46-21 Colden Street, Flushing, NY 11355
(718) 353-0009
bsharma2@schools.nyc.gov
www.ewsis.org

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a limited, unscreened admissions policy. Priority is given to continuing 8th grade students, then to NYC residents who attend an information session and then to all NYC residents. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.
The Young Women’s Leadership School (TYWLS) of Queens was established to nurture the intellectual curiosity and creativity of young women by supporting the “whole girl” and her academic progress. Our school was founded on four pillars that drive all decisions: Leadership Development, High-Quality Opportunities for Young Women in STEM, Early College and Career Awareness, and Health and Wellness. TYWLS educators are dedicated to providing learners with an academic curriculum that is rigorous and supportive, successfully meeting the expectations of each pillar. We partner with families, involving them in the academic and extracurricular activities and guaranteeing that their daughters will receive customized support to make academic and social-emotional gains. During advisory, students learn positive decision making and goal setting, to ensure that they are able to navigate through the challenges of our society while preparing for college.

- **PSAL sports**
- **All-girls school**
- **Uniform**
- **Screened school**
- **Arts programs**
- **STEM focus**

HOW DO I APPLY?

The school has a selective admissions policy with preference given to our continuing 8th grade students. Interested candidates from other schools can apply using the high school application process.

NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE II

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 542  
**PRINCIPAL:** Stacey King

At New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (AMS II), we prepare our students to become successful members of the global community by providing them with a superior experiential education. Through a challenge-based curriculum, which includes writing across all subject areas and community-based projects, we partner with local organizations to provide “hands-on, minds-on” learning experiences essential to preparing students for college and career. We work with Lincoln Center Education to expand students’ ability to observe closely through examinations of art and relate these techniques to the classroom. We also offer AP English literature, Calculus AB and Spanish language, as well as a robust theatre program exposing students to the performing arts as early as the 9th grade.

- **PSAL sports**
- **Uniform school**
- **CTE programs**
- **STEM focus**
- **College Now**

HOW DO I APPLY?

Admission is by lottery. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR THE HUMANITIES

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 566  
**PRINCIPAL:** Magaly I. Hicks

At New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities, you will embark upon a challenging and academically stimulating high school journey that will prepare you for college, career and beyond. Our rigorous curriculum includes Advanced Placement courses, double period content classes and accelerated Regents preparation as well as a Career and Technical Education Program that offers certifications in Adobe and CISCO and allows students to graduate with a CTE-endorsed high school diploma. CTE course offerings include digital recording, graphic illustration, live broadcasting, filmmaking, photography and pre-engineering. The school is located on the John F. Kennedy campus, which offers over 30 PSAL sports. We are a professional learning community in a caring environment.

- **PSAL sports**
- **CTE school**
- **Arts programs**
- **College Now**

HOW DO I APPLY?

Admission is by lottery with preference given to students residing in District 10. Please contact the school for Open House times.


## YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, QUEENS

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 574  
**PRINCIPAL:** Mala Panday

At New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science, we prepare our scholars to think, act and speak with intelligence, integrity and confidence. AMS will provide you with a strong academic foundation so that when you graduate, you will be prepared for any major or career in which you have to think critically, collaborate, reason deeply and powerfully articulate your ideas. We offer enrichment opportunities including a Summer Bridge program for incoming freshmen and rising 10th graders and AP courses including U.S. History, English and studio art and to challenge students and help them earn college credits. Daily after-school activities, based on student interest, include Glee, Homework Help, Video Journalism, Music, Fitness, Gay Straight Alliance and Student Council, to name a few.

- **PSAL sports**
- **All-girls school**
- **Uniform school**
- **Screened school**
- **Arts programs**
- **STEM focus**

HOW DO I APPLY?

Admission is by lottery. Please contact the school for Open House dates and times.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

- **900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455**
- **(718) 665-3671**
- **ams2@charter.newvisions.org**
- **www.newvisions.org/ams2**

**THE BRONX**

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**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 475  
**PRINCIPAL:** Bob Hiller

- **9900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463**
- **(718) 817-7683**
- **amsinfo@charter.newvisions.org**
- **www.newvisions.org/ams**

**NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR THE HUMANITIES**

**TOTAL STUDENTS:** 566  
**PRINCIPAL:** Magaly I. Hicks

- **9900 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463**
- **(718) 817-7683**
- **amsinfo@charter.newvisions.org**
- **www.newvisions.org/ams**
New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II cultivates scholars to question, reason and think critically and creatively. We use a challenge-based learning curriculum that adheres to Lincoln Center’s Capacities for Imaginative Learning. Through the exploration of the humanities, our scholars gain insight into the fine arts, business, literature, language and world politics, giving them a deep understanding of our world and the human condition, a sense of clarity and empathy for the human experience and a greater appreciation of different cultures. Our scholars earn credits at an accelerated pace, and juniors and seniors work in internships throughout the Bronx and Manhattan. We also offer electives including Spanish, French and Theatre and extracurricular activities including PSAL and CSAA sports.

455 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10455
(718) 665-5380
hum2@charter.newvisions.org
www.newvisions.org/humanities2

HOW DO I APPLY?
Admission is by lottery. Please contact the school for further information about lottery and Open House dates and times.

“My school has taught me how to handle change. When it happens, it’s not the end of the world, it’s just a new turn in your path. All you’ve got to do is assess what’s going on and see how you best can deal with it.”

TANDY
NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR THE HUMANITIES, CLASS OF 2015

At New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities III, we offer a challenging curriculum that fosters deeper learning and collaboration. Our humanities emphasis allows us to explore concepts related to literature, history and the arts. In every class, students focus on reading, discussion and writing skills in order to develop and explain their thinking. To enrich our instructional program, we rely heavily on innovative uses of technology, including: Google Apps for Education, iPads, Macbooks, Chromebooks, interactive whiteboards, etc. All students

NEW VISIONS CHARTER HS FOR ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE III
TOTAL STUDENTS: 400
PRINCIPAL: Nissi Jonathan

At New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science III (AMS III), we use the process of “question, research and defend” to create learning experiences for all areas of study. To meet the needs of all students, we offer intervention classes, Advanced Placement, honors courses and make classroom iPads and laptops available for all students. All students make original presentations four times throughout the year, preparing them for in-house or corporate internships which we strive to provide as early as sophomore year. Enrichment opportunities, based on academic achievement, include step team, spoken word, math club, and 33 PSAL sports teams. We equip our graduates to think critically, collaborate effectively, reason deeply, articulate clearly and become problem solvers in their communities.

3000 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235
(718) 292-3638
ams3info@charter.newvisions.org
www.newvisions.org/ams3

HOW DO I APPLY?
Admission is by lottery and is open to residents of NYC. Visit our table at the high school fair or contact the school for details on Open Houses at landrews19@charter.newvisions.org or jtrinidad8@charter.newvisions.org.
transfer schools
- For students 16 years and older with at least one year of HS experience
- Non-traditional self-paced learning environments for undercredited students
- No 9-12 grade structure
- Personalized academic support for each student
- Paid internships and career planning

Queens

New Visions Charter HS for Advanced Math & Science IV
TOTAL STUDENTS: 135
PRINCIPAL: Sharon John

AMs IV is a small, personalized, charter high school on the August Martin Campus. We pride ourselves in developing successful global citizens who exemplify P.R.I.D.E—Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence. With a strong focus on math and science, we prepare students for internships, community service, work-study and volunteer opportunities during the 11th and 12th grade. Our campus offers a football field, track field, and a tennis court. We also offer music through our arts program and chorus as one of our many after-school programs. We follow the New Visions Charter High Schools network vision to provide all students, regardless of background, the highest quality education. We ensure that our students graduate with the skills and knowledge ready for college, career, and the competitive 21st century economy.

3000 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235
(718) 368-4145
hum3info@charter.newvisions.org
www.newvisions.org/humanities3

How do I apply?
Admissions is by lottery. Please contact the school for further information about lottery and Open House dates and times.

The Bronx

Bronx Arena is a transfer school, serving students ages 16 to 21 needing to accelerate credits for graduation. Students work through course work in a flexible, supportive, student-centered learning environment. Arena is run in partnership with SCO Family Services, providing advocate counselors at a 25:1 ratio. Students use technology to create a personalized education experience and work independently in a nontraditional classroom learning environment. Students have access to paid internships and college and career planning. This school offers accelerated credit accumulation. Students are expected to participate in online course work and real-world projects.

1440 Story Avenue, Bronx, NY 10960
(718) 860-5056
admissions@bronxarena.org
www.bronxarena.org

How do I apply?
There is a rolling admissions policy. Students must be 16 years of age and must have attended another high school for at least one year. Make an appointment to attend an Open House with your parent or guardian. Be sure to bring an updated transcript and attendance report. Contact our director for an appointment at (718) 892-1026, ext. 11183.

Bronx Community High School
TOTAL STUDENTS: 200
PRINCIPAL: Flora Greenaway

Bronx Community (BCHS) services overage

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PRINCIPAL: Flora Greenaway

Bronx Community (BCHS) services overage

How do I apply?
Admission to AMS IV is by lottery. Priority is factored into the lottery selection for families who live in District 27 and have provided proof of address and/or for siblings who are applying together or who have a sibling already enrolled in the school. Please visit www.newvisions.org for lottery dates and to apply for AMS IV. Open Houses happen throughout the year. Please call our parent coordinator for details.
Brooklyn

**BROOKLYN BRIDGE ACADEMY**
TOTAL STUDENTS: 161
PRINCIPAL: Max Jean-Paul

Brooklyn Bridge Academy (BBA), in partnership with CAMBA, is a small learning community for students 16 years of age and older who have experienced challenges in high school. Our comprehensive program includes a challenging academic schedule that maximizes the number of credits students can earn, prepares them to pass Regents exams and secures a post-secondary plan. Our commitment to literacy is demonstrated every day as the entire school community engages in a reading session, “Book End,” which fosters literacy skills and promotes student interest in literature. The Learning to Work Program provided through the CAMBA partnership offers paid professional internships as well as job shadowing to our students to introduce them to careers. Advisory classes foster job readiness and college preparedness and serve as a holistic learning environment to prepare students for life after high school.

HOW DO I APPLY?
BBA has a rolling admissions policy, accepting students who are 16 years of age or older throughout the year. All students must have completed at least one year of high school and have a minimum of 6th grade reading level. Transcripts, diagnostic assessment test and an interview with school staff for parent/guardian and child are required. Please call the school to schedule an interview.

**Brooklyn Democracy Academy (BDA)**
TOTAL STUDENTS: 143
PRINCIPAL: Andrew Brown

Brooklyn Democracy Academy (BDA) is a transfer high school in partnership with the Jewish Child Care Association, committed to providing an interesting, challenging educational program that helps students overcome obstacles and attain their goals. We help our students earn a high school diploma, explore their interests and build important life skills. We also prepare our students for post-secondary education and/or employment. Students can participate in paid internships through our Learning to Work program. We provide advocate counselors to support each student, as well as workshops and seminars for students to explore and develop their talents and interests. Students must complete one year in a community high school prior to enrolling at BDA. BDA offers accelerated credit accumulation throughout the course of the year.

**How Do I Apply?**
BDA has a rolling admissions policy, accepting students who are 16 years of age or older throughout the year. All students must have completed at least one year of high school and have a minimum of 6th grade reading level. Transcripts, diagnostic assessment test and an interview with school staff for parent/guardian and child are required. Please call the school to schedule an interview.

“East Brooklyn has been better for me than any school I’ve been to. The whole staff is constantly making sure that you’re okay, and that has kept me focused.”

**Eric**

EAST BROOKLYN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2016

East Brooklyn Community High School, operated jointly by the New York City Department of Education and SCO Family of Services, is a small transfer school for young people who have been truant or dropped out. We are a community school working to meet the individual needs of every student by providing mental health services, a comprehensive arts program and an active GSA and paid internships through our Learning to Work program. Each counselor at our school works closely with 20 students, and we have small class sizes. There is a required intake process and orientation for all new students, and prospective students must have attended another high school for at least one year.

HOW DO I APPLY?
This school has a rolling admissions policy and accepts students who are 16 years of age or older throughout the year. Students and their parents/guardians must go through an intake process at the school. Contact the school for more information.
In partnership with the New York Center for Interpersonal Development and the Department of Education, Olympus Academy is a transfer school created to meet the needs of students who were previously enrolled in another high school. By engaging in hands-on learning experiences and opportunities for online instruction that have real-world applications, our students will obtain the skills necessary for success and be prepared for the world that awaits them. Our school has an accelerated credit program designed to help students find immediate high school success. Olympus offers internships and the Learning to Work program as well as one-on-one counseling and small advisory groups.

755 East 100th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236
(718) 272-1926
intake@olympusacademy.org
www.newvisions.org/schools/entry/18K635

How Do I Apply?
This school has a rolling admissions policy and accepts students 16 years of age or older throughout the year. Interested students must have attended high school for at least one year. Students should contact the school to request an intake appointment.

**Olympus Academy**

**Total Students:** 190
**Principal:** P.J. Murray

**How Do I Apply?**

IDP has a rolling admissions process. To be eligible for an interview, students must be between 16-20 years of age and must have attended another high school for at least one year, have passed at least one Regents exam and earned a minimum of 10 credits and be willing to commit at least two years to complete high school and develop their post-secondary plan. All students must attend orientation and complete the intake process, attending the intake meeting with a parent or guardian. Sign up to attend an Open House on our website or call and speak with our partner, Catholic Charities Community Services, at (212) 362-5830.

**North Queens Community High School**

**Total Students:** 200
**Principal:** Winston McCarthy

**Innovation Diploma Plus**

**Total Students:** 200
**Principal:** Dan Storchan

Innovation Diploma Plus (IDP) is a small transfer high school designed to support the social, cultural, emotional and academic development of overaged and undercredited students. We serve students who want to experience success, earn their high school diploma, transition to college/careers and reach their dreams. In collaboration with the Learning to Work program, we offer students paid internships with the goal of helping every graduate to become authentic learners with the analytical and social skills needed to excel in our ever-changing world. As a trimester-based school, students can accelerate credit accumulation in a small class setting with committed staff members who will invest in their success and ensure that both the educational and developmental needs of each student are served. We work one-on-one with each student to provide support and conduct regular check-ins on student progress. Additionally, we utilize a variety of 21st-century tools to support students in tracking their academic progress online.

145 West 84th Street, New York, NY 10024
(212) 724-2039
info@innovationdp.org
www.innovationdp.org

**Queens**

**North Queens Community High School**

**Total Students:** 200
**Principal:** Nicholas Merchant-Bleiberg

We serve students who are at least 16 years old and who have struggled to make progress in a traditional high school environment. We provide a range of supports and challenges to young people, including required advisory sessions, so that they are engaged, empowered and excited about life after high school. It matters how much you love and care about your school. Our school has a unique, dynamic collaboration with Queens Community House, a partnership that enriches our academic subjects with a range of activities, including music, fine arts, drama and video production. Our partnership model also means that Voyages students get the instruction, guidance and support young people need—in and out of the classroom—to become their best selves.

45-10 94th Street, Flushing, NY 11373
(718) 271-7851
nicholasmerchantbleiberg@voyagesprep.org
www.voyagesprep.org

**How Do I Apply?**

This school has a rolling admissions policy, open to all NYC students who are 16 years of age or older. Students must have attended another high school for at least one year. Transcripts, two interviews with school staff and a group learning activity are required to apply. Interested students and their families are always welcome to contact the school in person or by phone to learn more.
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Earn a stipend and benefits; program tuition is partially subsidized and payment is deferred.

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