



PACE Spring 2017 Forum

Basic Facts About Each Citywide G & T School

(Prepared by parents; not official school or DOE information)

The Anderson School

Basics	Notes
School Location	Manhattan, Upper West Side, District 3 (77 th between Amsterdam & Columbus)
Year founded	Founded as a program in 1987; established as a school in 2005
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K - 8
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	551
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade (3 classes in current 7 th and 8 th grades)
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-8)	One lead teacher, one p/t teaching assistant
Facility attributes	Anderson will share space in 2017 - 2018 with the Dual Language Middle School and The Computer School
Tenure of principal	8 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99th percentile
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Everyday Math supplemented by Singapore Math etc. e.g. Second grade includes Math Exemplars, Contexts for Learning, Mad Minute Math, and Problem Solver.
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish (K – 8)
Enrichments – What is offered and when	K-8: Art, Music, Gym, Spanish, Library, computer lab, field trips throughout NYC, museums, theater; sustainability programs; Partnerships: NY Historical Society, Lincoln Center, Symphony Space; chess (K-3, 6-8 elective); artist-in-residence (1-2, 6-8 elective); VH-1 music lab, instrumental music (2-8), intramural sports (3-5), Lincoln Center Cinekids filmmaking program (3, 6), after-school academic support for NYS testing (3-8); small group advisory program (4-8); law/mock trial (5th), coding (5 - 7), out-of-town trips: colonial village, Philadelphia, environmental science camp, Boston, Washington DC (4-8); musical theater production (6-8); Teams (6-8): Science Olympiad, robotics, math, debate, sports (soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, table tennis, track, flag football, volleyball; cardio fitness room (6-8), middle school electives; ballroom dancing (8th).
Transportation – What is offered, issues	DOE busing in Manhattan, private bus service from the Bronx only; MetroCards provided for other students per DOE eligibility.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Assistant teachers, all academic and enrichment programs listed above, wellness education (WITS), staff professional development and much more.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	Mindfulness initiative for K - 8. Free afterschool programs for middle school students through Manhattan Youth. (note: Continuation after next year is contingent upon NYC grant funding.) Participation in local, national and international academic competitions.

Brooklyn School of Inquiry (BSI)

Basics	Notes
School Location	Brooklyn, Bensonhurst, District 20 (50 Avenue P, at Stillwell Avenue)
Year founded	2009
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K - 8
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	568 at capacity
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade, except current Grade 7 which has 3 classes
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	One head teacher, p/t specialty teachers and teaching assistants
Facility attributes (Gym, auditorium, anything special – BSI is new, Anderson and TAG share space)	There are three schools at the PS/IS 237 campus. On the first floor is The Jim Thorpe School, a District 75 K-8 school, which has 75 students at capacity. On the second floor is The Academy of Talented Scholars (20K682), a choice K-5 school which will have about 450 students at capacity. We share the gym, cafeteria, auditorium, play yard and library. The building is new, erected in 2009.
Tenure of principal	7 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 th percentile
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	The math curriculum is based on the TERC Investigations program and Math in the City Contexts for Learning. The Contexts for Learning were created by mathematicians from both City College and The Freudenthal Institute.
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish for 4th-8th grade
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Every grade gets 34 weeks of enrichments. Most are not 34 weeks long so they dovetail with each other. All students receive: Music, Art, Chess, Tribes. Grades K-2 receive: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. Grades 1 – 3 receive: Brooklyn Historical Society, Reach The World. Grade 3 alone has School Sculpture.
Minimum Transportation – What is offered, issues	Busing if you live within the .5-5 mile radius; Private bus for a fee (approx \$300 per month). Nearest train is the N.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Specialty teachers, teaching assistants and enrichments (Chess, BCM, BHS, etc.), science supplies, art supplies and musical instruments.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	This year, 40% of kindergarten seats will be reserved for low-income families and English language learners. BSI has raised half of the funds to build a rooftop STEMLab which could also provide science classrooms and some food for the cafeteria.

NEST+m

Basics	Notes
School Location	Located in Manhattan on the Lower East Side at the corner of Ave. D & Houston; District 1; nearest subways are F, M, J & Z, M14D and M21 bus stops located across the street.
Year founded	2001
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K-12
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	K-5 (687); 6-8 (428); 9-12 (612)
Number of sections/grade	4 per grade in Lower School (except 5 in current 1st grade)
Kindergarten class size	25 students
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	1 teacher, plus full-time Teaching Assistant in every K-3rd grade class; part-time Teaching Assistants in grades 4-5
Facility attributes (Gym, auditorium, anything special)	Large sunny classrooms; gym, auditorium, renovated library, art room, music room; playground equipment in protected courtyard; entire campus dedicated to NEST+m
Tenure of principal	1.75 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 th percentile
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Math	Singapore Math - Common Core Edition, grades K-5
Curriculum – ELA	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, grades 6-8
Curriculum – Languages offered	Mandarin weekly in K-5; Spanish or Mandarin 6-8; more languages choices in HS
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Every Lower Grade child has Art, Music and Mandarin once a week. Students in K-2 have classes taught by dedicated science teacher and chess teacher once a week. All students have PE twice a week. Many field trips based around curriculum “studies.” Alvin Ailey dance residency in 4th grade, Ballroom dancing for 5 th graders, nationally ranked chess team, multiple math teams and geo-bee team.
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Yellow school buses for students who live in Manhattan more than ½ mile from school and less than 5 miles; private buses are organized and paid for by parents who live outside Manhattan and/or further than 5 miles from school and need busing for their child (e.g. buses from Queens, Brooklyn, Tribeca, Upper East Side, Upper West Side).
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Teaching Assistants, a full-time Lower Grade science/technology teacher, Lower Grade IM Chess Instructor, updated technology, Singapore Math textbooks, TCRWP ELA curriculum, afterschool hourly wage of faculty providing coaching, tutoring and club mentorship, capital improvements such as AC and library renovation, professional development for teachers, and many other expenditures.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	3 new Assistant Principals. 70” interactive flat-screen panels will take the place of all computer projectors throughout the building. All classrooms will have new desktop computers and document cameras this summer.

The 30th Avenue School (Q300)

Basics	Notes
School Location	Grades K-4: co-located at the P.S. 17Q campus in Astoria (District 30) Grades 6-8: co-located 5 blocks away at the I.S.126 campus in Long Island City (District 30)
Year founded	2014
Duration	K-8
Number of students in the school	425 (2017-18: grades K-4 & 6-8)
Number of sections/grade	2 sections for grades K-4, 6 and 8; 3 sections for 7th grade
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in class (K-5)	1 teacher & full-time teaching assistant (TA) in each K-2nd grade class; part-time TAs in grade 3.
Facility attributes	In the PS 17Q campus, grades K-4 have a computer room ; an explorations room with open-ended materials such as blocks and Legos; an interior yard with playground equipment and an exterior yard . In the I.S. 126 campus, middle school has science lab , computer lab , art room , and large schoolyard .
Tenure of principal	1 year; Principal previously served as P.S. 70 assistant principal and math teacher at PS 122
Minimum score for candidate pool	K-3: at least 97 th percentile pursuant to Educ. Dep't guidelines. Last year, 99% score
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	K-5: TERC Investigations and Contexts for Learning; 6-8: Connected Mathematics Project 3
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish
Enrichments – What is offered and when	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-School: Grades K-8: Technology/Programming, Visual Art, Music, Spanish, Gym, Field Trips K: Mindfulness; 2: Architecture, Dance; 3: Dance; Grades 6-8: Robotics; Engineering; Dance; Drama, Small Group Advisory; Enrichment Clusters include: Model UN, Robotics, Knitting, Math League, Photography, Harry Potter, and Fitness Club. Partnerships include Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, Center for Architecture, Alvin Ailey American Dance, Art House Astoria, Cervantes Institute, and artists-in-residence. ● Afterschool: Grades K-3: <i>Serious Fun NYC</i> provides fee-based classes including guitar, keyboard, violin, 3D printing, cartooning, puppet theater, sculpture, soccer, dance, Spanish, and martial arts. <i>NY Chess Kids</i> (fee based) has 1 day weekly class. Grades 6-8: <i>Global Kids</i> provides free programming involving leadership development, international affairs, and STEM programming.
Transportation	Public school buses for eligible Queens students; Metrocards for eligible students; fee-based private school buses operate in Queens and Brooklyn.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Teaching Assistants (K-3); Art & Music (K-3; 6, 7); Mindfulness (K); Architecture (2); Dance (3, 8) Spanish (6); laptops and other tech; gym equipment; teacher wish lists; professional development
Biggest changes this year	New principal; School has almost doubled in size. New funding for new smart boards in classrooms and other technology.

Talented & Gifted School for Young Scholars

Basics	Notes
School Location	Located in East Harlem at 109 th St. and 2nd Ave., two blocks from 6 train 110 th street subway
Year founded	Founded as a program in 1987; later established as K-5 school, with 6-8 merging into school in 2006
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K-8
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	564
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade (except current grade 6 which has three classes this year)
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	One lead teacher with half-time assistant teachers in kindergarten and 1st grade. One lead teacher in other grades; many have Hunter College student teachers to assist
Facility attributes	Technology lab, science and art classrooms, large gym, cafeteria, auditorium and play yard, with separate space for kindergarten; TAG shares the building with Esperanza Preparatory Academy as well as a small District 75 program
Tenure of principal	15 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 th percentile
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Singapore Math supplemented with other math curricula
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish grades 5-8; Latin in Grade 2 and above
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Science (twice a week), Chess (K-1 st), Technology, Art, Phys. Ed., Movement, Music (1st-3 rd funded by PTA), Wind Ensemble (4 th -8 th), Latin Jazz Band (Middle School), Debate Club (2 nd -8 th), Debate Team (middle school), Math Team, Junior Great Books (K-8 th). Additional Enrichment Clusters offered once a week during spring semester (examples include Stone Age Art, Puppetry, Dance, Archeology, Poetry Club). Writing Clinics offered during fall & winter semester. Harvard Enrichment Program (8 th grade). Free “Ramp Up” preparatory program over summer for rising 6 th graders. Free specialized high school exam prep for all middle schoolers.
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Yellow busing in Manhattan within district 4, 5, 6, and northern part of district 3. Private buses from Queens, Bronx and northern Manhattan organized and paid for by parents as needed. Metrocard to students who meet DOE guidelines.
Main items PTA raises \$\$ for	Teaching assistants for grades K-1, Singapore math curriculum for grades K-5, music instruction for grades 1-3, chess for K and 1, technology (mainly through grants), debate, supplemental physical ed instructors, math team, and chess team.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	School gained common space in its building. New assistant principal hired. Lockers installed for middle school students. Math & chess teams added.