



## **PACE Spring 2018 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-8)	One lead teacher, one p/t teaching assistant
Facility attributes	Anderson shares space with the Dual Language Middle School and The Computer School
Tenure of principal	9 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), Film Society at Lincoln Center 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 and social emotional learning initiatives 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)	534 students in K-8
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade
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 about 75 students. On the second floor is The Academy of Talented Scholars (20K682), a choice K-5 school which has about 450 students. We share the gym, cafeteria, auditorium, play yard and library. The building was built in 2009.
Tenure of principal	1 year
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 <sup>th</sup> 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 and Chess. Grades K-3 receive: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. K-2: BioBus. Child’s Play theater enrichment for 4th and 5th. Capoeira in 3rd. Select grades will work with the Beam Center on engineering projects (TBD.) In 6-8th grades: Outward Bound, small-group advisory, lunch clubs, debate and math teams and school musical. BSI has a robust chess team open to students in all grades.
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) for families in parts of North Brooklyn. Nearest train is the N.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Specialty teachers, teaching assistants and enrichments (see above), science supplies and art supplies.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	BSI has a new principal this year. Last year, 40% of kindergarten seats were reserved for low-income families. BSI has raised \$3 million to build a rooftop STEMLab which will provide hands-on science learning and grow food for the cafeteria. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2018.

# 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 2nd 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; shared full-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	2.75 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 <sup>th</sup> percentile
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Math	Singapore Math - Common Core Edition, grades K-5
Curriculum – ELA	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, grades K-8
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish or Mandarin 6-12
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Dedicated Teachers for Music (K-8), Art (K-8), Science twice a week (K-5), Chess (K-2), Technology (3-5), PE twice a week; Alvin Ailey dance residency (4); Ballroom dancing (5); Nationally Ranked Chess Team, Multiple Math Teams, Spelling Bee and Geo Bee; Biobus Partnership, Numerous Author Visits, Many Field Trips based around curriculum “studies”; Theater/Literacy (6); Robotics (7); Mandarin or Spanish (6-12); Sports (6-8): Basketball - Girls & Boys, Flag Football, Track & Field, Volleyball - Girls, Softball - Girls, Baseball - Boys, Soccer - Girls & Boys Clubs (6-8): Math Team, Chess, Debate, Photography, Robotics, Coding, Cooking, Yearbook, Drama, Honor Band, Jazz Band, Theater, Musical Theater, Fashion, Glee, Dance; After-School: (K-5) After3 ( <a href="http://after3nyc.org">after3nyc.org</a> ) and (6-8) via SONYC ( <a href="http://nestmpta.org/sonyc">nestmpta.org/sonyc</a> )
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, Support residencies and enrichments, Singapore Math textbooks, TCRWP ELA curriculum, afterschool hourly wage of faculty providing coaching, tutoring and club mentorship, capital improvements, professional development for teachers, and many other expenditures.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	70” Promethean, interactive flat-screen panels and document cameras have been installed in all classrooms via grant funding;

## The 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue School (Q300)

Basics	Notes
School Location	<b>Grades K-4:</b> co-located at the P.S. 17Q campus in Astoria (District 30) <b>Grades 5-8:</b> co-located 5 blocks away at the I.S.126 campus in Long Island City (District 30)
Year founded	2014
Duration	K-8
# of students in the school	485 (2018-19: grades K--8)
# of sections/grade	2 sections for grades K-7; 3 sections for 8th grade
Kindergarten class size	25
# of teachers in class (K-5)	1 teacher & full-time teaching assistant (TA) in each K-1st grade class; part-time TAs in grade 2- 4.
Facility attributes	In the PS 17Q campus, grades K-4 have a <b>computer room</b> ; an <b>explorations room</b> with open-ended materials such as blocks and Legos; an <b>interior yard</b> with playground equipment and an <b>exterior yard</b> . In the I.S. 126 campus, middle school has <b>science lab</b> , <b>computer lab</b> , <b>art room</b> , and <b>large schoolyard</b> .
Tenure of principal	2 years; 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 <sup>th</sup> percentile pursuant to Educ. Dep't guidelines. Last year, 99% score
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	K-5: Math Squared Education; 6-8: Connected Mathematics Project 3
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish
Enrichments – What is offered and when	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>In-School: Grades K-8:</b> Technology/Programming, Spanish; Gym, Field Trips; <b>Grades K-4:</b> Visual Art &amp; Music (K-4); Architecture (2); Dance (3-4); <b>Grades 5-8:</b> Enrichment Electives and Clubs including: Robotics; Engineering; Dance; Drama, Choral, Music Theater, Animation; Debate, Student Council, Memory Making, the Butterfly Storytelling, Art 2.0, Brain Games, Chess, Math Club, Spelling Bee, Global Leaders, Clay Creations, and Ted Ed Talk; <b>Partnerships</b> include Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, Center for Architecture, Alvin Ailey American Dance, Art House Astoria, Chip Away, and SEQArts.</li> <li>● <b>Afterschool: Grades K-4:</b> <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. <b>Grades 5-8:</b> <i>Global Kids</i> provides free programing involving leadership development, international affairs, and STEM programming.</li> </ul>
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	TAs (K-4); Visual Art & Music (K-4); Architecture (2); Dance (3-4); Electives (5-8): Choral, Music Theater, Animation; Video Production (8); Club Supplies (5-8); Teacher Wish Lists; Professional Development
Biggest changes this year	New funding for middle school science lab; middle school auditorium and bathroom upgrades; Promethean smart board (K-8); new assistant principal

## Talented & Gifted School for Young Scholars

Basics	Notes
School Location	Located in East Harlem at 109 <sup>th</sup> St. and 2nd Ave., two blocks from 6 train 110 <sup>th</sup> 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, 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 <a href="#">Esperanza Preparatory Academy</a> as well as a small District 75 program
Tenure of principal	16 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99 <sup>th</sup> 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	Swimming in curriculum (Partnership with Dwight School, 1st-4th), Engineering for Kids (K-4th), Science (Sci-tech K-4th), Chess (K-1 <sup>st</sup> ), Technology, Art, Phys. Ed., Hip Hop Dance (K-8th), Basketball (K-8th), Music (1st-4 <sup>th</sup> funded by PTA), Wind Ensemble (4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ), Latin Jazz Band (Middle School), Debate Team (Middle School), Math Team, Junior Great Books (K-8 <sup>th</sup> ). Free specialized high school exam prep for all middle schoolers.
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Yellow busing in Manhattan within district 3, 4, 5, & 6 (route map available on TAG PTA website). 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-3, Singapore Math curriculum for grades K-5, music instruction for grades 1-4, chess for K and 1, Sci-tech science enrichment program, 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	Enrichments expanded: Swimming for all 1-4th graders in curriculum at nearby Dwight School, Hip Hop, Basketball, Sci-tech & Engineering for Kids - all recently added!