



PACE Spring 2012 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)	570
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	One head teacher, one teaching assistant
Facility attributes	Anderson shares space with P.S. 452 and The Computer School
Tenure of principal	3 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Everyday Math supplemented by Singapore Math etc. ex. In 2 nd grade they do Math Exemplars, Contexts in Learning and Problem Solver.
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Art, Music, Chess (K – 2), Architecture (2nd, 5th), Bridge (3 rd), Movement (K), Ballroom Dancing (8 th), Sports (5 th – 8 th); Middle School Electives; Symphony Space (3 rd , 5 th), overnight trips in 4 th – 8 th grade (Plymouth, Philadelphia, Camp Speers, Boston, Washington DC)
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Busing in Manhattan, metrocard to students who meet DOE guidelines
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Assistant teachers, librarian, chess, music, bridge, Spanish (K – 5), recess equipment & soccer, sports teams, wellness education (WITS), staff professional development
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	Playground and Library are both new, Technology grant will fund a tech fitness room and a laptop lab

Brooklyn School of Inquiry (BSI)

Basics	Notes
School Location	Brooklyn, Bensonhurst, District 20 (Ave P/Stillwell Ave/Bay Pkwy)
Year founded	2009
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K - 8
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	532 at capacity
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade, except current Grade 2 which has 3 classes
Kindergarten class size	28
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	One head teacher, one teaching assistant
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 and play yard and library. The building is brand new, erected in 2009.
Tenure of principal	2.5 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	99
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	Latin is planned to start in either Grade 4 or 5
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: Violin, Arts, Dance, Chess, Clearwater Sloop, Tribes. Grades K-2 receive: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. Grades 1 & 2 receive Together in Dance, part of the social studies curriculum. Grades 1 – 3 receive: Brooklyn Historical Society, Reach The World. Grade 3 alone has School Sculpture and TADA Drama! Enrichments this year.
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	T.A.s are the biggest ticket, followed by enrichments (Violin, Chess, BCM, BHS, TADA Drama, etc.), Science supplies, Art supplies, Musical Instruments (Band grade 3?).
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	We will be getting a hydroponic rooftop garden which could also provide some food for the cafeteria; hoping for upcoming \$100K state of the art recording studio thanks to Councilman David Greenfield, Third Grade band, and woodwinds beginning grade 4.

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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.
Year founded	2001
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K-12
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	K-5 (679); 6-8 (391); 9-12 (532)
Number of sections/grade	4 on average in Lower School
Kindergarten class size	25 students
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	1 teacher, plus full-time Teaching Assistant in every K and 1 st grade class; part-time Teaching Assistants in grades 2-5
Facility attributes (Gym, auditorium, anything special)	Large sunny rooms; gym, auditorium, movement room, art room, music room; Dining Hall is at forefront of healthy meals
Tenure of principal	6 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	Other than siblings, only K applicants who have scored in the 99 th % have been admitted in the past few years.
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Singapore Math
Curriculum – Languages offered	Mandarin weekly in K-5; Spanish, Mandarin or French 6-8; more languages choices in HS
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Every Lower School child has Art, Music, PE, Movement, Chess/Technology, & Mandarin once a week. They also have Enrichment Clusters once a week for 10 weeks at a time (topics can include Korean, Street Hockey, CSI, Knitting, etc.).
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, Upper East Side, Upper West Side)
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	The PTA raises money for Teaching Assistants, updated technology, Singapore Math textbooks, afterschool hourly wage of faculty providing coaching, tutoring and club mentorship, Professional Development for teachers, and many other expenditures.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	We have a new Assistant Principal in the Lower School this year; our afterschool program is now run in-house and offers many great options; we have an afterschool bus that picks up at the school at 5 pm and is paid for by participating families.

The STEM Academy at PS 85Q – The Judge Charles J. Vallone School

Basics	Notes
School Location	Queens/Astoria/District 30
Year founded	2009
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K-5
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	103 in STEM; 562 in PS 85Q
Number of sections/grade	1/grade
Kindergarten class size	28
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	1, with para in K
Facility attributes	New science lab, new technology lab, music room with 30 keyboards, large track and field, playground area with rock climbing wall and small zip-line
Tenure of principal	8 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	98
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Everyday Math
Curriculum – Languages offered	
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Robotics, Chess, Music, Technology, Science, Library, Phys Ed during the school day, plus after school enrichment programs in Spanish, guitar, art, science, sports, folk singing and more. Additional spring clubs in flight and rocketry, violin, Web development and Readers Theater.
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Yellow busing within five miles of school. No private busing yet.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	Dance, art and science programs during the school day, after school enrichment and clubs, supplies and additional materials for classrooms and cluster programs, field trips
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	New technology lab, auditorium upgrade, including new sound system and technology improvements, new Recess First policy

Talented & Gifted School for Young Scholars

Basics	Notes
School Location	East Harlem
Year founded	1987
Duration (K-5, K-8, K-12)	K-8
Number of students in the school (up to K-8)	490
Number of sections/grade	2 per grade (except 3 first grades this year)
Kindergarten class size	25
Number of teachers in classroom (K-5)	1
Facility attributes	TAG shares space with Esperanza Academy and Global Studies
Tenure of principal	9 years
Minimum score to get into the candidate pool	97
Additional Substance	
Curriculum – Type of math	Everyday Math
Curriculum – Languages offered	Spanish
Enrichments – What is offered and when	Violin, Chess, Technology, Latin Jazz (Middle School), Supplemental Small Group Instruction (SGI)
Transportation – What is offered, issues	Yellow busing within five miles of school. No private busing.
Main items PTA/PTO raises \$\$ for	We continuously assess needs and address them.
Biggest changes this year – recent newsworthy developments, e.g., new library, new principal	Upgraded technology program with new computers.