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Supports for ELL and Students with Disabilities

Site Accessibility: Not Accessible

Special Education Services: This school will provide students with disabilities the supports and services indicated on their IEPs.

ELL Programs: ESL

School Life

Total Students (grades 6-8): 95

Grades (2015-2016): 6-12

Uniform/Dress Code Enforced: No

Academic Portfolio Required: Yes

Community Service Required: Yes

Extended Day Program Offered: Yes

Summer Session Offered: No

Weekend Program Offered: No

School Performance

	What % of Middle School Students...						How Satisfied Are Students With the School?
	Passed English Class?	Passed Math Class?	Passed Social Studies Class?	Passed Science Class?	Were Proficient on the State English Test?	Were Proficient on the State Math Test?	
This School's Performance in 2012-2013	99%	98%	99%	100%	84%	52%	7.2
Average for Similar Schools	98%	97%	97%	97%	66%	65%	7.8

Quality Review Score: Proficient (2009-2010)

About Our School

Located in the heart of Manhattan's Theater District, the Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS) is a small, personalized school that partners with top-rated New York City arts organizations to provide the highest quality training in the performing arts and a competitive academic program. In partnership with professional theater company Waterwell, middle school students receive 90 minutes daily of acting, dance, and voice classes, in addition to a full academic course load. The arts program emphasizes rigor and discipline alongside curiosity, generosity, and an orientation toward others. Our curriculum provides students with the artistic and personal skills to be leaders in the field, their community, and in whatever profession they choose to pursue. Our academic and arts programs prepare students for competitive high schools. Students have a wide choice of options when transitioning to high school. PPAS middle school students are guaranteed a placement in one of the PPAS high school arts programs if they choose to stay. Although keenly focused on performing arts education, we provide a middle school experience that is well-rounded and considers every child's interests, learning styles, and needs. Our central goal is to offer a rich, engaging, and fun middle school program that will support the ultimate goal of school, college, and career success. Students invited for an audition prepare one short monologue and one song to perform without music. The monologue can be from a play, a movie, or something a student has written. Students should choose characters close to their age and/or life experience. Students are asked to show us their range and know who they are talking to in their imagination and why. The song should be classical, gospel, or from a musical. Although it can help, students do not need prior experience in order to apply.

Academic Opportunities

Regents Classes: Earth Science, Integrated Algebra

Enrichment Classes: Creative Writing and Independent Reading Program (IRP)

Language Classes: Spanish

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

Debate, Middle School Musical, Student Council, Environmental Advocacy Club

Special Programs: Now applying for after-school program.

Admissions Priorities and Programs

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1. Open to New York City residents

Program Name	Code	Program Focus	Admissions Method	2014 Seats	2014 Applicants
Professional Performing Arts School	M408M	Performing Arts	Screened	New Program	New Program
Selection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audition • Review of Attendance & Punctuality • Review of Grades & Test Scores 					

Consistent with New York State law, State ELA and Mathematics test results will not be the sole, primary, or major factor in admissions decisions. Instead, multiple measures, which may include State test results, will be used to make admissions decisions for screened programs.

Please see page 59 for more information about auditioning for Professional Performing Arts School.

How to Apply to Mark Twain for the Gifted & Talented (21K239)

Mark Twain for the Gifted & Talented (I.S. 239) is a middle school open to all New York City residents. In order to be eligible to test for and apply to this school, applicants must submit a Request for Testing (RFT) form by the deadline and follow the other admissions requirements outlined below.

Request for Testing (RFT) Information: All students interested in applying to Mark Twain for the Gifted & Talented must submit a Request for Testing (RFT) form **by October 9, 2014**.

Public school students should return the form to their elementary school, and non-public school students should return the form to their local enrollment office (see back inside cover). On the RFT form, you will need to identify the two talent areas (see below) for which you would like your child to participate in competitive talent exams.

Talent Areas and Program Codes

- Art (K239AR)
- Athletics (K239AT)
- Computer/Math (K239CM)
- Creative Writing/Journalism (K239JO)
- Dance (K239DA)
- Drama (K239DR)
- Instrumental – Strings (K239ST)
- Instrumental – Winds (K239WI)
- Media (K239ME)
- Science (K239SC)
- Vocal Music (K239VO)

Ranking Mark Twain on the Middle School Application: Students who have submitted their RFT form will see the two talent areas for which they have requested to be tested on their personalized middle school application. To be considered for placement, you must also rank Mark Twain on your application as one of your choices.

Talent Testing/Audition Information: After submitting the RFT Form, eligible students will receive notification of the date for which they have been scheduled to audition. Testing will occur at Mark Twain and will take place on one of the dates listed below:

- January 10, 2015
- January 11, 2015
- January 24, 2015
- January 25, 2015
- January 31, 2015
- February 1, 2015
- February 7, 2015
- February 8, 2015

Please note that additional test dates may be scheduled based on student applicant response.

How to Apply to Professional Performing Arts School (02M408)

Audition Information: Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS) is a citywide school serving grades 6-12. Eligible students are invited to audition for the PPAS middle school theatrical arts program which includes acting, singing, and dance instruction from professionals in these fields along with an accelerated academic program.

Students will be invited to an audition based on academic standing and attendance. Invitations to audition will be sent to students and families prior to the holiday recess in December. Auditions will be held in the last week of January. We will work with students that have conflicts with other public school tests and auditions.

Auditions include acting, singing, and dancing. More details about what is required will be sent to students invited to audition in December. Meanwhile, students should begin to prepare a short monologue from a character close to their age, AND a short song (16 bars). The song can be a classical or gospel song, or a song from a musical.

Ranking PPAS on the Middle School Application: In order to be considered for a PPAS audition, you must rank PPAS as one of your choices on the middle school application you receive from your current elementary school. If you attend a private or independent elementary school, you can obtain a middle school application from a New York City enrollment center. All candidates must be residents of New York City at the time of application.