

Contact Information

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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): 294

Grades (2015-2016): 6-12

Uniform/Dress Code Enforced: Yes; we do not expect students to wear uniforms, but we do require appropriate clothing.

Academic Portfolio Required: Yes; each year, students present culminating research papers and essays to each other and adult guests. They defend their ideas and reflect on the process that led to the completion of their final drafts.

Community Service Required: Yes; service learning is included in our learning expeditions.

Extended Day Program Offered: Yes; we offer a variety of academic support and enrichment classes to students, including homework help, open access to our library, computer labs, and peer tutoring.

Summer Session Offered: Yes; we offer summer classes to help students meet promotional criteria. We seek funding for enrichment offerings.

Weekend Program Offered: Yes; our CHAMPS sports program includes weekend practice and games. When funding permits, we have weekend or vacation workshops for academic support and enrichment.

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	92%	74%	79%	81%	16%	6%	7.4
Average for Similar Schools	90%	88%	88%	89%	12%	12%	7.5

Quality Review Score: Proficient (2009-2010)

About Our School

Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies (BCS) is an Expeditionary Learning School; this means that the curriculum is based on real-world topics and students investigate multiple sources and perspectives before forming and expressing their own opinions. Students make extensive use of technology and a wide variety of library resources including online research databases. Every student takes part in crew (advisory) and has a crew leader who serves as a primary parent liaison. Twice a year, crew leaders coordinate student-led family conferences (instead of parent-teacher conferences) where students explain to their parents how they are doing in school and set long- and short-term goals. Students participate in monthly town hall meetings and have the opportunity to join our Student Council. Students participate in a variety of arts classes each year, including visual art, theater, and music. Parents appreciate that we are a small community where every child has an advisor who serves as parent/school liaison. Parents appreciate regular communication from teachers and crew leaders, and value our inquiry-based curriculum which emphasizes long-range complex projects, writing and research skills, and social activism. There are many opportunities for parents to be engaged and involved in school life and governance. You can learn more about Expeditionary Learning at www.elschools.org. BCS is a 6-12th grade school with a Regents Waiver.

Academic Opportunities

Enrichment Classes: Band, Instrumental Music, Drama, Visual Art, Video, Peer Mediation, Lego Robotics, Creative Writing, Skills and Technology

Language Classes: American Sign Language (ASL), Spanish

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

Student Council, Dance, Debate, Lego Robotics, The Next Big Thing (student talent show)

Special Programs: Fieldwork incorporated into all Learning Expeditions, 6th grade Outward Bound Trip, Partnership with Morningside Center for Social Emotional Learning – Be The Change!

CHAMPS Sports – Boys: Basketball, Fitness Club, Soccer

CHAMPS Sports – Girls: Basketball, Fitness Club

Admissions Priorities and Programs

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1. Open to students and residents of District 15

Program Name	Code	Program Focus	Admissions Method	2014 Seats	2014 Applicants
Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies	K448S	Expeditionary Learning	Screened	90	338
Selection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Interview/Learning Activity • Review of Attendance & Punctuality • Review of Grades & Test Scores • Student Interview 					

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.