

Contact Information

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Supports for ELL and Students with Disabilities

Site Accessibility: Functionally 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): 1627

Grades (2015-2016): 6-8

Uniform/Dress Code Enforced: Yes; students must wear a navy blue or grey polo shirt with our mandatory school logo. In addition, boys must wear navy blue or khaki pants. Girls must wear navy blue or khaki pants or shorts.

Academic Portfolio Required: No

Community Service Required: No

Extended Day Program Offered: Yes; students who receive a performance rating of 2.5 or lower in ELA and/or Math are required to attend Extended Day every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30 PM to 3:20 PM.

Summer Session Offered: Yes

Weekend Program Offered: Yes

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 | 89% | 94% | 92% | 93% | 23% | 22% | 8.2 |
| Average for Similar Schools | 87% | 86% | 86% | 87% | 19% | 25% | 7.4 |

Quality Review Score: Proficient (2009-2010)

About Our School

Students like our technology-based education. Students use their laptops in class to take notes, do research, and create iMovies, Powerpoints, class wikis, and class blogs. Through our Green Magnet Educating for Sustainability curriculum, students are involved in studying about and taking actions in their local and global communities. Students also like the wide range of in-class programs and after-school activities we offer. Parents appreciate our parent education classes and the school's communication efforts, including many opportunities for parental involvement. We utilize a web-based communication portal called PupilPath that permits parents and students to track student academic and behavior progress in real time daily. Laptops and additional digital devices are utilized in all classrooms. Our school community is diverse, with over 40 nations represented. We have a greenhouse, pollinators' garden, and an organic vegetable garden on our campus.

Academic Opportunities

Regents Classes: French, Integrated Algebra, Latin, Living Environment, Spanish

Enrichment Classes: After School ESL Academy, 6th Day of School Saturday Academy, Regents Prep, SHSAT Prep

Language Classes: French, Italian, Latin, Spanish

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

St. John's After School All Stars, MOUSE Squad, Chess, Young Debaters, Queens Community House, Heart Surgery Science Club, LEGO Robotics, Dance, Chorus, Rock Band, Men of Strength, Young Women of Power

Special Programs: iTiL Laptop program, Magnet Grant Heart Surgery Program, LEGO Robotics, Specialized High School Prep, Web Development, Blogging, Wikis, iMovie classes, Urban Advantage Science Program, Saturday Academy, Afterschool / Extended Day programs (including ESL), Performing Arts; Courses in Art, Dance, Chorus, Band (All-City Band)

CHAMPS Sports – Boys: Basketball, Soccer

CHAMPS Sports – Girls: Basketball, Volleyball

CHAMPS Sports – Co-ed: Basketball, Football, Soccer, Volleyball

Admissions Priorities and Programs

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1. Priority to students residing in the zone
2. Then to students and residents of District 28

| Program Name | Code | Program Focus | Admissions Method | 2014 Seats | 2014 Applicants |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Robert A. Van Wyck (J.H.S. 217) | Q217U | Global Issues | Unscreened | 360 | 1019 |

Selection Criteria: Students who apply to this program will be randomly selected within the priority groups listed above.