



...Connect to College Success

Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration

A New York City Public School in
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A vibrant, highly challenging academic program
focused on college success

For students in grades 6–12

Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration invites parents and students to...

Accent on Achievement



The Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration is designed to promote academic excellence and to guide students along a path to self-discovery that will lead them to successfully complete college and select the career best suited for their talents and true potential. Our personalized education plan begins in grade 6 with an emphasis on mastery of English language arts and mathematics and career exploration at summer institutes.

At the Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration, we establish clear and high expectations for all students in a nurturing, safe, and supportive learning environment through cooperation between our highly qualified staff, who willingly serve as advisers, and our students and parents.

The uniqueness of our school lies in the nature of the academically rigorous curriculum that links the academic subjects to real-life situations through the numerous internships, mentor programs, and community service programs developed according to the career path selected by each student.

Circle of Family and Community

A safe, respectful, and welcoming school environment is a hallmark of the Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration and the result of the successful cooperation of faculty, staff, and students. Family and community also play a vitally important role in the education of our students. The active participation of parents and guardians is a critical component of our students' academic success and emotional well-being. Parents and guardians, as well as students, are expected to sign contracts clarifying expectations and responsibilities as active members of the school community.

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School Requirements



- Each student must take at least two AP[®] courses and three career-related college courses by the twelfth grade.
- Each student must complete at least three summer institute programs by grades 8 and 12.
- Each student must complete at least two long-term internships or mentor programs and a community service program by the twelfth grade—one portfolio assessment for each program.
- Students and parents/guardians must sign a contract outlining the school's rules, procedures, and expectations.
- Students and parents/guardians must meet with advisers and guidance counselors to develop each student's academic plan.
- Students must adhere to the school's uniform policy.

Application Process

- Student application*
- Attend school orientation

*Applications can be picked up from your school guidance counselor.

Mission

The mission of the Academy for College Preparation and Career Exploration is to guide each student along a path of self-discovery in a nurturing yet rigorous learning community through a discovery approach to learning. We aim to develop critical thinkers who will become positive, creative, and well-adjusted members of our society and our larger global community.

Principles of Excellence in College Board Schools

- A clear focus on maintaining high expectations for all members of the community
- A rigorous instructional program
- Student support and personalized learning
- Family and school partnership
- Meaningful, continuous assessment of student learning

Special School Features



- Small classes in all grades, 75 students per grade
- Multilayered advisory program
- Extended day until 4:30 p.m. (Tuesday–Thursday)
- Saturday Academy (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)
- Academic tutoring
- Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]) courses and college classes
- College and career guidance center
- College- and community-based internship and mentoring programs
- Personalized college and career plan
- Peer tutoring
- Career exploration
- Interteam cultural and sporting activities and competitions
- After-school clubs—science, computer and robotics, journalism, ARISTA, debate, film and video, student government

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