

OUR SCHOOL

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School is a high performing public school preparing an academically and ethnically diverse group of students in grades 6-12 with the intellectual, personal and social skills necessary for success in college and the global workforce.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Brooklyn Prospect Charter high school program is designed to lead students to successful completion of the International Baccalaureate (“IB”) Diploma Program, pairing students with excellent teachers in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

Students enroll in courses offered in six discipline groups:

- Language A (English)
- Language B (Spanish or Mandarin)
- Individuals and Society (Social Science/Humanities)
- Experimental Sciences
- Mathematics
- Arts

Students are guided through their course selection, throughout high school, by an academic advisor who will also work closely with them to support their academic and personal growth.

In order to graduate, all students complete a Regents Diploma. In addition, based on the individual preparation and interest, students may achieve one or more IB certificates or a full IB Diploma.

Special education students will be supported through collaboratively taught classrooms and additional resource room supports as necessary.

Students’ academic coursework centers on four key components spaced over the four years: the completion of a Personal Project, participation in both the Creativity, Action and Service program and the Theory of Knowledge course, and the completion of the Extended Essay.

SPECIAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

10th Grade Personal Project:

On their way to becoming independent, lifelong learners, students apply their academic skills and knowledge to an individualized issue they find important in a student-centered, age-appropriate inquiry project that helps them construct their own conceptual understandings.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Course:

TOK is a course designed to help students develop a coherent approach to learning that unifies the academic areas, encourages appreciation of other cultural perspectives, and challenges students to think critically about the nature of knowledge itself.

- ✚ Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Project:
During their 11th and 12th grade year, all Brooklyn Prospect high school students are required to participate in a minimum of 150 hours of independent CAS activities. The CAS component of the IB program challenges students to participate in creative, active and intensive community service activities that extend individual learning and self-discovery beyond the classroom.
- ✚ Extended Essay:
Students conduct a research project and produce a paper of no more than 4,000 words on a topic of personal interest, intended to foster intellectual discovery and creativity and teach students the research and writing requirements of university work.

COURSES AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- International Baccalaureate Coursework Offered
- Languages- Mandarin and Spanish
- Sports Programming
- Clubs and Intramurals

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

Graduates of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program have the highest acceptance rate by the most selective colleges and universities.

Beginning in the 9th grade, each student will work with his/her academic advisor to build an individual, four-year education plan that is focused on the student's personal interests and strengths. Students will be revised yearly in anticipation of college. Brooklyn Prospect's college guidance will begin work with students in the 9th grade.

STUDENT LIFE

The goal for all Brooklyn Prospect students is that they take on increasing levels of independence in their own learning. Students move from a highly structured, skill-based learning environment to one that values student responsibility, opportunities for individual support and increasing curricular choice. Brooklyn Prospect is a small intimate environment that integrates a wide range of learners in a single college preparatory school community.

Students can expect to have two hours of nightly homework and will have opportunities to get additional support from teachers during office hours at the conclusion of the school day and, when appropriate, through more structured opportunities during the school day.

Academic classes will begin at approximately 9:00am. High school students will be permitted to earn lunch out of the school building. High school students are not required to wear a school uniform.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The Brooklyn Prospect student body is highly diverse. This unique opportunity transforms students by providing them with a broad range of interpersonal and intellectual experiences.

ADMISSIONS

Brooklyn Prospect admission is by lottery only. Brooklyn Prospect 8th grade students are automatically enrolled in our 9th grade; they do not need to reapply. To be eligible for admission to our 9th grade, non-Brooklyn Prospect 8th students must complete and submit an application. This can be done online, through our website admissions tab, or in person at our school. On April 4, 2012 we will hold our annual admissions lottery. At that time, all applicants will be assigned a number based on our random lottery drawing. Seats will be offered to students based on the lottery number assigned to the application.

Admission Preferences

- Brooklyn Prospect 8th students are automatically enrolled in our high school
- Siblings of current Brooklyn Prospect students
- Students who reside in school district 15
- Students who have free or reduced lunch status

A TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING EXCELLENCE

- 2011 New York City School Report Card = "A"
- New York State Test scores outranked district schools by 20%
- Top faculty (see website biographies)
- IB Candidacy awarded in 2010
- Wide array of extracurricular opportunities – our school currently has over 20 extracurricular, faculty run clubs and activities.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Total Students = 303 (approximately 100 students per grade)

Grades Served = 6, 7, 8 (9th grade will be added in 2012-2013)

Class Size = approx. 25

Student : teacher ratio = 11:1

Special Education Program Offerings: CTT/ICT, SETSS

PARTNERSHIPS

- ✚ Brooklyn Boulders: The gym offers climbers the chance to develop personal fitness, discipline and a sense of fun and adventure.
- ✚ Brooklyn Music Factory: Brooklyn Music Factory introduces our young people to songwriting, vocal music, and music production.
- ✚ Brooklyn Academy of Music: BAM is a long-standing cultural anchor of Brooklyn. BAM understands that institution building goes hand in hand with community development.

ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Prospect Athletics' mission is to offer all middle and high school athletes a positive, character-building, youth sports experience. In 2011-12, the department fields and coaches teams in the following sports: Track (boys/girls), Basketball (boys/girls), Soccer (boys/girls), Lacrosse (Boys), Volley Ball (Girls)

CLUBS AND INTRAMURALS (2011-12 sampling)

Art, Calligraphy, Chess, Current Events, Fashion & Design, Drama, Fitness, Flag Football, Soccer, Knitting, Maker, Newspaper, Photography, Rhythm Nation (Step), Rugby, Student Ambassadors, Student Council

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (2011-12 sampling)


Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Peer Tutoring

SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULES

 **Advanced/Pre-IB Diploma**

Start Time	End Time	Course
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Intro to Literary Studies
9:55 AM	10:45 AM	Mandarin Level III
10:50 AM	11:40 AM	Global: Geography, Economics, and Government
11:45 AM	12:35 PM	Advisory/Study Hall
12:35 PM	1:25 PM	Lunch
1:25 PM	2:15 PM	Geometry
2:15 PM	3:05 PM	Dance/Music
3:10 PM	4:00 PM	Physical Setting

SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE

 **Standard**

Start Time	End Time	Course
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Academic Composition
9:55 AM	10:45 AM	Spanish Level II
10:50 AM	11:40 AM	Global: Geography, Economics, and Government
11:45 AM	12:35 PM	Advisory/Study Hall
12:35 PM	1:25 PM	Lunch
1:25 PM	2:15 PM	Integrated Algebra
2:15 PM	3:05 PM	Technology/ PE
3:10 PM	4:00 PM	Physical Setting