



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (PS 334)

JODI HYDE, PRINCIPAL

NICOLE CHANDONNET, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

100 West 77th Street ■ New York, NY 10024 ■ www.ns334anderson.org

ANDERSON GRADES 6-8 **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **HOW MANY SEATS DO YOU HAVE FOR FALL 2019?** We expect to have a minimum of 10 seats this year for 6th grade, because we expand our class size to 32 in middle school. Most years a dozen or more of our students are accepted into 7th grade at Hunter College High School, opening seats here. We will not know how many 7th grade seats will be available at Anderson until mid-March.
2. **HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN YOUR UPPER GRADES?** Next year's 6th-8th grades will have two homerooms each, with 32 students per classroom. In each middle school grade, one class will be an Integrated Collaborative Teaching (ICT) class. We expect our total middle school student population in 2018-2019 to be approximately 190 students. In Anderson K-8 this year, there are 522 students.
3. **WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL'S HOURS?** Regular school days run from 8:20 am-2:40 pm, with half days ending at 11:40 am.
4. **DO STUDENTS TRAVEL FROM CLASS TO CLASS WITH THEIR HOMEROOMS?** Yes, with the exceptions of elective and advisory classes.
5. **IS THERE OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH?** Starting in January of 6th grade, students can earn twice a week off-campus lunch privileges with specific boundaries and with parental permission. In 7th grade, the option is up to 3 times a week and in 8th grade to 5 times a week starting in Sept. We revisit this privilege annually.
6. **WHAT ABOUT AFTERSCHOOL?** Students in grades 6-8 participate in our on-site free afterschool program, run by Manhattan Youth (www.manhattanyouth.org). Many classes are taught by Anderson teachers and include our debate, chess, math, and Science Olympiad teams, a musical theater production, literary magazine, our 16 sports teams and much more. Anderson students can also attend an on-site fee-based afterschool competitive chess team program (www.nyschessclub.com).
7. **HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS THERE?** Anderson is a highly academic school, so students can expect up to 90 minutes of homework per night, with additional time for long-term projects.
8. **IS THERE TRANSPORTATION?** According to the Office of Pupil Transportation, students may receive either a half- or full-fare MetroCard depending on how far they live from the school. Free yellow bus service may be available for 6th grade students who live in Manhattan within OPT boundaries. Families can also contract with a private bus services to and from a limited area in the Bronx. The cost for private busing can be up to \$5,000 a year, depending upon your distance from the school. There are no private bus companies currently bringing students from Queens or Brooklyn.
9. **DO STUDENTS TAKE ANY REGENTS EXAMS?** Yes, students take the Integrated Algebra and Living Environment (Biology) courses, both leading to the respective Regents exams in eighth grade. Students may also take the NYC Spanish Proficiency exam.
10. **WHAT ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT?** The vast majority of our 8th graders get into their first choice schools. Most have received acceptances to specialized public high schools (Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, Brooklyn Tech, LaGuardia Arts, American Studies at Lehman College, MSE at City College and Brooklyn Latin) and desirable, high performing local schools including Art & Design, Bard Early College HS I and II, Beacon, Clinton, Eleanor Roosevelt, Millennium, NEST+m, the NYC Lab School, and Townsend Harris. In addition, students have been accepted at private and parochial schools such as Brearley, the Cate School, Chapin, Dalton, Deerfield, Fieldston, Friends, Fordham Prep, Horace Mann, Marymount, Nightingale-Bamford, Regis, Spence, Trinity, and Xavier. We have a full-time guidance counselor to help families with the high school admissions process.