

In addition to its rigorous academic curriculum that is aligned with Common Core Standards, I.S. 61 takes pride in its performing and visual arts programs. While there is a focus on the arts, I.S. 61 recognizes that academic student engagement within a thinking curriculum provides each student with learning experiences that prepare them for the challenges that go beyond middle school. Our new ELA and math curricula provide the academic rigor to tackle the complexities of higher-order thinking texts and provide students opportunities for rich discourse. We have many community and cultural organizations as partners to enhance the learning experiences of our students. They include NY City Center, Ballet Bridges, The Academy of Carnegie Hall, The Juilliard School and Weill Music Institute, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Learning Through Expanded Arts Program, Art Lab, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, American Museum of Natural History, and The Goodhue Center (Children’s Aid Society).

**DISTRICT SCHOOL**  
**Neighborhood:** New Brighton-Silver Lake  
**Address:** 445 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island NY 10301  
**Shared Building:** Yes—31R061, 75R025  
**Site Accessibility:** Accessible  
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**Subway:** N/A  
**Bus:** S42, S44, S46, S48, S94, S96, S98, X30

**PROGRAM ADMISSIONS**

Program Name	Code	Admissions Method	Prior Year Admissions				
			Type	Applicants	Seats	Applicants Per Seat	Seats Filled
William A. Morris (I.S. 61) Spanish Dual Language Program	R061M	Screened: Language	GE	N/A	23	N/A	N/A
			SWD	N/A	7	N/A	N/A

**Eligibility:** Open to students and residents of District 31  
**Preference is given to the following students:** English Language Learners (ELLs), Heritage Language Speakers of the target language, Participants of elementary school-level Dual Language and Transitional Bilingual Education programs in the target language.

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

<b>89%</b> of students passed core courses	<b>53%</b> attend high school at Curtis High School	<b>78%</b> of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria <i>Search 31R061 at schools.nyc.gov/accountability for more about this school’s performance and demographics.</i>
<b>23%</b> of students were proficient on the State English Test	<b>11%</b> attend high school at Ralph R. McKee Career and Technical Education High School	
<b>16%</b> of students were proficient on the State Math Test	<b>7%</b> attend high school at Susan E. Wagner High School	

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

SCHOOL LIFE	COURSES	ACTIVITIES
<b>Total Students:</b> 1,118 <b>Grades:</b> 6-8 <b>Community School:</b> No <b>School Day:</b> 7:40am-2pm <b>Uniform:</b> No <b>English Language Learner Program:</b> English as a New Language <b>Community Service:</b> Yes—Offered <b>Extended Day:</b> Yes—After-School <b>Summer Session:</b> Yes—Academic support and enrichment <b>Weekend Program:</b> No	<b>Language:</b> American Sign Language (ASL) <b>Accelerated:</b> Algebra I, Living Environment <b>Elective:</b> Honors Program, Visual Arts, Journalism; Symphonic, Choral, and Orchestral Music; Drama Production, Stage Craft, Dance Choreography	Specialized High School Prep Program ■ Leaders Club ■ Dance Troupe ■ Cranial Crunch ■ Monthly Family Fun Nights ■ Annual Spring Musical ■ Middle School Quality Initiative (literacy support) ■ Read 180 ■ VR Quest (virtual reality video building program) ■ Performing and Visual Arts ■ Leaders Club <b>CHAMPS Sports—Coed:</b> Developmental Basketball, Flag Football, Netball <b>Sports:</b> Cheerleading, Step