



Notice
September 20, 2012

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Chancellor

Proposed Grade Truncation of Brooklyn College Academy (22K555) from 7-12 to 9-12

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Brooklyn College Academy (22K555) is an existing district school that currently serves students in grades seven through twelve. The school is split-sited between school building K917 (“K917”), located at 350 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11218, in Community School District 15, and building K555 (“K555”), located at 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, in Community School District 22. Students in grades seven through ten are served at K917 and students in grades eleven and twelve are served at K555. Brooklyn College Academy is a citywide choice option and admits seventh and eighth grade students through a school-based application and ninth through twelfth grade students through the Citywide High School Admissions Process by a screened admissions method. The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to implement a “grade truncation” whereby Brooklyn College Academy will no longer serve seventh and eighth grade students and will only serve ninth through twelfth grade students. Beginning in 2013-2014, Brooklyn College Academy will increase its ninth grade enrollment in order to replace the middle school seats lost as a result of this proposed truncation. Therefore, Brooklyn College Academy’s total enrollment will ultimately remain at its current level.

Brooklyn College Academy’s seventh through tenth grades, which are served at K917, are co-located with one site of a multi-sited District 75 (“D75”) program, P077 (75K077, “P077K@917K”), which serves ninth and tenth grade students. The Brooklyn College Academy eleventh and twelfth grades, which are served at K555, are co-located with another site of P077 (75K077, “P077K@555K”), which serves eleventh and twelfth grade students. At both sites, the D75 program serves students who are on the autism spectrum, have significant cognitive delays, or are severely emotionally challenged, sensory impaired, and/or multiply disabled in an inclusion setting. In an inclusion program, a student with special needs receives services in a general education classroom along with general education students. Students in the D75 inclusion program at Brooklyn College Academy are enrolled in general education classes based on their Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) recommendations and also receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”). In the 2011-2012 school year, P077K@917K served two inclusion sections of ninth through tenth grade students and P077K@555K served one inclusion section of eleventh and twelfth grade students. This proposal to truncate Brooklyn College Academy is not expected to impact the admissions, enrollment, or academic offerings of P077K@917K or P077K@555K.

K555, which houses Brooklyn College Academy's eleventh and twelfth grades, is located on the campus of Brooklyn College of the City of New York ("Brooklyn College"). The building is leased by the DOE for Brooklyn College Academy under the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Brooklyn College. Brooklyn College Academy shares space and facilities with Brooklyn College and its eleventh and twelfth grade students are eligible to enroll in college-level courses at Brooklyn College.

If this proposal is approved, Brooklyn College Academy will gradually stop serving middle school students in seventh and eighth grades. After the 2012-2013 school year, Brooklyn College Academy will no longer enroll seventh grade students, and after the 2013-2014 school year, Brooklyn College Academy will no longer enroll eighth grade students. The school will serve students in grades nine through twelve.

In each of those two years, there may be students who do not meet promotional standards and are required to repeat a grade that the school will no longer serve. The Office of Student Enrollment will work with those families to determine an appropriate placement in the students' districts of residence. As per Chancellor's Regulation A-101, these students will have a priority to their zoned schools and eligibility to choice schools to which students in the district of residence are eligible. In the unlikely event that there are enough hold-over students in a discontinued grade to maintain a class section, it is anticipated that the school will offer that grade to those hold-over students for an additional year.

As is the current case, eighth grade students in the next two school years who meet promotional standards will apply to high school through the High School Admissions Process, with a priority for enrollment in Brooklyn College Academy's high school grades.

At this time, there are no plans to co-locate any other organizations in K917 or K555. Because enrollment is expected to remain steady throughout the course of the truncation, the DOE does not expect there to be significant excess space as a result of the truncation. Any future proposals for significant changes in building utilization would follow the process outlined in Chancellor's regulation A-190.

Background on the DOE's Decision-Making Process

The principal of Brooklyn College Academy initiated this proposal to truncate in February 2012 through the submission of a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to the Division of Portfolio Planning ("Planning"). Truncating Brooklyn College Academy's middle school grades will allow for the school to more fully focus on serving its ninth through twelfth grade students.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement ("EIS") can be found on the Department of Education's Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Nov2012Proposals>

Copies of the EIS are also available in Brooklyn College Academy's main offices at K917 and K555.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D22Proposals@schools.nyc.gov

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

October 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Brooklyn College Academy
350 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

November 8, 2012 at 6:00 PM
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
35-12 35th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11106