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ANNUAL ARTS IN SCHOOLS REPORT 2007-2008

This Annual Arts in Schools Report provides data for:
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The Annual Arts in Schools Report is a tool for school leaders to understand their delivery of arts education to every child in their school. Each Annual Arts in Schools Report measures two areas:

Student Access to and Participation in Arts Education

Uses surveys and information from DOE databases to understand if students are meeting the New York State Instructional Requirements for the Arts as well as the activities, resources and facilities used to support arts learning in each school. In addition, this section reports on questions asked in the Learning Environment Surveys about arts education.

Resources to Support Arts Education

Uses information from DOE databases and surveys to understand the resources that schools are allocating for arts education. This section includes information on certified arts teachers, arts and cultural organization services, space for arts learning, arts fundraising and professional development opportunities for teachers.

Dear School Community,

This report provides a view of the arts education opportunities you are providing for your students based on your responses to the Annual Arts Education Survey in June 2008 and includes information from the New York City Department of Education's databases.

The Annual Arts in Schools Report is an important part of the New York City Department of Education's effort to ensure that schools are providing students with the high-quality arts education they need and deserve. The report has been created to help school leaders, parents, and teachers understand how they can improve student learning in the arts, building on the Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts which provides detailed PreK-12 curricula aligned with State standards: http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/blueprint.html

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New York State Requirements for Arts Education

At the elementary level, in grades 1-6, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires that students receive instruction in dance, music, theater and visual arts in every grade. In addition, NYSED recommends that students spend a specific allocation of hours learning in the arts.[i]

At the middle school level, in grades 7 and 8, the NYSED expects that students achieve, by the end of grade 8, one half-unit of study in visual arts and one half-unit of study in music. NYSED has allowed New York City schools to offer any two of the art forms to meet the requirements.

At the high school level, the New York State Education Department requires that all students graduate having taken one unit or two credits in the arts (dance, music, theater and/or visual arts). High schools have the option of offering a three or five year sequence in any one of the four art forms. Students who complete five units in a single art form and successfully complete the exit exam in that art form are eligible to receive a Regents diploma with advanced designation in the arts.

School Progress in Meeting New York State Education Requirements

This table reflects arts instruction provided by school-based arts teachers and /or staff from arts and cultural organizations. This table does not reflect arts instruction provided by classroom teachers.

	DANCE		MUSIC		THEATER		VISUAL ARTS	
Grade	Dance Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	Music Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	Theater Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	Visual Arts Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations
K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
6	–	–	√	–	–	√	√	–

Note: Check mark (√) indicates "yes"
Note: The dash (-) signifies either N/A or data not provided
Note: Students at District 75 schools may be ungraded and this chart may not apply

The table below shows the percent of students participating in arts classes by grade and by arts discipline in 2007-2008:

GRADE	DANCE	MUSIC	THEATER	VISUAL ARTS
7	0%	213%	213%	229%
8	0%	99%	161%	231%

Percent of 8th grade students graduated from this school in June 2008 who have taken at least one half-unit (one semester) in one arts discipline and a second half-unit in a different arts discipline over the course of 7th and 8th grade: 50%

Indicators of Student Access to Arts Education

In 2007-2008, students in this school participated in the following arts learning opportunities:

ARTS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY	STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
Performed and/or participated in concert(s)	Yes
Performed and/or participated in dance performance(s)	No
Performed and/or participated in theater/drama performance(s)	Yes
Contributed artwork to exhibition(s)	Yes
Showing student made films	No
Attended concert(s by or at cultural organizations	Yes
Attended dance performance(s) by or at cultural organizations	Yes
Attended theater/drama performance(s) by or at cultural organizations	Yes
Attended exhibit(s) by or at museums or galleries	Yes
Film/media viewing	No

In 2007-2008, students in this school were offered the following arts sequences:

DISCIPLINE	SCHOOL OFFERS
Dance	No
Music	Yes
Theater	No
Visual arts	Yes
Film/Media	No
Other (if applicable)	No

Screened Arts Programs

In 2007-2008, this school screened students before they were admitted to the school and screened students into specialized programs after they were admitted to the school.

ADMISSION STATUS	SCREENED
Before admission	No
After admission	No

Learning Environment Survey

Percent of middle and high school STUDENTS at this school who reported on the 2007-2008 Learning Environment Survey that they participated in the following types of arts courses by arts discipline:

	TOOK ONE OR MORE CLASSES DURING SCHOOL DAY		WERE OFFERED, BUT DID NOT TAKE CLASS DURING SCHOOL DAY		WAS NOT OFFERED THE CLASS	
Arts Discipline	This School	All Schools	This School	All Schools	This School	All Schools
Dance	3%	20%	13%	19%	84%	61%
Music	57%	36%	11%	15%	32%	49%
Theater	16%	15%	16%	17%	68%	68%
Visual Arts	53%	51%	15%	13%	32%	37%

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ARTS EDUCATION

Certified Arts Teachers

In 2007-2008, this school had the following number of full-time certified arts teachers:

ARTS DISCIPLINE	NUMBER OF FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TEACHERS
Dance	0
Music	3
Theater	0
Visual Arts	2

Arts and Cultural Organizations

In 2007-2008, this school had partnerships with and/or purchased services from the following arts and cultural organizations:

CULTURAL ORGANIZATION	DISCIPLINE	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED	TOTAL CONTACT HOURS PER STUDENT
Enact, Inc.	Theater	752	8

Professional Development

Arts and non-arts teachers at this school attended the following professional development opportunities during the 2007-2008 school year:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER	TEACHERS PARTICIPATE
Central NYC Department of Education	Arts
School Support Organization (SSO)	
University/College	
Arts and Cultural Organization	Arts
School-based	
Other	

Space

In 2007-2008, this school had the following appropriately equipped classrooms:

ARTS DISCIPLINE	NUMBER OF APPROPRIATELY EQUIPPED CLASSROOMS	NUMBER OF DEDICATED CLASSROOMS
Dance	0	0
Core Music	1	1
Vocal Music	2	0
Instrumental Music	2	2
Film Studio	0	0
Auditorium	1	1
Theater	2	1
Blackbox Theater	0	0
Visual Arts Studio	2	2
Design Technology	0	0
Ceramics	0	0
Photography Studio	0	0
Other	0	0

Arts Fundraising

In 2007-2008, this school raised funds from outside sources to support arts education, including:

SOURCE	FUNDS RAISED
Private Foundations	No
Local Business or Corporations	No
Parent Teacher Associations (PTA/PA)	Yes
Federal Grants	No
State Grants	No
City Council	No
Education Associations	No
In-Kind contributions from business partners	No
In-kind contributions from cultural organizations	No
State, County, or Local, Arts Councils or Agencies	No
Total amount of funds received from outside sources to support arts education ($)	2000

This school has submitted the following information about its arts program:

Wagner's Arts Program is a continual priority for our whole school development. We strive for students to make connections to their world views and their own development through observation, practice, and growth. Wagner's Band program often introduces students to participating in Music class five days a week – culminating in several concerts, and offering opportunities to participate in Borough wide Band (which plays in Carnegie Hall each year), as well as ensuring performance pieces are polished for Specialized High School auditions. We are extremely proud of our large population of 8th graders that are accepted into Specialized High Schools for the Arts each year. General Music is also offered to expose students to the history, purpose, and varying elements of different genres of music. Theater Arts ensures students gain the opportunity of being able to work as an individual, partner, and group. Public speaking, memorization, and all aspects of being a true "performer" are introduced and practiced. After school theater arts programs also ensure all students who wish to express themselves through theater are able – even culminating in a full production of "Little Shop of Horrors". Visual Arts introduces and allows students to polish varying genres of visual arts throughout their three years at Wagner. Weaving, watercolors, drawing, sculpting, collage and more are exposed to students using various mediums throughout their Arts sequence. Through morning enrichment, lunchtime, and after school art opportunities students are able to hone in on specific skills, build a portfolio, and explore aspects of their own skills and likes in addition to the art they complete during the school day. Please contact Assistant Principal of the Arts, Ms. Niskanen with further questions - bniskanen@schools.nyc.gov

Notes

- Throughout this report, N/A signifies that data were not applicable.
- Learning Environment Survey data are based on responses from schools where students provided responses to the 2007/8 Learning Environment Survey and are based on the perception of students about the arts in this school. For more information on how well this school supports student learning in the arts, please visit the 2007 - 2008 Learning Environment Survey which is located on the Statistics section of this school's website.
- Schools may have more than six arts and cultural service providers, but due to space constraints we were unable to list all of the arts or cultural organizations with which they work.
- All data are based on arts instruction offered during the school day. This Annual Arts in Schools Report does not report on after school, weekend, and summer arts education.
- Percentages of the Learning Environment Survey data may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. The percentages are not based on a student response rate of 100%.

Definitions

- A dedicated arts classroom is a classroom that is only used for dance, music, theater, and visual arts.
- For a detailed description of what an appropriately equipped arts classroom is, please refer to the Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts, http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/blueprint.html.
- A blackbox theater is a simple, unadorned performance space, usually a large square room with black walls and a flat floor.
- General or core music is a broad-based study of music including music making, literacy, connections to world cultures, community resources and careers and life-long learning.

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[i] In grades 1 – 3, this is 186 hours equally allocated throughout the entire school year through dance, music, theater, and visual arts. In grades 4, 5, and 6, this is the equivalent of 93 hours equally allocated throughout the entire school year though dance, music, theater, and visual arts.