



## Department of Education

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# ANNUAL ARTS IN SCHOOLS REPORT 2013-2014

**P.S. K231 (75K231)**

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Enrollment	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Female	ELL	Special Education
394	11 %	38 %	26 %	24 %	1 %	16 %	24 %	100 %

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 May 2014 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 Department of Education's efforts to ensure that schools are providing students with 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 Guidelines and Requirements for Arts Education

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has specific guidelines and requirements for arts instruction.

At the elementary level, in grades PreK-6, students should receive instruction in dance, music, theater, and visual arts. In addition, NYSED recommends that students spend a specific allocation of hours learning in the arts.

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 in dance, music, theater, or visual arts, and second half-unit in a second arts discipline.

At the high school level, the NYSED requires that all students graduate having taken at least two credits in the arts (dance, music, theater, and/or visual arts).

For more information see:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/nysartsrequirements.html>

## School's Arts Program Description

### This school has submitted the following description of its arts program:

PS 231, in District 75, encompasses six sites throughout Brooklyn. We serve a wide range of special needs children: Children with autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities, and emotional disabilities. Our goal is to provide all our students with an exemplary arts education, and to expand the role of the arts as an effective teaching tool across the academic curricula. In 2013-2014, PS 231 participated in our fourth year of the Everyday Arts for Special Education (EASE) program. In conjunction with District 75, Urban Arts Partnership, and the US Department of Education, EASE provides extensive material resources and staff development, focused towards training teachers and support staff to use the arts to foster social/emotional growth, a collaborative work ethic, and academic achievement. We believe that arts integration is a joyful, and effective way to engage our non-typical learners, providing them with usable tools to become active and independent, members of society.

## Arts Disciplines Provided

This school reported providing the following arts disciplines to each of the following grades:

Arts Discipline	Grades Provided
Dance	K, 1 - 3, 4 - 5, 6
Music	K, 1 - 3, 4 - 5, 6
Theater	K, 1 - 3, 4 - 5
Visual Arts	K, 1 - 3, 4 - 5, 6

## School Progress in Meeting New York State Education Requirements

### Kindergarten

In 2013-2014, students in Kindergarten received instruction in the following arts disciplines provided by school-based arts teachers, classroom teachers and/or staff from arts and cultural organizations:

Arts Discipline	School-based Arts Teachers	Classroom Teachers	Arts and Cultural Organizations
Dance	Yes	Yes	No
Music	Yes	Yes	No
Theater	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visual Arts	Yes	Yes	No

Note: New York State does not have a specific instructional hour requirement in the arts for Kindergarten students.

### Grades 1-5

This table reflects a range of average arts instructional hours provided on an annual basis provided by school-based arts teachers, classroom teachers and/or staff from arts and cultural organizations for students in District 75 schools:

Grade	Dance			Music			Theater			Visual Arts		
	School-Based Dance Teacher(s)	Classroom Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	School-Based Music Teacher(s)	Classroom Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	School-Based Theater Teacher(s)	Classroom Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations	School-Based Visual Arts Teacher(s)	Classroom Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations
1 - 3	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs	101-110 hrs	41-50 hrs	41-50 hrs	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs
4 - 5	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs	101-110 hrs	41-50 hrs	41-50 hrs	101-110 hrs	81-90 hrs	0 hrs

Note: At the elementary level only, "school-based dance teacher, music teacher, theater and/or visual arts teacher" may include full or part time certified arts specialists and/or cluster teachers not certified in the arts who are assigned to provide arts instruction.

### Pull-Out or Multi-Grade Activities

This school reported providing arts instruction through "pull out" or multi-grade activities during the school day:

Grade	Dance	Music	Theater	Visual Arts
K	No	No	Yes	No
1	No	No	Yes	No
2	No	No	Yes	No
3	No	No	Yes	No
4	No	No	Yes	No
5	No	No	Yes	No
6	No	No	No	No

### Grade 6 Arts Instructional Hours

This school provided the following arts courses to 6th grade students in 2013-2014:

Course Name	Arts Discipline
Music	Music
MUSIC 6	Music

This school reported the following number of documented in-school arts instructional hours provided to students by a classroom teacher or arts and cultural organizations in 2013-2014:

Grade	Dance		Music		Theater		Visual Arts	
	Classroom Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations						
6	31-40 hrs		31-40 hrs				31-40 hrs	

### Middle School Arts Participation

The table below shows the percentage of students participating in arts classes by grade and by arts discipline in 2013-2014:

Grade	Dance	Music	Theater	Visual Arts
6	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
7	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
8	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

### Middle School Sequences

In 2013-2014, students in this school were offered a three-year sequence (i.e., a full year of instruction in the same arts discipline in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade) in the following arts disciplines:

Arts Discipline	School Offers
Dance	No
Music	No
Theater	No
Visual Arts	No
Film	No

## Indicators of Student Access to Arts Education

### Arts Events

In 2013-2014, students in this school participated in the following arts learning opportunities at the school site and /or outside the school:

Arts Learning Opportunities	Number of Events Held At the School Site	Number of Events Held Outside the School Site
Concerts	1	1
Dance performances	4	3
Theater performances	9	7
Artwork exhibits	8	10
Films	2	3
Other	0	0

### Screened Arts Programs

In 2013-2014, this school screened students in any grade 6-12 before they were admitted to the school.

Admission Status	Screened
Before admission	No

## Resources to Support Arts Education

### Certified Arts Teachers

In 2013-2014, this school reported the following number of certified arts teachers:

Arts Discipline	Number of Full-Time Certified Arts Teachers	Number of Part-Time Certified Arts Teachers
Dance	1	0
Music	0	0
Theater	0	0
Visual Arts	1	0

### Arts and Cultural Organizations

In 2013-2014, the following arts and cultural organizations provided services to this school:

Arts and Cultural Organizations	Arts Discipline	Total Number of Students Served	Total Contact Hours Per Student
EASE-Everyday Arts for Special Education	Other	174	40
Disney Theatrical	Theater	36	50
Capoeira Brooklyn	Other	144	1
Pratt Institute	Visual Arts	3	40
Young Audiences New York (YANY)	Dance	340	2
Art Beyond Sight		38	50
Movement for Kinesthetic Education	Dance	24	2

### Professional Development

Arts and non-arts teachers at this school attended the following professional development opportunities during the 2013-2014 school year:

Professional Development Provider	Teacher Participated
Central DOE, Cluster, or Network	Arts & Non-Arts
University	
Cultural Organization	Arts & Non-Arts
In-House	
Other	Arts & Non-Arts

### Arts Space

In 2013-2014, this school reported the following number of classrooms or other school facilities are used for arts instruction:

Arts Discipline	Number of Classrooms or Other School Facilities Designed and Used Solely for the Arts	Number of Classrooms or Other School Facilities Multipurpose for the Arts
Auditorium (seating, stage, basic sound system, lighting system, etc.)	0	5
Dance (dance floor, mirrors, barres, etc.)	0	1
Film Studio (computer and editing access, cameras, etc.)	0	1
Music (audio equipment, storage for instruments, or equipment)	0	0
Theater Classroom (flexible seating, basic sound system, lighting system, etc.)	0	0
Visual Arts (studio tables or desks, visual arts storage, etc.)	0	0

### External Funding for the Arts

In 2013-2014, this school reported the following funding sources (non-DOE) to support arts education:

Funding Source	Response
Private Foundation	Yes
Local Business or Corporation	
Parent Teacher Associations (PTA/PA)	Yes
State, county local arts councils	
Federal, state, or city Grants	Yes
Cultural Organizations	Yes
Education association	

### Arts Instruction and the Advancement of Students' Individual Education Program (IEP)

Teachers in this school use the arts to advance the following students Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals:

IEP CATEGORIES	Dance	Music	Theater	Visual Arts
Provides an opportunity to excel in a core content area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used to develop fine motor skills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used to develop gross motor skills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used to develop self-management skills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used to differentiate student learning in other academic areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Used to foster peer interaction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Notes

- The Annual Arts in Schools Report is based on schools' responses to the 2013-2014 NYCDOE Annual Arts Education Survey.
- Data on students in grades 6-12 participating in arts classes, high school sequences, middle school and high school arts requirements were retrieved from the NYCDOE Scheduling, Transcripts, and Academic Reporting System (STARS) database.
- Full-time certified teacher data were retrieved from the NYCDOE Division of Human Resources.
- School Survey data are based on responses from schools where students provided responses to the 2013-2014 School 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 2013-2014 School Survey which is located on the Statistics section of this school's website. Percentages of the School Survey data may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. The percentages are not based on a student response rate of 100%.
- 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.
- Throughout this report, a blank field represents "none" or no data provided.

## Definitions

- "Pull-out" programs refer to those school day instructional activities that are scheduled for groupings of students across a grade or grades and not by official class.
- An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) describes the special education and related services specifically designed to meet the unique educational needs of a student with a disability. An IEP is the guiding document for a student's educational program. It includes all of the goals, objectives, present levels of performance and related services that are recommended for the student.

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