

Our Mission

Purvis J. Behan Public School 11 is committed to developing life-long learners through a standards-based curriculum with a rich embedded Arts program. We view all children as viable contributors to society who will grow to appreciate and cherish their own uniqueness as well as that of the world around them and beyond. We believe that it takes all stakeholders: administrators, teachers and parents, working collaboratively to create a school community where all our children can flourish in to reach their fullest potential.

Our Curriculum

We take a hands-on, discovery approach to learning with creative problem solving, divergent thinking, research, independent study, and self-evaluation occurring every day in each classroom. Our students engage in writing in all learning areas, including art, science, and technology. Through the course of a child's experience at PS11, each student will receive art and music instruction, hands on science education, and an intensive literacy and mathematics curriculum.

Our teachers proudly take on the task of developing carefully designed curriculum in alignment with the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS), constantly assessing curricular goals and objectives and refining practices accordingly. To support learning styles, teachers incorporate technology in all subject areas. A dynamic Parent Teacher Association supports student achievement through its After School Enrichment program.

Our Environment

Located in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn, PS11 serves over 800 diverse students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5. PS11 has shown tremendous success in closing the achievement gap with low income students and students of color.

PS11 has four Pre-K classes, three floors of grades K through 5 classes, two self-contained special education classes, several ICT classes, two science labs, an art studio, a dedicated music room, a full-size gymnasium, a large auditorium with stage, a technology lab, a library, and a fully staffed and functioning kitchen and student cafeteria.



Our Track Record

PS11 was named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School for exemplary high performance by the U.S. Department of Education. In past years, PS11 has received the New York State distinction as a "Reward School" and earned an "A" on the NYC Progress Report in 2012 and 2013. According to the NY State Department of Education, PS11 has consistently met and exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress goals for the past seven years. PS11 consistently outperforms city and state averages on the NYS ELA and Mathematics tests for grades 3 – 5.

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Special Programs and Partnerships

PS11 strives to develop well rounded children in an environment that is stimulating, diverse, secure, and stable. To meet this end, we have a rich arts program that celebrates and cultivates all students' individual strengths and interests.

Each component of our arts program benefits our students by providing experiential learning, building vocabulary, strengthening problem solving and critical thinking skills, increasing creativity, and boosting confidence. All of these positive aspects add to overall academic achievement and school success.

The Arts

Mark Morris Dance Group – Grade 1

The New York Philharmonic – Grades 3 - 5

Alvin Ailey Dance – Grade 4

Dancing Classrooms – Grade 5

PS11's Arts programs offer in-school instrumental music, band, violin, drum line, chorus, and visual arts.

STEM

City Growers – Grades K - 2

Trout-in-the-Classroom – Grade 1

Lego Robotics – Grades 3 - 5

Coding STEM Fridays - Kindergarten

PS11 also offers a Saturday Academy for students in grades 3 through 5 and a Young Scholars Academy for at-risk students in grades 1 and 2.

Enrichment

During the school day, students participate in *It Takes a Village* Recess Program, Boys to Men, I Am My Sister's Keeper, **Track and Field Day**, and Student Government. Our students explore the world with curriculum-based field trips including an annual out of state college tour.

Our Teachers

We believe that all teachers and administrators should continually strive to grow in their content knowledge and pedagogic skills as this directly relates to growth in student achievement. PS11 offers job embedded and after school professional development opportunities that emphasize the sharing and refining of best practices, building of content knowledge, usage of student data, and analysis of student work.

Teachers across grades regularly meet and collaborate with one another and with school leaders and coaches to analyze and monitor student progress, refine curriculum, and share ideas, resources, and best practices. In addition, our seasoned teachers are matched as mentors to our new teachers to offer professional support and timely feedback.



Our Parents

At the urging of the principal, parents are encouraged to envision their dreams for the school and share those aspirations to collaboratively make them a reality. PS11 has an active PTA that supports a strong After School Enrichment program offering classes including chess, dance, theater, science, photography, music, foreign language, basketball, yoga, soccer and tennis.

The PTA hosts many events including Family Movie Night, Readathon, Spooky Funhouse, Spring Fest, Book Bash, in-class author visits, Teacher Time Raffle, and our annual fundraising auction, Raise 11.

