



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (PS 334)

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ANDERSON GRADES 6-8 **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **HOW MANY SEATS DO YOU HAVE FOR NEXT FALL?** We expect to have approximately 12 seats for 6th grade, because we expand our class size in 6th grade. That number may increase somewhat once our current 5th graders notify us as to whether or not they will continue at Anderson. Most years a significant number of our students are accepted into Hunter College High School, which begins at 7th grade. We will not know how many 7th grade seats will be available, if any, until late February.
2. **HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN YOUR UPPER GRADES?** Next year's 6th grade will have two homerooms of about 32 students each. We expect our total student population in grades 6, 7 & 8 next year to be approximately 215 students. In Anderson K-8 this year, there are approximately 560 students.
3. **WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL'S HOURS?** Regular school days run from 8:20 am-2:40 pm, with half days ending at 11:40 am.
4. **DO STUDENTS TRAVEL FROM CLASS TO CLASS WITH THEIR HOMEROOMS?** Yes, with the exceptions of electives, advisories and health education.
5. **IS THERE OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH?** Starting in January of 6th grade, students can earn twice a week off-campus lunch privileges with specific boundaries and with parental permission. In 7th grade, it is extended to an option of 3 times a week and in 8th grade to 5 times a week. We revisit this privilege annually.
6. **WHAT ABOUT AFTERSCHOOL?** Students in grades 6-8 participate in our on-site free afterschool program, run by Manhattan Youth (www.manhattanyouth.org.) Many classes are taught by Anderson teachers and include our debate, chess, math, and Science Olympiad teams, a musical theater production, literary magazine, our 16 sports teams and much more. Students in grade 6 can also attend our for-a-fee afterschool program with offerings such as fencing and computer programming (www.wingspanarts.org)
7. **HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS THERE?** Anderson is a highly academic school, so students can expect up to 90 minutes of homework per night, with additional time for long-term projects.
8. **IS THERE TRANSPORTATION?** According to the Office of Pupil Transportation, students may receive either a half- or full-fare Metrocard depending on how far they live from the school. Free yellow bus service may be available for 6th grade students who live in Manhattan and are not mandated for the extended day schedule. Families can also contract with private bus services to and from the Bronx. The cost can be up to \$4,000 a year, depending upon your distance from the school. There are no private bus companies currently bringing students from Queens or Brooklyn.
9. **DO STUDENTS TAKE ANY REGENTS EXAMS?** Yes, students take the Integrated Algebra and Living Environments (Biology) courses, both leading to the respective Regents exams in eighth grade. Students may also take the Spanish Proficiency exam.
10. **WHAT ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT?** The vast majority of our 8th graders get into their first choice schools. Many have received acceptances to specialized public high schools (Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, Brooklyn Tech, LaGuardia Arts, American Studies at Lehman College, MSE at City College and Brooklyn Latin) and desirable, high performing local schools including Bard Early College HS I and II, Beacon, Eleanor Roosevelt, Millennium, Nest+M, Townsend Harris, Upper Lab. In addition, students have been accepted at private schools such as Brearley, Chapin, Dalton, Deerfield, Fieldston, Friends, Horace Mann, Nightingale-Bamford, Regis, Spence and Trinity. We have a full-time guidance counselor to help families with the high school admissions process.