

## The **FACTS** About Success Academy in District 22

- Success Academy is committed to providing the District 22 community with a high quality public school that is diverse, joyful and rigorous.
- Success Academy Bergen Beach\* will serve grades K-8 in the neighborhood, beginning with kindergarten and first grade in August 2014.
- Success Academy welcomes a diverse population of students with a variety of academic and developmental needs. Last year, 15% of our scholars had IEPs, and 11% were English Language Learners or had graduated from that status while enrolled at our schools.
- District 22 has an enormous racial and ethnic achievement gap, which Success Academy has a strong record in reversing. Our African American and Hispanic students significantly outperform white students across the city and state.
- In 2013, 20% of African American students and 24% of Hispanic students in District 22 were proficient in math, compared to 52% of white students and 57% of Asian students. Similarly, white and Asian students met state English standards at a rate more than double that of African American and Hispanic students.
- At Success Academy schools, among the top performing in all of New York State, 82% of students met state standards in math and 58% met standards in English.
- Demand from local parents for more excellent schools is overwhelming. Success Academy received 572 applications from District 22 families to enter its other Brooklyn schools in fall 2013.
- Building K078 is currently operating at 77% of capacity and plenty of space exists for a new, high quality school.

*\* Name pending government approval*

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*Please see reverse for background information about Success Academy.*



## About Success Academy

Success Academy was founded in 2006, with the dual mission of building world-class public schools across New York City and advancing education reform across the country. Starting with a single school in Harlem and 165 kindergarten and first-graders, Success Academy now serves 7,000 children in 22 schools from the Bronx to Brooklyn. The nonprofit network of public charter schools receives approximately 70% of the public funding that district schools receive. Every Success Academy elementary school is self-sustaining on public funds within its first three years. Students are admitted by random lottery, held each April; this year we received more than 12,000 applications for 2,500 seats.

Success Academy is known for its excellent teachers who engage and inspire students to fall in love with reading and learning, and to think critically and independently. Through an extended-day schedule and a well-rounded, rigorous curriculum that includes daily science, block play, chess, arts, music, and sports – and computer science, robotics, and debate for middle schoolers – Success Academies provide students with the real-world skills they need to succeed in college and in their careers. Both students and teachers have exceptionally high attendance records (96% and 99%, respectively), evidence that Success Academy is meeting its goal of making classrooms inviting, magical places where children would *want* to be even if they didn't have to attend school.

Across the Success Academy network of schools, 77% of students are from low-income households; 11% are English Language Learners, and 15% are special needs students. The demographic breakdown is: 64% African-American, 22% Hispanic, 8% multiracial, 3% white, and 3% other/not specified. For more information about Success Academy Charter Schools, go to [www.successacademies.org](http://www.successacademies.org).