

The **FACTS** About Success Academy in District 21

- Success Academy is committed to providing the District 21 community with another high quality public school that reflects the neighborhood's diverse population.
- Success Academy Bensonhurst* 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 21 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.
- Last year, only 19% of African American students and 18% of Hispanic students in District 21 met reading standards, compared to 45% of white students and 47% of Asian students. Similarly, only 15% of African American students and 21% of Hispanic students met math standards, compared to 49% of white students and 62% of Asian 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 families in neighboring District 22 to enter its other Brooklyn schools in fall 2013.
- Building K096 has nearly 600 empty seats and is operating at only 55% of capacity. There is plenty of space for a new, high-quality school.

** Name pending government approval*

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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.