



VIRTUAL TOUR

FOR PROSPECTIVE
FAMILIES

OUR VISION

TAG's vision is to provide an environment that prepares students to apply their knowledge in order to question, evaluate, solve, and resolve the ever rising global challenges.



OUR MISSION

To accomplish our vision, the TAG school will provide a curriculum that fosters speaking, writing, researching, and investigating. TAG's environment will encourage collaboration amongst all stakeholders, in addition to engagement in civil discourse.




The Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars (TAG) is located in East Harlem. Founded in 1999 as an elementary school, and expanded in 2004 to include a middle school, TAG serves student in grades K-8. Students must pass an admissions exam to gain acceptance, as per gifted and talented requirements set forth by the New York City Department of Education.

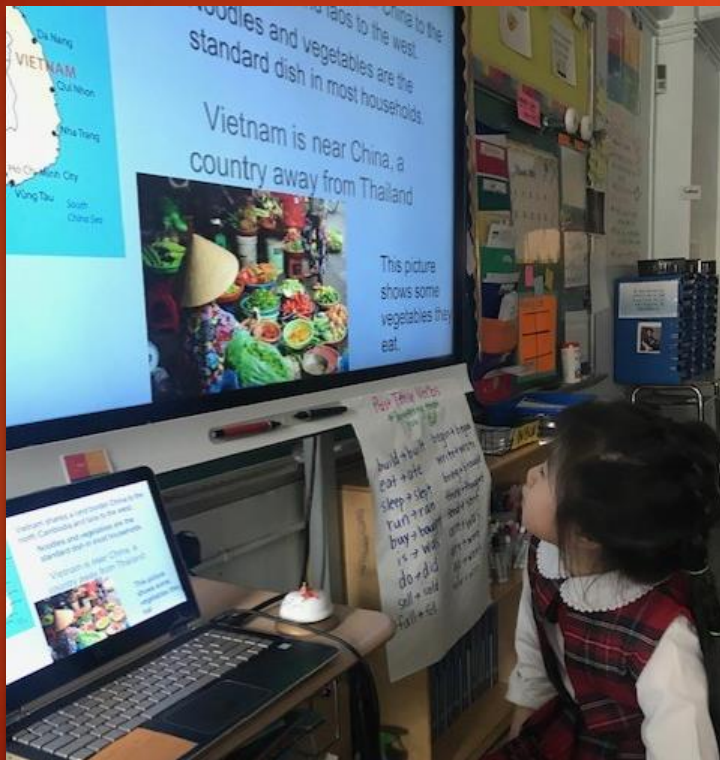


TAG is an unzoned school that accepts qualified applicants from all 5 boroughs- one of five "city-wide" gifted and talented schools. Its population varies from year to year, but typically it educates about 600 students in its nine grades.

THE TAG COMMUNITY CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF:

2 Kindergarten Teachers	595 students
2 First Grade Teachers	1 Principal
2 Second Grade Teachers	2 Assistant Principals
2 Third Grade Teachers	1 Social Worker
2 Fourth Grade Teachers	1 Guidance Counselor
1 Fifth/Sixth Grade Math Teacher	1 ENL Teacher
1 Fifth/Sixth Grade Science Teacher	1 SETSS Teacher
1 Fifth/Sixth Grade ELA Teacher	1 Part-time Occupational Therapist
1 Fifth/Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher	1 Part-time Speech Therapist
1 Fifth/Sixth Grade Career Dev./Occupation Studies Teacher	8 Paraprofessionals
1 Sixth-Eighth Grade STEM Teacher	6 School Office Assistants
1 Seventh/Eighth Grade ELA Teacher	4 Teaching Assistants in K-1 (funded by PTA)
1 Seventh/Eighth Grade Science Teacher	1 Family Worker
1 Seventh/Eighth Grade Math Teacher	1 Parent Coordinator
1 Seventh/Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher	1 Part-time School Computer Technology Specialist
1 Art Teacher, Grades K-8	1 Secretary
1 Physical Education Teacher , Grades K-1	
1 Physical Education Teacher, Grades 2-8	
1 Technology Teacher, Grades K-6	
1 Spanish Teacher, Grades 5-8	
1 Music Teacher, Grades K-4/Choir Teacher, Grades 5-8	
1 Instrumental Music Teacher, Grades 5-8	

TAG incorporates instructional practices from around the nation. Differentiated instruction for all learners is an essential part of the school culture. The culture includes student-centered elements such as group work and project-based learning.



TAG 8th graders take Regents exams, and many of its 8th graders gain acceptance into the city's specialized high schools and private schools, including Stuyvesant, Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Technical, Beacon, and Hunter, among many others.





In addition to studying core subjects with teachers in their main classrooms, students attend "cluster classes" in Art, Music, Chorus, Physical Education, Technology, Steam, and Spanish. The PTA helps to support in-curriculum Dance, Chess, and Latin classes as well.



TAG shares its building with two other schools: Esperanza Preparatory Academy (grades 6-12) and PS138 (a District 75 school). The schools function independently of one another, each with its own classrooms and hallways used only by its respective students and staff. School principals coordinate lunch times, assemblies, drop-off and dismissal, to ensure the safety of all students.

BUSING

- DOE-provided "Yellow Bus," service available to certain Manhattan residents only
- Students qualify based on Department of Pupil Transportation guidelines
- Eligibility depends on the grade of the student, distance from the school, etc.
- Families must request bus service at the school



Many private busing companies exist, but they will establish a route only if enough students sign up to make the run profitable. Several TAG families, in cooperation with the PTA, have united to establish private bus routes in northwestern Manhattan, and in parts of the Bronx and Queens.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO TAG:

Residents not served by yellow buses qualify for student MetroCards, good for three free subway or public bus rides each school day.

- Closest MTA subway stop:

 - The 6 train to 110th St. Station

- Closest MTA buses:

 - M15 downtown (on 2nd Ave.)

 - M101/M102/M103 uptown (on 3rd Ave.)

SCHOOL HOURS/DAILY SCHEDULE:

School hours are 8:05am-2:25pm.

The school doors open at 7:30am, and free breakfast is available for all students. As students arrive, they are supervised in the auditorium until 8:00am, when classroom teachers pick up and accompany students to their classrooms.

A typical school day has eight periods, including lunch/recess.

1ST PERIOD	8:05am-8:50am	5TH PERIOD	11:14am-12:04pm (lunch/recess)
2ND PERIOD	8:52am-9:37am	6TH PERIOD	12:06pm-12:51pm
3RD PERIOD	9:39am-10:24am	7TH PERIOD	12:53pm-1:38pm
4TH PERIOD	10:26am-11:11am	8TH PERIOD	1:40pm-2:25pm

TAG STUDENTS COME FROM A DIVERSE BACKGROUND,
AND WE CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

TAG is a uniform school, and students are expected to wear uniforms each day. Students are allowed to dress down on their birthday, for certain school trips, and other special occasions designated by the school.

Students wear a gym uniform one day each week, on their designated gym day.





Throughout the year,
class trips are
organized to
reinforce and enrich
classroom learning.

YMCA AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM:

The school's on-site after-school program is operated by the Vanderbilt YMCA, and so long as funding is allocated, remains free of charge. YMCA staff work in TAG classrooms, with students divided by grades, supervising homework and offering enrichment activities such as art, crafts, drama, and recreation.

The Vanderbilt YMCA also offers holiday camps and summer camp when school is out of session.

OTHER AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

92Y

For more information visit: 92Y.ORG

THE BOYS CLUB (111th Street)

For more information visit: BCNY.ORG

TAG PTA SEASONAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For more information visit: TAGSCHOLARSPTA.ORG

Health Services:

TAG benefits from an on-site health center run by Mount Sinai Medical Center. The clinic is open on school days from 8:30am-3:00pm.

The following services are available:

Primary care and preventative health services, including comprehensive physical examinations, mandated school health services and medical care and treatment for chronic illness and disease, including dispensing and prescribing medications.

First aid care to all students registered in the building.

Emergency care to anyone in need on school premises.

TAG PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)


TAG PTA Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designed to support and expand curricular and enrichment options for TAG students. The PTA partners with parents, teachers, and administrators to identify areas in which it can make the greatest difference; researches methods of meeting those needs; and seeks direct funding and grants to pay for them. It also monitors existing programs to ensure it meets the expectations of parents and the school.

For more information about TAG's PTA, visit their website at:

TAGSCHOLARSPTA.ORG



KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarteners come to school with many levels of knowledge, and TAG aims to educate them all with differentiated curricula that addresses the varying strengths and weaknesses of each student. Children entering Kindergarten would benefit from being able to write their names, recognize most letters of the alphabet, and count and recognize numbers 1 through 10. Additional experiences they receive at home, such as regular reading, cutting with scissors, and fine motor activities, will greatly benefit them.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULA:

► Math- Kindergarten uses Math in Focus as our core curriculum. Students engage in unit long studies in geometry, addition and subtraction, measurement. Towards the end of the year students work on first grade topics which include time and money. Throughout the school year students also work to solve and create word problems.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULA:

▶ Social Studies- Passport is our core curriculum where we learn about families, communities, and self. We also engage in a two-month long restaurant study where students learn about the industry culminating in running a school restaurant.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULA:

▶ Science- Our core curriculum is Amplify. Students learn about weather, plants and animals, and force and motion. During our force and motion unit, students build equipment that they would like to see in their dream playground.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULA:

▶ Writing- During writer's workshop students learn about multiple forms of writing: persuasive, informative, procedural and narrative.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULA:

- ▶ Reading/Phonics- Teachers College Curriculum
Students learn through a combination of small and whole group instruction.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN TAG!

If you have further questions, please contact
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