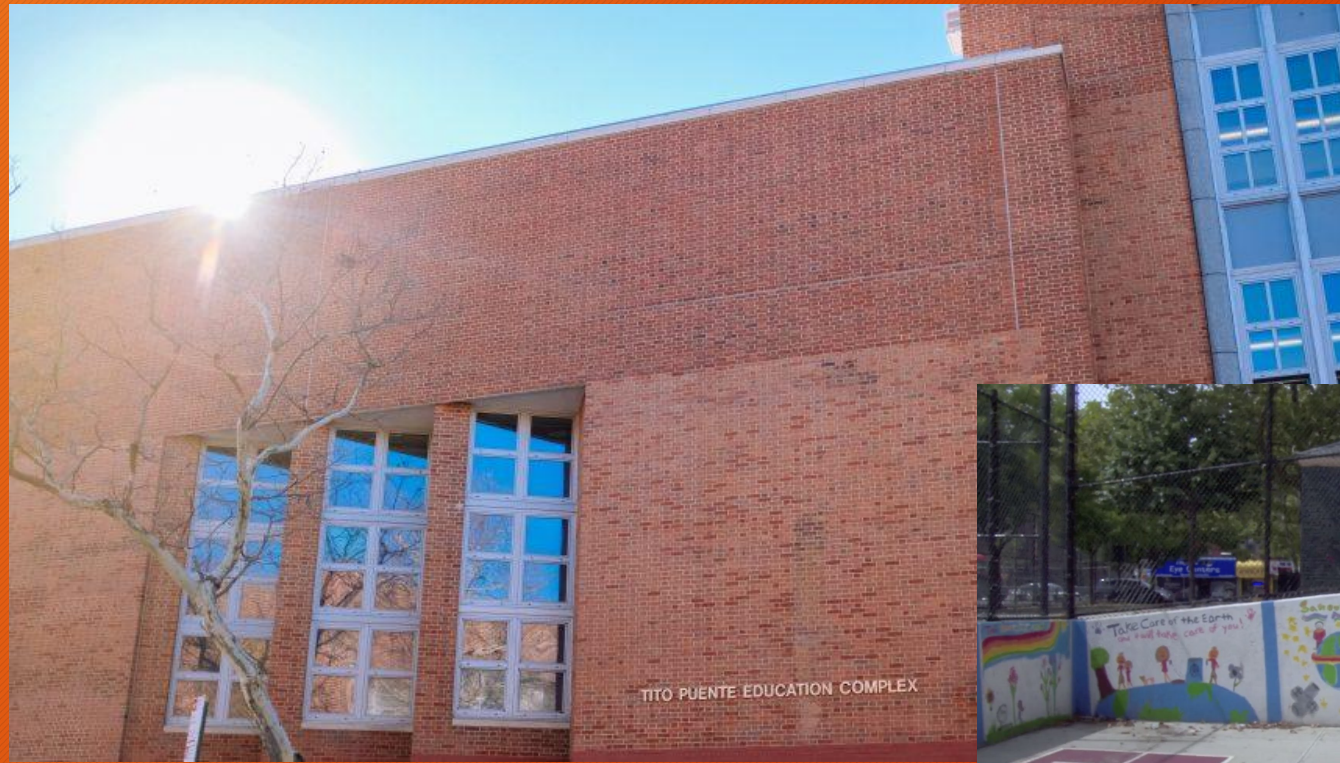




**2025-2026  
KINDERGARTEN  
OPEN HOUSE**

**JANUARY 7TH, 2025**

Updated for the 2024-2025 school year



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 middle school. TAG serves approximately 560 students in grades K-8. TAG is one of the five city-wide Talented and Gifted schools.

# Our Vision



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

# Our Mission



To accomplish our vision, the TAG school will provide curricula that fosters writing, research, investigation, and discussion.

TAG's environment will encourage collaboration amongst all stakeholders, in addition to engagement in civil discourse.



TAG is a K-8 school in NYCPS District 4 (Superintendent Dr. Dela Cruz). We are part of the Tito Puente Campus (M117) and share the building with two other schools: Esperanza Preparatory Magnet Academy (grades 6-12) and PS 138 (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.

# Grades K-5 Uniform



- White Collared Shirt (tucked in) or Polo Shirt
- Grey pants (Grey knee-length Shorts are appropriate in warmer weather)
- Red Plaid Jumper or Skirt
- Red Cardigan or Blazer
- Red Plaid Necktie or Criss-Cross Tie
- Black/Navy Dress Shoes or ALL BLACK/Navy Sneakers
- Leggings and socks should be all white, black, or grey

## GYM UNIFORM

**Grades K-8 Gym Day Uniform**  
(worn all day on gym days)

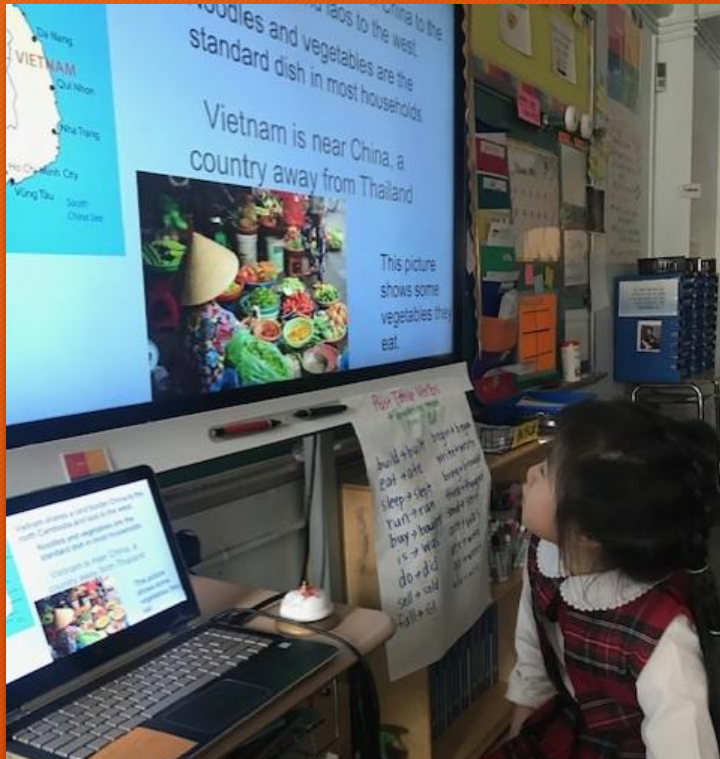


The official gym uniform is the TAG branded t-shirt and sweatpants but the school allows a plain white t-shirt and plain red sweatpants.



**TAG incorporates best instructional practices based on research. Differentiated instruction for all learners is an essential part of the school culture.**

**The culture includes student-centered elements such as collaboration and project-based learning.**







In addition to studying core subjects with teachers in their main classrooms, students attend "cluster classes" in Art, Music, Physical Education, Technology (K-5 only), Chess, (K-2, only), and Latin (1-5 only).



# Sample Kindergarten Schedule



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Period 1:</b> 8:05-8:50	Morning Meeting/Phonics	Morning Meeting/Phonics	Morning Meeting/Phonics	Morning Meeting/Phonics	Art
<b>Period 2:</b> 8:52-9:37	Into Reading	Art	Music	Into Reading	Technology
<b>Period 3:</b> 9:39-10:24	Into Reading	Math	GYM	Into Reading	Math
<b>Period 4:</b> 10:26-10:42	Handwriting	Fluency Practice/Skill Review	Handwriting	Math	Handwriting
<b>Period 5:</b> 10:45-11:40	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
<b>Period 6:</b> 12:06-12:51	Technology	Into Reading	CHESS	Music	Into Reading
<b>Period 7:</b> 12:53-1:38	Math	Into Reading	Science	Social Studies	Into Reading
<b>Period 8:</b> 1:40-2:25	Read Aloud/Snack	Read Aloud/Snack	Read Aloud/Snack	Choice Time/snack	GYM
<b>2:25 p.m.</b>	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

## K-6th Grade 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 have united to establish private bus routes in northwestern Manhattan, and in parts of Queens.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation/bus-eligibility>



## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO TAG:



- ❖ Students not served by yellow buses qualify for student OMNY Cards, good for four free subway or public bus rides 24 hours/7 days a week.
- ❖ 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.)

## PTA After School Enrichment Programs:

TAG PTA Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designed to support and expand curricular and enrichment options for TAG students.



### Previous Programs have included

- Chess (Grades K-8)
- Girls Who Code (Grades 3-6)
- Creative Writing (Grades 4-8)
- Robotics (Grades K-5)
- Debate (Grades 4-8)
- Sports Stars Soccer & Basketball (Grades K-5)
- Math Circles (Grades 3-8)

*\* The finalized list of PTA Enrichment Programs will be shared in the Fall*

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

[TAGSCHOLARSPTA.ORG](http://TAGSCHOLARSPTA.ORG)

## 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 SHSAT prep, art, crafts, drama, and recreation.
- Families have to apply for the program EACH YEAR
  - Acceptance into the program is based on space and staff availability



## The Boys' Club of New York After-School Program:



- Off-site after-school program operated by the Boys' Club of New York (Gerry Clubhouse), and is free of charge for all boys in grades 2-12.
  - Located at 321 E111th Street
  - After-School: 2:30pm-8:00pm
- BCNY offers over 40 diverse programs and activities in East Harlem
  - Basketball, Soccer, Photography, Cooking, Boxing, Football, Music, Swimming, and SO MUCH MORE!

*\*Pick up from the clubhouse can take place at TAG with at least 7 participants*

<https://bcny.org/join/>



## School Based 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:

- Comprehensive physical examinations
- Mandated school health services
- Medical care and treatment for chronic illness and disease
- Dispensing and prescribing of medications.
- First aid care to all students registered in the building.
- Emergency care to anyone in need on school premises.



**Mount  
Sinai  
Hospital**



## School-Based Support Staff



- Michelle Yrigoyen, **Guidance Counselor**
- Emely Burgos, **Guidance Counselor**
- Erica Arias-Vidal, **Community Coordinator**
- Violet Trifu, **Multilingual Learners (MLL) Teacher Coordinator**
- Elaine Tang, **Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS) Teacher & 4th Grade ICT Special Education Teacher**
- Courtney Becker, **7th/8th Grade ICT Special Education Teacher**
- Todd Lavine, **5th/6th Grade ICT Special Education Teacher**
- Katelyn Dobranski, **Occupational Therapist**
- Monica Popa, **Part-Time Physical Therapist**
- Ashley Bermudez, **Speech Therapist**

## Parent Communication Systems



### SCHOOL-BASED:

- Jupiter Ed

### DOE-Based:

- NYC Schools Account
- MySchools Account
- DOE Student Account
- GAMA (NYCPS Messaging Service)

*Thank  
you!*



If you have further questions, please contact  
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