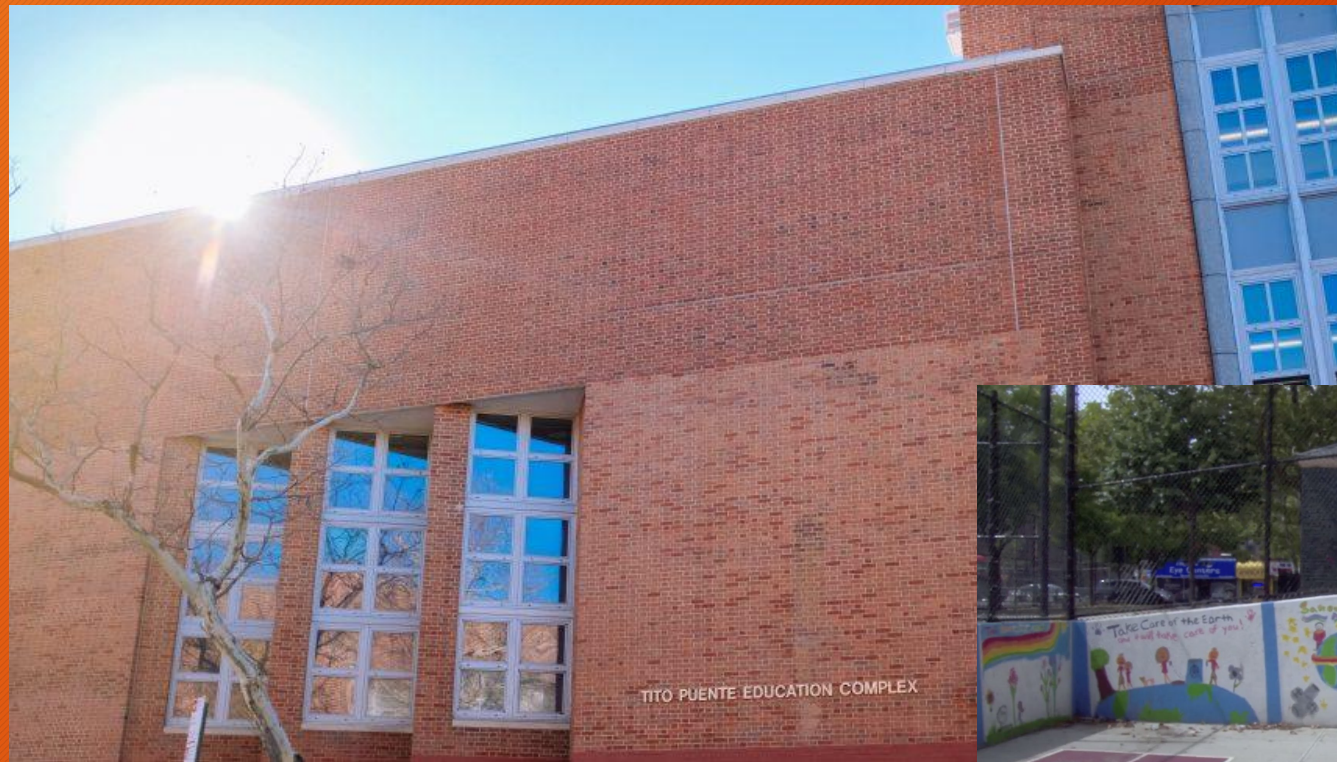




**2025-2026
MIDDLE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

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. De la 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.

Admission to Specialized High Schools

Our 8th Grade students take Regents exams in all core subject areas (English, Algebra I, Living Environment, US History). Many gain admission to Specialized High Schools, including...

- Stuyvesant High School
- The Bronx High School of Science
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts
- High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College
- High School for American Studies at Lehman College



8th Grade Regents Exams

- English
- Algebra 1
- US History
- Life Science: Biology

* We will be administering the Spanish Proficiency Exam (Checkpoint A).
This is not a Regents exam.



School Uniforms



- TAG is a uniform school, and students are expected to wear the uniform every day.
- All parts of the uniform are gender neutral
- Students are allowed to dress down on their birthday, for certain school trips, and other special occasions designated by the school.



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



Middle School Uniform



- White Collared Shirt (tucked in) or Polo Shirt
- Navy Pants or Navy knee-length Shorts
- Navy Jumper or Skirt
- Navy Cardigan or Blazer
- Tie (optional)
- Black/Navy Dress Shoes or ALL BLACK/NAVY Sneakers
- Leggings and socks should be all white, black, or navy



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.

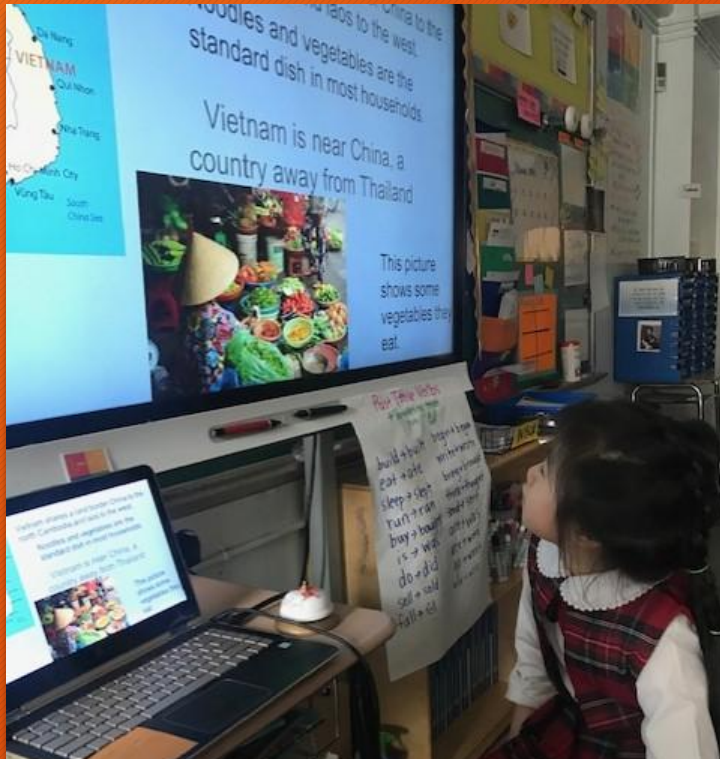


TAG incorporates best instructional practices based on research.

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, Chorus, Physical Education, Career and Occupational Studies, Civics & Social Justice, and Spanish.



TAG Daily Schedule



- School hours are 8:05am-2:25pm.
- The school doors open at 7:35am, and free breakfast is available for all students. As elementary school students arrive, they report to the auditorium and are supervised until 8:05am.
- The school day has eight periods, including lunch/recess.

1st period 8:05am-8:50am

2nd period 8:52am-9:37am

3rd period 9:39am-10:24am

4th period 10:26am-11:11am

5th period 11:14am-12:04pm (lunch/recess)*

6th period 12:06 pm-12:51pm

7th period 12:53pm-1:38pm

8th period 1:40pm-2:25pm

* Kindergarten and First Grade have recess together from 10:45am-11:11 a.m. then they go to the cafeteria to eat

Sample Middle School Schedule



	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Dismissal	Office Hours
	8:05am 8:50am	8:52am-9:37am	9:39am-10:24 am	10:26am- 11:11am	11:14am- 12:04pm	12:06 pm- 12:51 pm	12:53pm- 1:38pm	1:40pm- 2:25pm	2:25pm	2:25pm- 2:50pm
Monday	Soc. St	Math	ELA	ELA	Lunch	Science	Science	Music	Dismissal	
Tuesday	Soc. St	Math	Advisory	Spanish	Lunch	Civics and Social Justice Room 222	PE	PE	Dismissal	
Wednesday	Soc. St	Math	Spanish	ELA	Lunch	Science	College and Career	Health	Dismissal	
Thursday	Soc. St	Math	Inquiry Room 220	ELA	Lunch	Science	College and Career	Art	Dismissal	
Friday	Soc. St	Math	Music	ELA	Lunch	Science	College and Career	Inquiry Room 220	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.



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
- Girls Who Code
- Creative Writing
- Robotics
- Debate
- Sports Stars Soccer & Basketball
- Math Circles

** 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

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.



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**
- Courtney Becker, **7th/8th Grade ICT Special Education Teacher**
- Todd Lavine, **5th/6th Grade ICT Special Education Teacher**
- Katelyn Dobranski, **Occupational Therapist**
- Ashley Bermudez, **Speech Therapist**

Physical Therapy may be provided in school if a provider is available.

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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