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STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

OUR VISION

We envision a school in which every student regardless of background, becomes independent and productive members of our community to the greatest extent possible.

OUR MISSION

Welcome Empathy Community Advocacy Respect Excellence

Because **W.E. C.A.R.E.** we will:

W- Welcome- Welcome families, students and staff.

E- Empathy- Understand other people's feelings and opinions.

C- Community- Work together to achieve independence in school and the community.

A- Advocacy- Advocate for access and equity for our students.

R- Respect- Trust and treat each other with respect and dignity.

E- Excellence- Commit to educate and perform every task with excellence.



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WHAT IF	GO TO	ROOM
I lost my ID Card	Mr. Grant Pastori	Publications Room 202
I don't know my official class	Ms. Lisa Weinstein	Main Office
I lost something	Ms. Lisa Weinstein	Main Office
I was absent and have a doctor's note	Ms. Elizabeth Johnson	Main Office
I need working papers	Ms. Mara Baboff	Room 101 (269Q)
I am interested in sports	Ms. Danielle Olive and Mr. Andrew Walsh Mr. Matthew Weber Mr. Corey Murphy	Gym (Main Site) Gym (269Q) Gym (Info / Maspeth)
I'm not feeling well	Nurse Marie Nurse Orienda Nurse Shirelle Nurse Virginia	Rm 105L (Main Site) Rm 321 (Main Site) Rm 321 (Main Site) Rm 211 (269Q)
I need to correct my attendance	Ms. Dorothy Lejeune-Narcisse	Room 112
I need to know about the prom and other senior activities	Ms. Susan Stathopoulos	Main / all sites Room: 215B
I do not feel safe in school	Deans Ms. Sophia Ma Ms. Xenia Bertoni Guidance / Support Mr. Eric Rubin-Perez Ms. Daisy Arocho Dr. Nazli Rodriguez Ms. Phyllis Jacoby Ms. Sophia Yuen	Main / all sites 269Q 269Q / QC Main 207 / QC 269Q Main 222 269Q
I want to be in the school band	Ms. Stock	Room 109
I want to be travel trained	Mr. Oscar Martinez	269Q

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I want to know what I am going to do after graduation	Ms. Schanker	Room 112
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RULES FOR STUDENTS

A safe school is essential to provide an optimum learning environment to allow students to reach their full potential.

- Students are expected to arrive on time and prepared to excel in each class.
- Students are expected to attend all the classes for which they are scheduled.
- Students are not to be in the student cafeteria other than during their scheduled breakfast, lunch period or work study period.
- Except for students with a hallway pass, students are not permitted to walk around the building without an adult.
- Students with a hallway pass must sign a contract agreement.
- **Bathroom:** When using the restroom, **every student**, including students with a hallway pass, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Students are expected to behave in a manner that denotes respect for themselves, their classmates, school staff, and the building.
- Students may not participate in extra-curricular activities if their behavior during the school day is unacceptable.
- All students are required to carry their school-issued photo ID card at all times.
- Students may not leave the building during the course of the school day.
- Students will adhere to all regulations outlined in the NYCDOE Behavioral Expectations and the NYCDOE Chancellor's Regulations in the following links:
 - <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/policies-for-all/chancellors-regulations/volume-a-regulations>
- Students are permitted to bring the following electronic items to school: 1) cell phones; 2) laptops, tablets, iPads and other similar computing devices (“computing devices”); and 3) portable music and entertainment systems, such as iPods, MP3 players, PSP, and Nintendo DS. However, electronic items may not be turned on or used during instructional time. These items may only be used during breakfast or lunch.

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- In the case when a cell phone or any electronic device has been confiscated by an administrator, dean, or authorized staff member, the following options will be available to school staff
 - 1st Infraction: Verbal warning
 - 2nd Infraction: Confiscation of item by an administrator, dean, or authorized staff member and return at end of school day
 - 3rd Infraction: Parents or Guardian will be contacted to pick up the device.
- Students who use cell phones, computing devices and/or portable music and entertainment systems in violation of any provision of the DOE's Discipline Code, the school's policy, [Chancellor's Regulation A413](#), and/or the DOE's [Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy \("IAUSP"\)](#) will be subject to discipline in accordance with the guidance interventions and disciplinary responses set forth in the Discipline Code.

DRESS CODE

- Caps, hats, visors, bandanas, hoods or any other head covering are not to be worn in the building (only religious coverings are acceptable).
- No sagging pants.
- Clothing must cover the torso.
- No undergarment should be visible.
- No see-through clothing.
- No muscle shirts, tank tops, or midriff tops.
- No clothing with offensive messages
- No flip-flops.

INDEPENDENT TRAVELERS

- Independent travelers are required to sign in and out everyday. The sign-in book is located at the security desk in the lobby.
- If you are not in school on time everyday (8am) or you have been absent, your full fare MetroCard will be deactivated and you will be placed on a daily MetroCard.
- If your cell phone number has changed, please tell Ms. Lisa in the main office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New York City law requires that each school maintain up-to-date biographical information for each student. It is imperative that the school is able to contact students and parents in the event of an emergency and that

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important mail is able to reach you. Any change in address, telephone number, e-mail, or any other biographical information must be reported to the school. An Emergency Contact Sheet must be completed whenever a student's address changes or if a parents' home phone number, cell phone number, or email is changed. Forms are available from Ms. Lisa in the main office.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

When a student is absent, parents must call the attendance office at 718-760-1083 ext. 1121 before 9:00 a.m. to report the absence. If a doctor treats the illness, a doctor's note should be attached to the absence note. According to NYC Department of Education regulations, a doctor's note is also required if a student is absent for three or more consecutive days. All doctors' notes must be submitted to Ms. Elizabeth Johnson in the main office.

BELL SCHEDULE

1	8:00 - 8:43
2	8:45 - 9:28
3	9:30 - 10:13
4	10:15 - 10:58
5	11:00 - 11:43
6	11:45 - 12:28
7	12:30 - 1:13
8	1:15 - 1:58
Dismissal	2:00 - 2:20

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SCHOOL EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sep 23, 2026	Family Open House - mainsite
Sep 24, 2026	Family Open House - 269Q
Oct 5, 2026	PBIS KICKOFF - Mainsite
Oct 6, 2026	PBIS KICKOFF - 269Q
Oct 30, 2026	<i>Fall Festival</i>
Nov 16, 2026 – Nov 20, 2026	Fall Book Fair
Nov 23, 2026 – Nov 24, 2026	Holiday Luncheon (ALL SITES)
Dec 7, 2026 – Dec 11, 2026	<i>Holiday Show - Mainsite</i>
Dec 14, 2026 – Dec 16, 2026	<i>Holiday Show - 269Q</i>
Dec 18, 2026	Family Fun Night - Holiday Movie Night
Dec 14, 2026 – Dec 23, 2026	Winter Spirit Week
Feb 5, 2027	Super Bowl Event
Feb 24, 2027	Heritage Experience - Main
Feb 8, 2027 – Feb 12, 2027	RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK
Feb 12, 2027	Friendship Dance



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Mar 15, 2027	March Madness - Main
Mar 16, 2027	March Madness - 269Q
Mar 19, 2027	Family Fun Night - Game Night
Apr 12, 2027 – Apr 21, 2027	Spring Spirit Week
Apr 12, 2027 – Apr 16, 2027	Spring Book Fair
May 10, 2027 – May 14, 2027	Spring Show - Mainsite
May 18, 2027 – May 20, 2027	Spring Show - 269Q
May 27, 2027 – May 28, 2027	Spring Fair
Jun 9, 2027	Graduation
Jun 10, 2027	Senior Prom
Jun 18, 2027	Carnival
Jun 22, 2027 – Jun 23, 2027	STUDENT TALENT SHOW
Jun 25, 2027	STAFF TALENT SHOW
Jun 28, 2027	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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