Welcome to IS 289: Hudson River Middle School

Presentation begins at 9:10 and 9:35



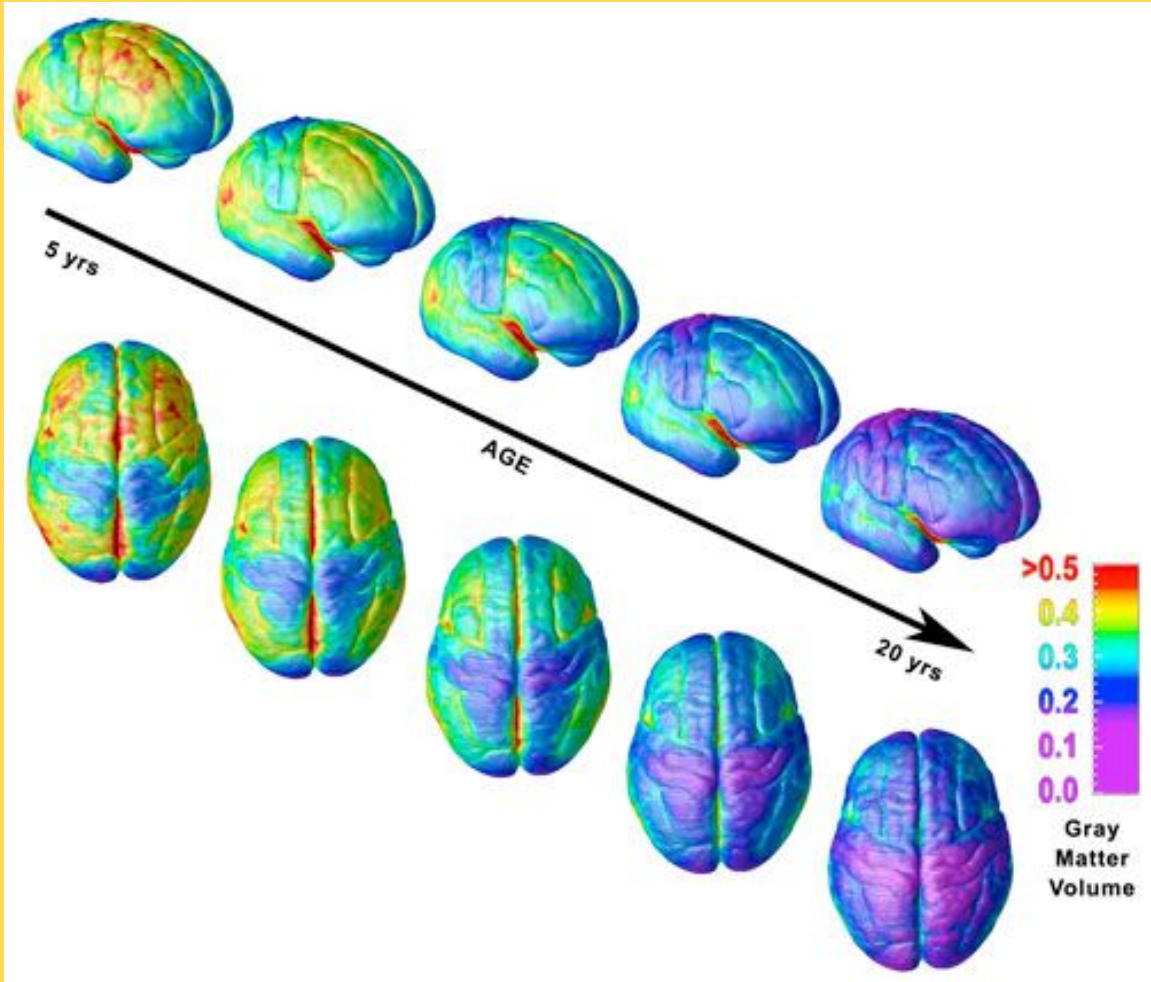
What's in a brain?

"The largest part, the cortex, is divided into lobes that mature from back to front.

The last section to connect is the frontal lobe, responsible for cognitive processes such as reasoning, planning, and judgment.

Normally this mental merger is not completed until somewhere between ages 25 and 30"

-Harvard Magazine, 2008



What makes 289 special?

- Learning is collaborative & centered on big questions.
    - Rigor and access with multiple modalities
    - Agency and self-advocacy valued
- The environment is caring & nurturing.
    - Personal academic monitoring
    - Small community of learners
    - Developmentally focused structures
- Student Leadership is embedded in many ways.
    - Student Leadership Class, Ambassadors
    - Peer Mediators, MSLC, Class Roles, and more

HOW DO STUDENTS LEARN AT IS 289?

- ***INQUIRY***: Student learn best when they come to the experience with important *questions.*
- ***CHOICE***: Students learn about themselves as learners when they can make choices about *what* questions to pursue and *how* to present their understandings. Our goal is for students to become more independent in making appropriate choices.
- ***PROJECTS***: Our students create create projects independently, with a partner, in small groups, or even as a whole grade. (SciFi Film, Ted Talks, Roller Coaster, & more)

SCHOOL DAY SAMPLE

Fall Schedule 2026

	Monday			Tuesday		
	601	602	603	601	602	603
Period 1 8:25 - 9:15 (50 minutes)	601 Lit 404	602 Math 408	603 Sci 402	601 Math 408	602 SS 406	603 Art 426
Period 2 9:15 - 10:00 (45 minutes)	601 Lit 404	602 SS 406	603 SS 426	601 Lit P/R 404	602 SS 406	603 Sci 402
Period 3 10:00 - 10:45 (45 minutes)	601 Sci 402	602 SS 406	603 SS 426	Advisory		
Period 4 10:45 - 11:35 (50 minutes)	601 IR 501	602 IR 502	603 IR 408	601 Math 408	602 Sci 402	603 Lit 404
Period 5 11:35 - 12:20	LUNCH			LUNCH		
Period 6 12:20 - 1:05 (45 minutes)	601 SS 406	602 Sci 402	603 Math 408	601 Music 532/Aud	602 Tech* 306	603 Studio 426
Period 7 1:05 - 1:50 (45 minutes)	601 SS 406	602* Lit P/R 404	603 Math 408	601 Sci 402	602 Lit 404	603 Math 408
Period 8 1:50 - 2:45 (55 minutes)	601 Art 426	602 Math 408	603 Lit P/R 404	601 Sci 402	602 Lit 404	603 Math 408

CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES

- Mathematics: Accelerated IM, Algebra I IM
- Literacy: Wit & Wisdom
- Science: DoE Sequence, Biology Regents
- Social Studies: DoE Scope & Sequence
- Foreign Language*: 7th and 8th Grade

* Mandarin

Non-Core Classes

- Academic Coaching
- Computer/Tech
- Arts (visual art & chorus)
- Physical Education
- Independent Reading
- Small Group Support
- Advisory

SPECIAL SERVICES

for students with IEPs

ICT

- One class in each grade
- Two teachers in core subjects
- ≥60% of week

SETSS

- Push-in or pull-out
- ELA or Math
- ≤20% of week

RS

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling
- Speech
- Paraprofessional

Where do 289ers go to HS?

Most Matched Schools:

1. Millennium (12 students)
2. Beacon (7 students)
3. NYC Museum School (6 students)
4. HS Dual Language and Asian Studies (5 students)

Specialized Schools (~ 17% matched):

1. Brooklyn Tech (5 students)
2. Stuyvesant (4 students)
3. Brooklyn Latin (2 students)
4. Laguardia (2 students)
5. Bronx HS of Science (1 student)
6. Staten Island Tech (1 student)

Other Information:

- IS289ers were matched to 47 different public schools
- 13 % (n=11) students APPLIED to private/parochial schools

(33% of the Class of 2025 applied to private/parochial schools)

Data for Class of 2026, 88 students

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Manhattan Youth After-School

Each year, MY customizes its program for the students at our school. The following are examples of classes that are often offered in after-school.

SPORTS

Soccer
Basketball
Volleyball
Baseball
Softball
Track
Table Tennis

CLUBS

Robotics
Ceramics
Filmmaking
Theater
Art Portfolio
Cooking
Digital Gaming
Dance
Debate

Supervised Study Lab

IS 289 COUGARS





