

Mission of the Academy



The Academy of Excellence seeks to support each student's full development by preparing our youth to be independent and responsible citizens of

the world. In our partnership with parents and the community, we will continue to teach our students the value of diligence, integrity and self-respect.

To this end, we seek to establish a safe and supportive learning community that promotes tolerance and respect. We will provide a scholastic foundation based on a standards-driven academically rigorous curriculum.

The Academy of Excellence at M.S. 118 is a comprehensive program which covers grades six through eight. What sets this program apart from others is its insistence on academic and personal success through perseverance and a commitment to excellence. By the time students graduate from the Academy of Excellence they will have received an academically sound middle level education leading to a seamless transition into high school.



"Where Winners Find a Way."

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Student's Name

Street Address Apt.

City/State Zip Code

Telephone/Cell

E-Mail

Current School, class

Teacher

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MS118

GOALS AND PRINCIPLES

The community of The Academy of Excellence recognizes its responsibility to provide a balanced and academically rigorous education, and accepts its duty as co-educator with the family. To this end, the goals of the academy are:

- To challenge and support each student to achieve high academic learning.
- To enable all students to acquire rigorous cognitive skills in all content areas.
- To encourage students to think critically, reason, act independently and accept responsibility for self-evaluation.
- To enable students to develop ethical standards of conduct, integrity, and a healthy self-concept.
- To forge a partnership and positive working relationship between families and highly qualified educators.
- To establish an atmosphere throughout the school community enlivened by cooperation and an enthusiasm for learning.
- Developing community values in students that promote leadership through Youth Development.
- Creating student learning profiles to identify learning styles of students to maximize student engagement during teacher instruction.

Academic Success

The Academy of Excellence offers Advisory once a week as an opportunity to help our students do the following:

- **Helping our students adjust to the middle school learning environment.**
- **Building community values that give students a sense of belonging and respect.**
- **Promote student – teacher relationships**
- **Address general self esteem and competence beliefs.**
- **Mediate between academic and social concerns.**

Program Highlights

- Laptops & Smart Boards in classrooms.
- Advisors that support each student in all endeavors.
- Arts: Fine Arts (drawing, painting, ceramics), Performing Arts (theater and dance), Music-vocal /instrumental
- SES and Afterschool programs for enrichment, academic intervention, or recreation (LEAD, Educational Link, Supreme Evaluation).

- Counseling through the Unity Center.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) rewards system that promotes positive community values.
- Helen Keller / Child Vision screening which promotes examinations for students to receive glasses free of charge if needed within the school community.
- G.R.E.A.T program partnership with the District Attorney's office in the Bronx.
- Student Council organization that helps develop critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and community activities to develop leadership skills in our students.
- The Assistant Principal (A.P.) Squad to assist in the daily operations of student activities within the academy, developing ownership and respect for school community and understanding the everyday responsibility of administration as leaders of the school.
- Peer Mediation Program - helping students to problem solve conflict, develop communication skills and take ownership for peer to peer development.