



RENAISSANCE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR INNOVATION SCHOOL PROFILE - 2020-2021

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WHO WE ARE

At The Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation, through our school wide systems, we harness the creativity, skill and hard work of each community member. We believe that all members of the community are active learners and we encourage the entire school community to engage in inquiry and explore their curiosities to discover and create new opportunities. Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation is a community school located in East Harlem. Founded in 2010, the school draws the majority of its students from the surrounding area through a competitive lottery, and the student body reflects the demographic makeup of the neighborhood. Innovation serves an academically diverse community of students, many of whom face significant socioeconomic challenges, and instills a culture of achievement through hard work and an emphasis on experiential learning. The faculty consists of 70 certified staff, 85% with at least a Master's degree. There are 8 full-time counselors and two full-time postsecondary counselors.

MISSION STATEMENT

Innovation nurtures and develops students to be academically successful, socially mature, emotionally healthy, and equipped to lead self-directed and fulfilling lives. We welcome all students and we empower them to adapt, excel, innovate, and lead. By instilling the core values of collaboration, tolerance, respect, activism, safety, and innovation, students will graduate prepared for success in college and careers.

GRADING POLICY

With the needs of our community in mind, we have developed a high performing instructional model to ensure that our student-innovators achieve academic excellence. We do this by supporting our students with setting self-created goals within a three-tiered educational model of core classroom instruction, portfolio-based annual individual projects, and hands-on, experiential learning. Our grading scale is on a 100 point scale, with 65 as the passing score for all courses. Innovation does not rank and GPAs are unweighted.

COVID-19 UPDATE: For the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 semesters, Innovation High School operated remotely for all students. Courses were fully online. The NYS Regents examinations were waived for June 2020 and August 2020. Student transcripts indicate an "X" where students completed the course and were exempted from the Regents in that content area. Students enrolled in Innovation's two College Board Advanced Placement courses were challenged to prepare remotely and take the exam online. Due to COVID and limited test centers (especially in a highly populated NYC area), students did not get the same opportunity to test for the SAT/ACT compared to prior years. Our academic calendar has not changed. *Other extenuating circumstances* - Innovation High School had some students who were impacted directly by the pandemic. Some students were challenged with obtaining consistent internet connection, dealing with illness or supporting younger siblings and other family members in need.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT CREDITS	REQUIRED
ENGLISH	8
SOCIAL STUDIES	8
MATH	6
SCIENCE	6
SPANISH	2
ART/MUSIC	2
HEALTH	1
PHYS. ED	4
ELECTIVES	7
TOTAL	44

Students seeking a NYS Regents Diploma must also pass 5 Regents exams: ELA, Global OR US History, Earth Sci OR Living Environment, math, and an additional social studies, science, or math exam.

*Electives include College and Career Readiness

Memberships

We are members of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the New York State School Counselor Association, the College Access Consortium of New York, and the NYC Charter School Athletic Association.



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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

ENRICHMENT WEEK

Eight days of project-based learning worth one academic credit, every spring. Courses use the city as their classroom, sometimes voyaging much further. In recent years, students have studied everything from the school-to-prison pipeline to the ecology of the Bronx River, and traveled from New Orleans to Costa Rica.

EARTHWATCH

Our Earthwatch program evolved out of an Enrichment Week class, in which Innovation students studied ecosystems in Puerto Rico. Students' continued interest in Earthwatch and studying environmental conservation, climate change, research methods and ecological field work, led a team to Costa Rica, where in 2018 & 2019, they studied pollinators in the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

CULINARY ARTS

Students participate in a rigorous and creative culinary arts program available for all four years. Students take on different roles within our state-of-the-art kitchen, specialize according to their interests, and study everything from food safety to culinary culture around the world.

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

SEP is a comprehensive, standards-aligned computer science and software engineering program designed to develop computational thinking and problem-solving skills in real-world contexts and increase the number of high school graduates, especially those from traditionally under-represented groups, who are ready to enter new and emerging high-tech fields.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Throughout high school, students develop a post-secondary plan and the skills in reading, writing, collaboration, organization, and research they need to be successful in college and the workplace. Our College Office helps students through a variety of resources find jobs and internships in their fields of interest, and our alumni support program supports graduates academically and professionally.

Student Successes

Our students have been accepted into a variety of competitive programs, including:

- MS² Phillips Academy Tribeca Film Fellows Yale Global Scholars Legal Bound High School
- Internship Program - New York County DA's Office
- The Opportunity Network Sadie Nash Leadership Program NYC Generation Tech
- Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology Internship Program Futures and Options

Athletics and Clubs

We offer nine athletic teams, including:

- JV and Varsity Boys Basketball Varsity Girls Basketball Softball
- Baseball Soccer
- Track and Field Flag Football Volleyball

A selection of our clubs and organizations:

- National Honors Society, Class
- Fundraising Committees, Rock Climbing, Weight Training and Wellness, Guitar, Software Engineering



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Approximately 89% of our seniors are accepted to college, compared to 68.9% of NYS seniors and 62.5% of seniors nationally. The following is a partial list of recent college acceptances:

College of St. Rose
CUNY- BMCC
CUNY- Brooklyn College
CUNY- City College
CUNY - College of Staten Island
CUNY- Hunter
CUNY- John Jay
CUNY - Lehman
CUNY - Medgar Evers
CUNY- NYC College of Technology
CUNY - Queens College
CUNY- York College
Fordham University
Howard University
Iona
LIU- Brooklyn/ CW Post
Manhattan College
Marist College
Mercy College
Monroe College
Morgan State
Pace University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
St. John's University
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY University at Buffalo
SUNY Alfred State
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Farmingdale State College
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY Postdam
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Oswego
Stony Brook University
Virginia State University

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Qualified juniors and seniors take College Now classes at Hunter College (CUNY). We offer onsite college courses through a partnership with Touro College. The Writing Revolution (TWR) is a school-wide initiative to strengthen and support students' writing skills. Advanced Placement: Innovation currently offers two AP courses - English Language and Computer Science.

Our students/school information -

Enrollment: 391
Student to faculty ratio: 12 to 1
Seniors: 124
55% Hispanic
42% African-American
3% White, Asian-descent, other
13% ELL students
36% special education students
80% Qualify for FRPL



COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

At the moment, virtual visits are welcomed during the semester. For transcripts and other student information, please reach out to the College and Career Office.

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