



What are the central beliefs of Washington Heights Academy?



Relationship is at the heart of teaching and learning.

An effective learning environment places meaningful relationships—among teachers, students, families and other community members—at its center.



Family involvement is key to children's academic success.

Families play an essential role in their children's education and should be to participate meaningfully in their children's school lives.



Children learn by doing.

Children learn by handling materials, exploring their environments, planning projects and conducting experiments. Effective teaching encourages learning through discovery.



Education is multi-dimensional.

A well-rounded education should include not only mastery of information and skills, but opportunities for self-expression, artistic creation, personal reflection, critical thinking and the development of social, emotional and ethical competencies.



Family Involvement

Family involvement is an essential part of our school community. WHA seeks families who are deeply committed to their children's education and who wish to be meaningfully involved in their children's school lives. Family members are regularly welcomed into the school for a variety of activities, including parent leadership meetings, workshops and ESL classes, classroom events, honors assemblies, special performances and Family Learning Nights. We welcome the participation of all parents in a variety of ways. Every effort has a positive impact on our children and on the school as a whole.

Social and Emotional Learning

At WHA, we strive to provide positive discipline in the context of caring classrooms and to foster in all students a strong sense of respect—for themselves and for all members of the school community. As a PreK-8 school, we seek to maintain and deepen relationships with students from early childhood to adolescence. Our Middle School Student Leadership Advisory provides opportunities to develop essential life skills (social, emotional and academic) through structured activities and service learning experiences that foster empathy, responsibility and community involvement.



PS/IS 366:

Washington Heights Academy

*A Neighborhood Learning Community
for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8*



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Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 Admissions

At Washington Heights Academy, we believe that all children have unique interests and talents. Therefore, we do not test or screen students for admission. Children enter the school through the application process established by the New York City Department of Education.

In accordance with NYC DOE policy, children who are currently enrolled in WHA's Pre-Kindergarten program receive priority (after siblings) in the admissions process. Please note, however, that children attending Pre-Kindergarten at WHA are not guaranteed admission to Kindergarten at the school.

Special Programs: Kindergarten to Grade 8

- Inwood Community Services: Out-of School Time (OST) Programs (K-5 & 6-8)
- Ballet Hispánico: Flamenco
- Children's Arts and Science Workshops
- Dancing Classrooms
- LEAP (Learning through an Extended Arts Program)
- LINC (Literacy Inc.): Reading Buddy Program
- New York Cares School Success Initiative
- Yeshiva University START Science

Sports

- Morning Fitness Program
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Track & Field



About Our School

Washington Heights Academy (WHA) is a small learning community, dedicated to knowing each student and family well. The Academy offers a child-centered, academically rigorous program that promotes personal, social and academic success for all students. Student achievement is supported through high quality classroom instruction and active family participation. In addition to three full-day Pre-Kindergarten classes, the Academy is designed to serve two classes per grade in Kindergarten to Grade 8.



School Mission

The mission of Washington Heights Academy is to prepare its students to respond to life's challenges and opportunities with confidence and intelligence. Our aim is to provide children with learning experiences that will foster high self-esteem and a growth mindset as essential supports for academic success and responsible community involvement. Through high expectations and a rigorous curriculum, we strive to raise critical thinkers and self-directed learners, and to support in students a love of learning—now and throughout their lives.



WHA Middle School Admissions

Grade 5 students currently attending Washington Heights Academy have priority to continue to Grade 6 at the school. In order to receive this priority, current WHA fifth graders must rank PS/IS 366 as one of their choices on the Middle School Choice Application.

Students from other schools are also invited to apply to the WHA Middle School. Please contact the school at 212-304-3320 to learn about information sessions and school tours.

Middle School Opportunities

Regents Classes
Integrated Algebra

Special Programs
Advisory, Community Service, Friday Clubs

Enrichment & Extracurricular Activities
Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Sports, Technology

Academic Support:
Extended Day, Saturday Academy
High School Preparation Classes