



*"The future belongs to those who prepare for it." -Emerson*

**SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE**  
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**Profile for 2018-2019**  
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### **The School**

Situated in downtown Manhattan, School of the Future is a small New York City public school serving grades 6-12. It draws students from all over the city and from all components of the NYC population. SOF is among the new wave of small option schools created in the NYC system with expectations, justified by educational experience, of higher school morale, more consistent attendance and fuller realization of potential from students and staff alike. SOF is considered innovative for its philosophy, its admissions procedure (dependent on student application and interest rather than zoning assignment or test scores), and for its intensive integration of technology into the curriculum (emphasizing the tool uses of computers, video, etc.). We retain a firm commitment to the benefits of small size with 750 students in the school, 110 students per grade, and 28 students per class. An active School Leadership Team sets policy with input from parents, students, administration and staff. The community opted to maintain small class size at the expense of clerical, administrative and support positions, despite major budget cuts within the NYC Department of Education.

### **Our Students**

Our students come to us from many different situations, backgrounds and experiences. We believe SOF students distinguish themselves as they leave high school and enter college through their Habits of Mind – the ways in which their experience here has trained them to listen, think, research, study and work. They have been serious students in our academic community, and will be valuable contributors to the worlds of achievement that lie ahead. We believe that the independent preparation and presentation of their Exhibitions (see below) prepare them well for the demands of college and beyond. One hundred percent of each year's graduates have been accepted to colleges, including Amherst, Bard, Barnard, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, CUNY, DePauw, Fairfield, Franklin & Marshall, Fordham, Georgetown, Goucher, Hamilton, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lehigh, Macalester, Middlebury, New York University, Oberlin, Penn State, Sarah Lawrence, Smith, Skidmore, SUNY, Syracuse, Temple, Trinity, USC, Vassar, Wellesley, and Wesleyan.

### **The Curriculum**

Our school is supportive in environment and rigorous in curriculum. It encourages student independence, in part through external learning experiences. The school day is programmed with six 55 minute periods a day and students have a full day of classes for the full four years. The school requires four years of English and Social Studies; three to four years of Math and Science; and two years of foreign language -Spanish. The English sequence includes English 9, English 10, English 11, AP

Language (11<sup>th</sup> grade) English 12 Honors, and AP Literature (12<sup>th</sup> grade). The Social Studies sequence includes Global Studies 9, Global Studies 10, American History, AP Government, Government and Economics. The Math sequence includes Algebra I, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Geometry, Statistics, AP Computer Science and Calculus Honors. The Science sequence includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics II, Environmental Science and Sports Science. Electives starting in junior year include: Studio Art, Spanish Film, Music Production, Drama, Fairness Committee, Robotics, Chinese Calligraphy and a Digital Film elective. The current preference is to integrate elective experiences through the Humanities or the Math and Science courses of study. The school's Advisory Program plays a key role, combining the functions of homeroom, school-based family group and guidance resource.

## **Assessment**

We do not emphasize earning a NY State "Regents Diploma," through the taking of Regents Exams. Graduation from SOF depends on demonstration of four independent PBAT's (Performance Based Assessment Tasks), and an oral defense, that model a graduate dissertation. Students must complete one in English, History, Math and Science in their junior and senior year. Students are required to develop an original thesis that comes out of their class work. These Exhibitions comprise of research, preparation of a paper, and a presentation for a committee of teachers, student peers and where appropriate, outside community members. Each student is also obliged to participate on a committee. Exhibitions are evaluated as Mastery with Distinction, Mastery, Satisfactory or Needs Revision.

- *SOF, as a matter of school philosophy, does not provide class rank.*
- Grades are: 99 – 90 = A; 89 – 80 = B; 79 – 70 = C; 69 – 65 = D, below 65 is failing.

## **Special Curricular Opportunities**

Unique independence-oriented opportunities, blending academic and off-site performance, include a required two-semester employment internship, occupying at least one day a week. Spanning a multitude of possible placements, internships are tuned to individual fit and are carefully supervised. Success is determined through responsible on-the-job performance, and a written academic component, which uses the site as a research resource. Internships provide students, time and again, with opportunities to source abilities, interests and ways to achieve not apparent in the classroom. Academically, students at SOF have the opportunity to take college courses at cooperating institutions of higher education, including New York University, CUNY Hunter College, and CUNY Baruch College.

## **Extra Curricular Opportunities**

School of the Future receives an After School Corporation grant for a fully funded after school program. Offerings include the arts (theatre, fine art, music, etc.), PSAL sports (basketball, volleyball, baseball, soccer, softball, etc.), technology (computer programming, robotics, etc.) and academics (Science Olympiad, Math Club, homework help). Other opportunities include Student Government, Debate Club, School Leadership Team, Peer Leadership, Student Chorus, and International School Trips to Spain, Mexico, Iceland, Cuba, China, Peru and the Galapagos Islands.

## **Statistics**

The student population is 38% White, 26% Hispanic 16% Asian, 12% African-American 8% Other. SAT scores for SOF students range from 1000 to 1500. ACT scores range from 18-32.