



# QUEENS PAIDEIA SCHOOL



Queens Paideia School is a K-12 independent school located in Long Island City, New York.

The QPS program provides every student with an individualized education that encompasses academic goals as well as those related to personal development (e.g., social, self-management, and learning skills).

The philosophy and curriculum of the school are based on widely endorsed and well-researched educational principles.

QPS is subsidized by the Mechner Foundation, which enables the school to keep tuition rates (\$15,000 / year) substantially lower than at most NYC independent schools.



# How is QPS unique?

## Academic Individualization

Every QPS student is provided with a personalized learning plan. Students move beyond grade level norms in areas of strength and receive support as needed. Many of our students advance at more than one grade level per year in several subject areas.



## Motivation and Independent Learning

“Ownership” is known to be a primary driver of motivation. QPS students participate in setting their own academic goals, thereby enhancing self-motivation, responsibility, and achievement, which often alleviates common motivational problems.



## Personal Development

Non-academic areas such as social skills, self-management, and metacognitive learning skills receive the same level of attention as academic achievement.

## Low Student-Faculty Ratio

Our 6-1 student-teacher ratio enables us to create an environment that is stimulating and responsive to each student's academic and personal needs.



## Highly Trained Faculty

Our academic faculty is comprised of professional educators with experience teaching grades K-12, as well as at the university level. They hold degrees from institutions such as Columbia, NYU, Yale, and Boston University. In addition, enrichment instructors provide training in dance, music, fine art, and foreign language.



# Benefits of the QPS Educational Model

## Accelerated Learning

Most QPS students progress academically at a rapid pace. Students who demonstrate interest and proficiency in a given subject area are free to move ahead and excel without the constraints that are inherent in a traditional classroom setting

## Students Thrive

Students love coming to school because they are interested in and enriched by what they are learning and because they enjoy their peers and the feeling of being part of a true learning community.

## The Negative Effects of “Failure” are Minimized or Eliminated Entirely

Failure patterns and their negative impact on motivation and self-esteem are minimized because students always work at a level and pace that are optimal for them (rather than having to adapt to the level and pace of the “average student” in the class).

## Personal Development

Students develop across both academic and personal dimensions, gaining awareness of how they learn, a fuller sense of what motivates them, and positive skills for interacting with others and resolving conflicts.

## Admissions and Contact Information

QPS hosts several weekend open houses during the school year and monthly information sessions during school hours. We welcome visitors and encourage you to call or e-mail to arrange a visit. Further information regarding QPS’s application process can be found on our website:

[www.queenspaideiaschool.org](http://www.queenspaideiaschool.org)

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