

Advocates for Children of New York

Alternative Options for High School Students

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Part I: Alternative High Schools

Alternative schools offer a non-traditional instructional path stressing academic support in a smaller setting and a more personalized approach.

1. Q: Are there different types of alternative schools?

A: Yes, there are 2 general categories

- Schools for students on grade level (9-12)
- Transfer Alternative High Schools
(students who are 17, sometimes 16, minimum of approximately 15 credits, compelling story)

2. Q: What types of students should consider attending an alternative school?

A:

- Students who have not succeeded in a traditional school environment (either in junior high school or in current high school)
- Students who would benefit from smaller, more personalized settings
- Students who prefer a non-traditional high school curriculum

3. Q: What steps should a student take if interested in attending an alternative schools?

A:

- 8th grade students should:
 1. Attend the high school fair during the fall of 8th grade
 2. Schedule visits to the school
 3. Sell yourself as an attractive candidate (see tips below?)
 4. Turn in applications to Office of High School Admissions by November
Phone number: (917) 256-4300
- Transfer students (includes students 16 and younger) should:
 1. Call the guidance department or person dealing with admissions at the new school

In some cases, the alternative schools will want the referrals to be made by guidance counselor of the old school. If this is the case, try to get your guidance counselor to advocate on your behalf when he or she contacts the school.

2. Arrange interview and set up visit

3. **“Sell yourself”** as an attractive candidate

- Focus on your strengths: What are things you are passionate about?
(Do you play a musical instrument or a sport? Do you sing, dance or write poetry?)
- What makes you a unique applicant: What sets you apart from other applicants?
(Have you experienced significant life challenges that have made it difficult for you to do well in school?)
- Why do you believe this new school environment would a good match for you?
(What are your educational goals? Why should the school trust that you will comply with new expectations?)

(T)=transfer alternative high schools

Manhattan

- 1. The Beacon School:** 227 West 61st Street, New York, NY 10023
(212) 245-2807

Admissions: priority given to District 3 students, then to Manhattan Residents, apply before the ninth or tenth grade

Description: More intimate school environment (680 students), college preparatory curriculum, graduation requirements include portfolio presentation and senior project
- 2. Borough Academy (T)**

Murray Hill Academy: 40 East 29th Street, New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-7576

Admissions: accepts students 17-21 who have not succeeded in regular high schools, students should be referred by guidance counselors

Description: small class sizes, additional guidance service, serving students who, because of behavior problems, need an alternative school environment
- 3. Career Education Center (CEC) (T):** 448 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019
(212) 262-0817

Admissions: accepts students who are at least 17 years old

Description: academic and vocational program for homeless and underserved populations, GED preparation program, not regular high school diploma
- 2. Cascades Center for Teaching & Learning (T):** 62 Mott Street, New York, NY 10013
(212) 646-1261

Admissions: priority given to Manhattan 10th grade or higher transfer students

Description: College-prep alternative high school environment, 200 students total
- 3. Central Park East Secondary School:** 1573 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029

(212) 860-8935

Admissions: Priority given to Central Park East 8th graders, then to NYC residents, should apply before the ninth grade

Description: Excellent for students who need extra services and attention, community service experience, courses at local college campuses of 11th and 12th graders

4. **Choir Academy of Harlem:** 2005 Madison Avenue at 127th Street
(212) 289-6227
Admissions: Priority to School District 5, then to NYC residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grades
Description: academic and arts curricula for musically gifted students, 250 students

5. **T, City-as-School:** 16 Clarkson Street, New York, NY 10014
(212) 337-6800
Admissions: applicants should have approximately 20 credits
Description: learning experience is focused on student performance in professional internships, apprenticeships, and technical training opportunities

6. **Coalition School for Social Change:** 220 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019
(212) 247-3651
Admissions: priority given to students in the former Julia Richman zone, then to Manhattan residents
Description: personalized learning environment (340 students), students must complete portfolio presentation upon graduation, participation in Community Service Program, all students have a mentor/advisor for high school careers

7. **Co-op Tech (School of Cooperative Technical Education):**
321 East 96th Street, New York, NY 10128
(212) 369-8800
Admissions: Open to all NYC residents, students must be turning at least 17 within school year
Description: GED program and vocational skills classes, 16 year olds or younger must be simultaneously enrolled in Board of Ed academic

program (includes GED program), in same building as GED program,
Manhattan Learning Center

- 8. East Side Community High School:** 420 East 12th Street, New York, NY 10009, (212) 460-8467
Admissions: flexible with credits and age
Description: supportive, creative environment, large portion of kids are below grade level when they arrive, accepts "at-risk" students
- 9. Gregorio Luperon Preparatory School:** 516 West 181st Street, New York, NY 10033
(212) 927-2561
Admissions: NYC residents who have completed at least 8th grade
Description: ESL focus (students provided with intensive instruction in ESL and bilingual subject classes)
- 10. Landmark High School:** 220 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019
(212) 247-3414
Admissions: priority given to students in former Julia Richman Zone, then to Manhattan residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: smaller school (340 students), personalized attention, career opportunities
- 11. The Legacy School for Integrated Studies:** 34 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011
(212) 645-1980
Admissions: priority given to students in former Julia Richman Zone, then to Manhattan residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: Smaller school (350 students), students must present performance portfolios and senior projects to meet graduation requirements
- 12. Liberty High School:** 250 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011
(212) 691-0934

Admissions: for newly arrived immigrant youth of high school age (non-English speaking), who have had eight years of less of formal education

Description: Intensive ESL instruction and ninth grade content subjects in bilingual Chinese, Spanish and Polish program, and ESL monolingual program

13. Lower East Side Preparatory High School (T): 145 Stanton St,
New York, NY 10002

(212) 505-6366

Admissions: Open to NYC residents, students must be between 17 and 21 and have at least 10 credits and have passed at least 2 state tests (Regents or RCTs), have attended a comprehensive high school for at least 1 year and be able to graduate by 21st birthday

Description: small, supportive environment (approx 570 students), offering classes in English and Chinese, for students who have been unable to succeed in larger setting or who have emigrated from another country, have special education students (all are mainstreamed, offer resource room once daily for these students, serves students who have been categorized as MIS I and MIS II but not SIE), unlike most other alternative high schools NO portfolio requirement, grants regular high school diploma

14. Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School (T): 240
Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003

(212) 353-2010

Admissions: Open to NYC residents, students must be between 17 and 21, minimum of 15 credits

Description: regents-focused program with day and night classes, extensive ESL program, specific support for Islamic female students

15. The Manhattan International High School: 317 East 67th Street,
New York, NY 10021

(212) 517-6728

Admissions: priority given to students in the former Julia Richman zone, then to NYC residents, priority given to students who have

lived in the US for less than 4 years and whose native language is not English, should apply before the 9th or 10th grade

Description: serves the needs of limited English proficient students, college prep curriculum

16. Manhattan Village Academy: 43 West 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010 (212) 242-8752

Admissions: priority given to students in the former Julia Richman zone, then to Manhattan residents, should apply before the 9th or 10th grade

Description: smaller school (340 students), functioning like a village students and teachers work closely together

17. Public School Repertory Company: 123 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036

(212) 382-1875

Admissions: open to all NYC residents

Description: creative learning environment with dual focus on arts and academics

18. Satellite Academy: 120 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001 (646) 674-2830

Admissions: Open to all NYC residents

Description: smaller classes, good student to teacher ratio, involved guidance counselors

19. School for the Physical City: 55 East 25th Street, New York, NY 10015

(212) 683-7440

Admissions: priority given to continuing 8th grade students, then to District 2 students, then to NYC residents

Description: smaller school (300 students), designed to empower youth to care for their NYC community, emphasizing teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking

20. Unity High School: 121 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013

(212) 343-8038

Admissions: Open to NYC residents, should apply before the 9th or 10th grade

Description: small, nurturing learning environment, on-going collaborations with parents, The Door (multi-service youth center), and Citigroup

20. The Urban Academy (T): 317 East 67th Street, New York, NY 10021
(212) 570-5284

Admissions: For NYC residents who have previously attended high school

Description: small, personalized setting (120 students), college-oriented curriculum, community service internships, "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence", has a very good record of getting students into college

21. Urban Peace Academy: 2351 First Avenue, New York, NY 10035
(212) 987-1906

Admissions: Priority to District 4 students, then to NYC residents, must have at least ½ the credits they should have at student's particular grade level

Description: Smaller School (340 students), focus on issues of peace and justice, wealth and power, and creation of ourselves and our cultures, intensive services for literacy needs, after school programs provide support and allow students to earn extra credits in areas where they need to catch up

22. Vanguard High School: 317 East 67th Street, New York, NY 10021
(212) 517-5175

Admissions: priority given to students in the former Julia Richman zone, then to Manhattan residents

Description: Smaller school (300 students), portfolio-based assessment plan

23. West Side High School (T): 140 West 102nd Street, New York, NY 10025

(212) 678-7300

Admissions: Open to NYC residents 16 years and older transferring from another school

Description: serves “at-risk” students, smaller class size, supportive “family groups”, opportunities for student internships and parent involvement, housed in brand new facility

Queens

- 1. International High School at LaGuardia Community College:** 31-10 Thompson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 482-5455
Admissions: Open to NYC residents who have been in US fewer than four years and are ESL, students should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: Charter school, smaller school (435 students), access to college resources, graduation portfolio curriculum
- 2. Middle College High School at LaGuardia Community College:** 45-35 Van Dam Street, Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 349-4000
Admissions: Open to all NYC residents, lottery, no minimum number of credits, students should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: standard curriculum in a college atmosphere, longer class periods (70 minutes) with extra attentive teachers, resource room, extensive individual and peer counseling, intensive Regents prep, unusually successful in sparking academic interest in students who don't do well in traditional school
- 3. Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Institute for the Arts and Technology:** 47-07 30th Place, Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 472-5671
Admissions: priority to District 30 students, open to all NYC residents, Students should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: smaller school (400 students), high-tech building, offers Classes in video production, animation and digital music, good college admission rate
- 4. City-as-School, Queens (T):** Robert Wagner Jr. High School, 30-00 48th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 729-6009

Admissions: Open to NYC residents, students should have
Approximately 20 credits

Description: Internships 3 days/week, small and supportive classes

5. Project BLEND at Baisely Bay (T): 142-10 Linden Blvd, Jamaica, NY
11436, (718) 322-3580

Admissions: for students 16-20, no 9th grade program, minimum of 14
credits, if 18-19 years old must have at least 20-23 credits

Description: geared towards at-risk students who are academically
capable but were not succeeding in large, regular high schools, not
equipped for most special education students

6. Satellite Academy, Queens (T): 162-02 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, NY
11432, (718) 657-3920

Admissions: minimum of 8-10 credits, open to all NYC residents, 16
years or older

Description: standard curriculum, family groups, college advisor
system

Brooklyn

1. Brooklyn College Academy: 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
11210, (718) 951-5941

Admissions: Priority to Brooklyn Residents, then to NYC residents,
admission based on guidance counselor recommendation, school
records and student's ability to function independently in settings
outside of school

Description: smaller school (475 students), middle college high
school

2. Brooklyn International High School: 49 Flatbush Avenue
Extension, Brooklyn, NY 10023, (718) 643-9315

Admissions: NYC residents who have resided in US for less than
four years and are of limited English proficiency, priority to
Brooklyn residents

3. **City-as-School (T):** 116 Nassau Street, 6th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201,
(718) 858-0846
Admissions: Open to NYC residents
Description: Dual focus on academics and field work experience

4. **EBC/ENY High School for Public Safety & Law:** 1495 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233, (718) 498-7163
Admissions: Priority to districts 19, 23, 32, then to other Brooklyn residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: smaller school (320 students)

5. **EBC High School for Public Service in Bushwick:** 1155 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, (718) 452-3440
Admissions: Priority to districts 32, 19, 23, then to other Brooklyn residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: smaller school (525 students)

6. **Freedom Academy:** 116 Nassau Street, 5th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 694-8357
Admissions: Priority to Brooklyn residents, then NYC residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: Smaller school (150 students), students must wear uniforms

7. **High School of Redirection (T):** 226 Bristol Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212 (718) 498-2605
Admissions: Open to NYC residents, students must be 17-21, who have previously attended high school
Description: second opportunity school for 17-21 year olds returning to school

8. **Frederick Douglas Literacy Center (T):** 832 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216, (718) 636-5770
Admissions: 17-21 year olds with reading problems
Description: goal is for all students to become literate and self-directed learners

- 9. Metropolitan Corporate Academy High School:** 362 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219, (718) 222-6200
Admissions: all NYC residents, should apply before 9th or 10th grade
Description: rigorous, college-oriented, multi-cultural curriculum, smaller school (300 students)
- 10. Pacific High School (T):** 112 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 855-7155
Admissions: Open to NYC residents, serving grades 10-12, students must be 17 years or older with a minimum of 10-12 credits and have passed either 2 Regents or RCT's
Description: small, supportive environment, academic performance-based curriculum
- 11. Street Academy High School:** 832 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216, (718) 622-4310
Admissions: Open to NYC residents, must apply between ages of 14 and 21
Description: smaller school (375 students)

Bronx

- 1. Banana Kelly High School:** Police Athletic League, 991 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459, (718) 861-1033
Admissions: priority to students in districts 7, 8, 9, 12, then to Bronx residents, should apply before the 9th or 10th grades
Description: Smaller school (200 students), high staff and parental involvement
- 2. Bronx Coalition Community School for Technology:** 1300 Boyton Avenue, Room 434, Bronx, NY 10472 (718) 842-4945
Admissions: Open to residents within the former James Monroe zone, should apply before the 9th or 10th grades
Description: smaller school (325 students), graduation or advancement to next grade based on Portfolios and Exhibitions

- 3. Bronx Regional High School (T):** 1010 Reverend Polite Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459, (718) 991-2020
Admissions: Open to Bronx residents, 16 ½ years and older with a minimum of 15 credits
Description: Smaller school (350 students)
- 4. T, City-As-School:** Northeast Bronx Educational Park, Harry S. Truman High School, 750 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475, (718) 904-5780
Admissions: Open to NYC residents
Description: Dual focus on academics on field work experience
- 5. Fannie Lou Hamer High School:** 1021 Jennings Street, Bronx, NY 10460, (718) 861-0521
Admissions: Open to residents within the former James Monroe zone, should apply before the 9th or 10th grades
Description: smaller school (360 students), must complete portfolio
- 6. Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science:** 475 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, (718) 518-4333
Admissions: priority to Bronx and upper Manhattan residents, then to NYC residents
Description: 270 students, has been selected as a NYS School of Excellence
- 7. James Baldwin Literacy Center (T):** 1010 Reverend James Polite Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459, (718) 842-9200
Admissions: Open to NYC residents, 16 years of age, who have attended a comprehensive high school
Description: program for students reading below grade level six, small and personalized environment (140 students), students grouped according to reading level
- 8. Monroe Academy for Business and Law/Monroe Academy for Visual Arts & Design:** 1300 Boynton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472, (718) 893-2873
Admissions: Open to students in the former James Monroe zone
Description: 360/375 students

9. New School for Arts and Sciences: 1025 Morrison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472, (718) 542-1537

Admissions: Open to residents within the former James Monroe zone

Description: 350 students, alternative-assessment methods, students required to complete portfolio projects upon graduation

10. Phoenix Academy: PO Box 458/Stoney Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588, (914) 245-6862

Admission: for students with substance abuse problems, placement made through Phoenix Academy Guidance office (914) 962-2402 ext. 5082

Description: dual focus on academics and vocational skills

11. University Heights Secondary School at Bronx Community

University Avenue and West 181st Street, Bronx, NY 10453, (718) 289-5300

Admission: Priority to students in district 9 and 10, then to NYC residents

Description: performance-based learning, approximately 400 students

12. Wings Academy: 1122 East 180th Street, Bronx, NY 10460, (718) 597- 1751

Admissions: Priority to students in the former James Monroe zone, then to NYC residents, should apply before th 9th or 10th grades

Description: 380 students, alternative learning environment

Staten Island

1. Concord High School (T): 109 Rhine Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10304, (718) 447-1274

Admissions: Open to Staten Island and Brooklyn students who want an alternative environment, Students ages 16 and over are interviewed

Description: 230 students, addressing both academic and social needs of students

Part II: GED Programs

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE GED TEST: WHAT IS IT and WHO CAN TAKE IT?

What does GED stand for?

General Educational Development.

What is the GED?

Technically, the GED diploma is regarded as the equivalent of a high school diploma. However, students pursuing this diploma are required to complete a less extensive academic program than students pursuing a high school diploma. Therefore, employers and colleges sometimes regard it less favorably. The decision to leave high school and work towards obtaining a GED diploma should thus be taken very seriously.

How attainable is the GED diploma?

The GED test is NOT an “EASY WAY OUT” for students who are not doing well in traditional high school.

The test covers the core academic areas that a student would be expected to learn in a regular high school curriculum. The exam measures the student’s knowledge of subjects that are normally taught over the course of four years.

Students who have substantial educational deficiencies should not expect to find GED preparatory programs that can adequately address their remedial needs. Before making the decision to get their GED, these students should consider alternative academic programs so that they are not set up to fail.

Who can take the GED test?

Only students who are at least 17 years old and have been legally discharged from school are eligible to enroll in a GED preparatory program and take the GED exam.

According to the Chancellor's Regulations, schools cannot force a student who is younger than 17 to discharge and pursue a GED diploma versus a regular high school diploma.

Regulation A-240, 1.3:

Students may be discharged upon verified admission to an approved non-Board of Education school or program, such as parochial or private school, college prior to high school graduation or, AFTER reaching the age of 17, an approved non-Board of education high school equivalency program (GED).

Federal Law states that until a student is 21, he or she has the right to remain in school and work towards receiving a regular high school diploma.

Education Law 3202:

A person OVER FIVE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, who has not received a high school diploma, is entitled to attend the public schools maintained in the district in which such person resides without tuition.

What does the GED Test series measure?

The material tested on the GED is based on the subjects covered in most high school curricula. Subjects include writing, social studies, science, literature and arts, and mathematics (The GED is structured into these five separate tests). The focus of the GED, however, is not on content, but on skills. For example, rather than testing your ability to memorize facts, the GED requires that you can read and understand a passage on history or literature.

And the test becomes harder to pass...

The GED 2002 Test Series will reflect the impact of welfare-to work legislation and increased emphasis on academic standards in the K-12 community.

What GED candidates will encounter:

- More business-related and adult context information texts in all five tests
- An increased emphasis on organization on the Writing Test
- A mathematics section that requires the usage of a calculator
- At least one excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, or a landmark Supreme Court decision on the Social Studies section
- A focus on experimental science testing analytical and interpretive skills

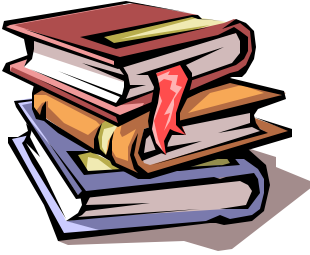
To obtain more information on the GED test and the GED testing service, visit their website at www.acenet.edu/calec/ged/home.html

According to the GED testing service, who is eligible to take the GED?

1. Anyone who is 19 or older on the testing day and has completed an application and can present a photo identification showing birth date and signature
2. Students who are 17/18 may be tested if one of the following criteria is met:
 - The applicant has not attended a regular full-time high school program for one year or more and the last school he/she has attended can provide written verification showing last attendance date and discharge or dismissal.
(includes home schooled students who are 17 and have a letter from school district indicating they have been home schooled and have not attended the school district for at least one year)
 - The applicant was a member of a class that already graduated and the school can verify the graduation year of the student when he/she was in the ninth grade.
 - The applicant is a resident at a drug addiction center, OCFS facility, prison, or a patient in a NY hospital AND the head of that center can prove that the GED is an essential part of the rehabilitation process
 - The applicant is an adjudicated youth and the program can certify that the GED is an essential part of the rehabilitation process.
 - The student is enrolled in an approved alternative high school equivalency prep program and the program verifies that the student has participated and demonstrated readiness to test.
 - The applicant is enrolled in a Job Corps program and the program can verify that the applicant has been participating for at least 6 months and demonstrates a readiness to test.

GED Prep Programs:

(Students must be turning 17 within the school year to apply to these programs)



- 1. Auxiliary Services for High Schools (ASHS):** (212) 673-8254
Description: Board of Ed Program designed to help students 17 and older prepare for the GED test, Sites in all 5 Boroughs (see attached sheet for contact information). To find out if special education services are offered at a particular site contact ASHS assistant principal in charge of special education, Belinda Bonds Jackson at the Manhattan Learning Center at (212) 868-7238 **(See page 24)***
- 2. Offsite Educational Services (OES):** (718) 318-2216
Description: Board of Ed Program that offers students 17 years and older GED prep in small, personalized learning environments.
- 3. Co-Op Tech GED Program:** Part of Co-Op Tech School (321 E 96th Street, NY, NY 10128), Contact Mr. Joe Ferraro at (212) 369-8800, ext. 127
Description: students who are not currently enrolled in regular high school can attend Co-Op Tech's vocational classes and their new GED program
- 4. The Door:** 555 Broome Street, New York, NY (212) 941-9090
Description: To join GED class, must be a member of the Door (call Intake dept)
- 5. New Beginnings:** 114-02 Guy R. Brewer Blvd, Jamaica, NY, (718) 739-0215
Description: For students ages 14-20, GED program for teen mothers and pregnant teens (they attend morning classes and night classes are

available to anyone), offers counseling on parenting skills, nutrition, and the working community

6. NYC Vocational Training Center: Main Office: 100-00 Beach Channel Drive, Room B152, Rockaway Park, NY 11694, (718) 318-1904

Description: for students ages 17 ½ -21 years old, offers GED prep and vocational skills training in various sites around NYC, high school credits option for eligible students

7. Beacon Programs: Some Beacon Programs offer GED prep, best to contact local Beacon Programs and inquire

(2 Queens Beacon Programs: Flushing YMCA Beacon Center at JHS 194, (718) 747-3644 and Jackson Heights, JHS 141, (718) 777-9200)

8. For Students 18 years and Older

Contact: Board of Education Adult Learning Centers

1.)Mid Manhattan Adult Learning Center

212 West 120th Street

New York, NY 10027

(212) 666-1919

Contact: Marsha Jones, Parent Coordinator

Direct #: (212) 666-5878

2.)Brooklyn Adult Learning Center

475 Nostrand Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11216

(718) 638-2635

Contact: Ms. Pearly Grant, Coordinator of Parent Center

Direct #: (718) 398-8119

3.)Queens Adult Learning Center

42-15 Crescent Street

Long Island City, NY 11101

(718) 361-9480

Contact: Nancy Russo

4.)OPTION FOR STUDENTS 18-21, have 20 or more high school credits and can not attend school during the day but

want to obtain a high school diploma:

Young Adult Borough Center at Park East

Park East High School

230 East 105th Street (Between 2nd and 3rd Avenue)

New York, NY 10029

Tel: (212) 831-1517

Fax: (212) 348-6097

Principal Frank Fugarino

Also offers: career planning, college counseling, RCT/Regents

Tutoring

Part III: Residential Programs



Recommend for Students who:

1. Want to attend a school away from their home environment
2. Want to learn in a well-structured, disciplined program
3. Have dropped out of high school or are not succeeding in current placement

1. Job Corps: Main Number 1-800-733-JOBS

Description: Program for 16-24 year olds, offers GED program and vocational training, NY sites are in S.Bronx, Queens, and Upstate, 16 and 17 year olds must live on campuses

2. National Role Models Academy: COLLEGE CORPS, 102 Barrick Avenue, Cascade, MD 21719, Toll Free 1-866-806-6763, Recruiting Director's #: (301) 241-5550

Description: Alternative High School for out of school youth, JROTC program for 9th-12th graders, offers regular high school diploma

3. Challenge, The National Guard:

Cortland Manor, NY: (914) 788-7387/7385

Fort Dix, NJ: (609) 562- 0571/0572

Sites in other states

Description: preventive (versus remedial) youth at-risk program for high school drop-outs, 16-18 years old, GED or high school diploma offered, five month residential phase is followed by year-long mentoring relationship with trained member of youth's community

Program Eligibility: 1.) volunteer 2.) 16-18 years old 3.) high school drop out at least 1 month prior to graduation 4.) citizen or legal resident of US 5.) unemployed 6.) drug free 7.)not on parole or probation 8.) physically and mentally capable of completing program