

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE

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For further information about these school options, call the Central Registration Department at (973) 321-2501 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION



The restructuring of our comprehensive high schools began with the introduction in 2010 of three career-oriented academies at Eastside. This was part of our High School Renewal initiative which I coordinated beginning in 2009 with significant input from the community and district staff. As we enter the 2017 – 2018 school year, and for the past several years now, School Choice has been established across-the-board at all of our secondary schools. School Choice allows for all 8th grade or newly entering students the flexibility of selecting from any Paterson Public Schools 12 thematic school offerings based upon their personal area of interest.

In the years since offering School Choice in tandem with many associated academic initiatives, we have seen high school graduation rates rise from 45.6% in 2006 to 78.4% in 2016. I am also pleased to say that more and more of those graduates are moving on to 4 year colleges and universities!

Along with the stated outcome advantages we have seen associated with School Choice and our other academic initiatives, students also enjoy smaller learning communities, a more personalized academic and social high school experience, and more one-on-one interaction with their teachers. School Choice helps set the stage for every student to have a productive, enjoyable and above all, successful high school experience.

This brochure will help to provide both you and your student with a comprehensive overview of all 12 of our thematic offerings, along with valuable information on the School Choice enrollment process, timelines and requirements. Please take the time to review this brochure carefully and discuss all of your options with your parents, teachers, principals and guidance counselors.

Wishing you great success as you advance to high school!

“Together We Can”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen F. Shafer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eileen F. Shafer, M.Ed.
Acting State District Superintendent
Paterson Public Schools

SCHOOL OF CULINARY ARTS, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM (CAHTS)

"I grew up around cooking and the restaurant business in my family. I give Culinary a "perfect 10" because the teachers really care about how well you do with all your studies. They push you to succeed. I plan on having my own restaurant one day. Here, I get a lot of help with my academic classes, and I know that being a great restaurant owner and chef means I need to know a lot more than just cooking. That's why CAHTS is a perfect 10 for me!" — Randy Negrete, CAHTS alumnus



Being a friendly, outgoing person can help in any career, but it is a virtual requirement in the field of hospitality, tourism and culinary arts. Take your natural abilities as a “people person” and put them to good use in a rewarding career. From behind-the-scenes work at hotels, restaurants and entertainment venues, to being right out there with scores of people every day as a travel agent, entertainment director, event planner or executive chef, the School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism is your passport to the future. Possible career destinations for Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism graduates include Travel/Tourism, Hotel Management, Event Planning, Entrepreneur/Marketing, Culinary Arts and Catering.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT CAHTS?

Career Cluster: Hospitality & Tourism

CTE Pathway #1: Restaurant & Food/Beverage Services

Course 1: Culinary Science and Principles of Hospitality

Course 2: Culinary Science I

Course 3: Culinary Science II

Course 4: Culinary Science III - Cuisine or Culinary Science III Baking and Pastry

Certifications: ServSafe, WISE

CTSO: SkillsUSA

Pathway #2: Hospitality & Marketing

Course 1: Culinary Science and Principles of Hospitality

Course 2: Customer Service; Hospitality Marketing

Course 3: Foundations of Travel & Tourism

Course 4: Marketing II

Certifications: DECA

CTSO: DECA

SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (GOPA)

Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best High Schools for 2016

"The School of Government and Public Administration is helping me to become a leader for the next generation. I chose this school because I felt it could help me reach for my goal of one day becoming a trauma surgeon; a career that requires real leadership. By putting me in many different kinds of leadership situations, my school has helped me to overcome my nervousness and shyness. They have made me leave my comfort zone, and by doing that, I am becoming a true leader." — Emon Morris, GoPA alumnus



The School of Government and Public Administration at Eastside will prepare you for a life of service to your nation, state, city or community. Whether you choose the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) or focus your skills on public administration and related pursuits, this academy may be your launching point towards a civic career. As a student in GOPA and well after you graduate, the school's focus on "serving the greater good" will continue to motivate and inspire you and your career choices. Possible career destinations for Government and Public Administration graduates include Politics, Homeland/National Security, Military, Diplomacy / Immigration, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Forensics, Corrections and Security, Legal Professions and Local Government Agencies.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT GOPA?

Career Cluster: Government & Public Administration

CTE Pathway #1: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. (JROTC); Partner: Seton Hall University

- Course 1: Leadership and Training I
- Course 2: Leadership and Training II
- Course 3: Leadership and Training III
- Course 4: Leadership and Training IV

Thematic Area of Focus: Governance

- Elective 1: Computer Applications for Government
- Elective 2: Practical Law in Society
- Elective 3: Public Speaking
- Elective 4: Principles of Government and Public Administration

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SOIT)

"My time at SOIT has been exceptional. I knew from talking to friends that this school would be fun, exciting, and a real learning experience. Yet, I had no idea fun and learning can mesh together. I enjoy learning new skills with my hands-on service to other teachers and students whenever they need help with fixing their computers. I'm looking forward to going to NJIT or Montclair, where I want to pursue a well-rounded education for my career in Computer Science. Meanwhile, I'm working hard at SOIT to make my parents and my teachers proud." — Dionte Brown, SOIT senior



Electronic communication and technology permeate every facet of modern society. Students at this school will experience the cutting edge of 21st century communication and technology. Graduates will be prepared for college in a global society and will be well on their way toward a successful, high-demand career. Steer your education onto the Information Superhighway with the School of Information Technology. Possible career destinations for the School of Information Technology graduates include Network Administration, Software Engineering, Multimedia Production, Computer Animation, Communications Arts and Graphic Design.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT SOIT?

Career Cluster: Information Technology

CTE Pathway #1: Network Systems

Course 1: Intro to Computers

Course 2: IT Essentials

Course 3: Intro to Networking

Course 4: Network Security + Internship

Certifications: CCENT (Cisco Certification Entry)

CompTIA A+ (Computer Technology Industry & Association)

CTSO: Technology Student Association (TSA)

Thematic Electives

Course 1: Web Design with Dreamweaver

Course 2: Graphic Design

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, MARKETING AND FINANCE (BTMF)

"I met Ms. Powell (former BTMF principal) when I was in eighth grade. She saw my interests and aptitudes and convinced me to come to BTMF. I'm glad I did, and she has really become a role model for me. The principals and teachers here make this a great academy. They make sure that we feel like it's a family, and provide us with the best environment for learning. Originally I wanted to go to the school where all my friends were going. I'm glad I decided on BTMF, because I can really stay focused on my education." — Infinite Kennedy, BTMF senior



Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance provides students with marketable skills that will allow them a choice of entering the work force or continuing their education at the post secondary level. Additionally, this school offers careers in finance including free trade and globalization. Students will develop an appreciation for the fact that every product that was ever sold was marketed to the masses by people who do exciting work such as: creating advertising, planning distribution, coordinating manufacturing, importing / exporting, and otherwise manipulating every facet connected to those products. Possible career destinations for Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance graduates include Marketing and Sales, Web Site Design, Public Relations, Economics, Accounting and Investment Planning.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT BTMF?

Career Cluster: Business Management & Administration

CTE Pathway #1: Marketing

Course 1: Freshman Orientation/Business Communications
Course 2: Introduction to Marketing
Course 3: Marketing I
Course 4: Marketing II/Job Training
CTSO: DECA

CTE Pathway #2: Banking, Finance and Computerized Accounting

Course 1: Freshman Orientation/Business Communications
Course 2: Banking and Finance
Course 3: Accounting I
Course 4: Accounting II
Internship: NJFCU Castle Credit Union
Certifications: QuickBooks
CTSO: FBLA

BTMF COURSES (CONTINUED)

Career Cluster: Business Management & Administration

Pathway #3: Executive Assistant

Course 1: Freshman Orientation/Business Communications

Course 2: Computer Application

Course 3: Communications through Word Processing

Course 4: Essentials of MOS

Certifications: MOS Certification

CTSO: FBLA

Thematic Area of Focus: Business Administration

Course 1: Freshman Orientation/Business Communications

Course 2: Introduction to Business

Course 3: Entrepreneurship

Course 4: Business Administration and Management

CTSO: FBLA

Thematic Area of Focus: Business Management and Marketing

Elective: Entrepreneurship

Elective: International Business

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (SET)

"I truly admire my administrators and teachers at SET. They are helping me to achieve my goals and they treat me with patience and understanding. They allow me to be myself as a student to show my leadership skills. I know that I am making a difference at SET. As I continue my education at SET, it will prepare me to attend college, follow my dream to become a teacher and help other students achieve their goals as well. You can achieve anything you put your mind to; you will make it come true as long as you work your hardest and attend a great school like SET!"

— Zonian Wancey, SET alumna



If you have ever considered a career in education, Education and Training may be your high school destination. Like all of the Paterson Academy high schools, you will find smaller classes, individual attention, and of course, the presence of like-minded, career-destined student colleagues. By preparing the aspiring teacher on the road to eventual certification, a graduate of Education and Training will be well prepared for college and, subsequently, for a career as an educator who will be in a position to influence a whole new generation of learners. Possible career destinations for Education and Training graduates include Teaching, School Administration, Counseling, Library Sciences and Tutoring.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT SET?

Career Cluster: Human Services

Thematic Area of Focus: Child Care Provider/Assistant Program

Course 1: Child Development I

Course 2: Child Development II

Course 3: Applications of Education

Course 4: Applications of Education/Field Experience William Paterson University /or

Dual Enrollment Child Development Associate Program PCCC

Certifications: Child Development Associate Certification

SET COURSES (CONTINUED)

Career Cluster: Education and Training

Thematic Area of Focus: Child Care Provider/Assistant Program

- Course 1: Literature in the Classroom
- Course 2: Issues in Education for Teaching
- Course 3: Applications of Education
- Course 4: Applications of Education/Field Experience
or Dual Enrollment William Paterson University
- CTSO: FCCLA

Thematic Area of Focus: Human Services

- Elective 1: Child Development I
- Elective 2: Child Development II
- Elective 3: Application of Education/Field Experience
- Elective 4: Career Exploration/Public Speaking

Thematic Area of Focus: Education and Training

- Elective 1: Literature in the Classroom
- Elective 2: Issues in Education
- Elective 3: Application of Education/Field Experience
- Elective 4: Sociology
- CTSO: FEA

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES (ACT)

“Being in the Engineering program is a great opportunity for me since I want to pursue a career in Architectural Engineering. It is also fun because we apply the Engineering Design Process to build Engineering projects related to real world problems.”

— Sandra Chavez, ACT senior



Can you imagine a world without men and women who conceive, design, build and maintain the places and things that comprise a modern society? The School of Architecture and Construction Trades (ACT) provides students with a clear understanding of the preparation needed to become an architect, a builder, an auto mechanic or an engineer. It also prepares them with the necessary foundational knowledge and motivates them by offering opportunities for exciting real-life applications in these career areas.

Graduates will be prepared to join the ranks of architects, auto mechanics, engineers and tradesmen and tradeswomen who enjoy these wonderful careers. Possible career destinations for Architecture and Construction Trades graduates include Architecture, Engineering, Drafting, Construction, Auto Mechanic, Contracting and Computer Repairs.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT ACT?

Career Cluster: Architecture & Construction

Pathway #1: Construction

Course 1: Language of Architecture and Construction

Course 2: Principles of Design & Pre-Construction

Course 3: Construction Technology

Course 4: Applications of Design & Pre-Construction

ACT COURSES (CONTINUED)

Career Cluster: STEM

Pathway #1: Engineering & Technology

Course 1: Language of Architecture and Construction

Course 2: Introduction to Engineering Designs (IED)

Course 3: Principles of Engineering (POE)

Course 4: Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA)

Career Cluster: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Pathway #1: Mobile Equipment Maintenance

Course 1: Language of Architecture and Construction

Course 2: Auto Shop I

Course 3: Auto Shop II

Course 4: Auto Shop III

Certification: Snap-on Tools Certification in Meter Reading

Thematic Area of Focus: Career Applications & Enhancements

Elective Option: Woodworking

Elective Option: Drafting

Elective Option: Graphic Design I

Elective Option: Graphic Design II

Elective Option: Printing

Elective Option: JROTC

Elective Option: C-ROM

Elective Option: Drafting Architecture (Auto-CAD)

Elective Option: Dual Enrollment

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

"One of the hardest decisions an eighth grader has to make is deciding which high school to attend. Fears about going into a school where you don't know anyone all disappeared for me when I began at STEM. This school presents the best possible environment for someone like me, with interests in robotics and technology. I have found that the school offers many great activities that help to build leadership skills. I am involved with National History Day, the Green Club, Student Council, and much more. STEM is absolutely the best; I know I will be ready for college and a great career!"

— Zubair Uddin, STEM alumnus



Scientific engineering, research and practical application of concepts are the realm of STEM students. Knowing how to apply the scientific method, using mathematics to solve problems, working comfortably in laboratories and other technical environments, as well as building, fixing and manipulating the technologies of the future - all of these high-demand opportunities await the STEM scholar. "Boot-up" your career by joining the STEM community and interface with your future! Possible career destinations for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics graduates include Scientific Research, Teacher of Science/Technology, Aeronautical Engineering, Crime Scene Investigator, DNA Analyst, Computer Programmer, Climatologist, Ecologist, Hydrologist and Civil Engineering, and more!

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT STEM?

Thematic Area of Focus: Engineering

- Course 1: Introduction to Engineering
- Course 2: Principles of Engineering
- Course 3: Practical Applications of Engineering

Thematic Area of Focus: Forensics

- Course 1: Introduction to Forensics
- Course 2: Forensic Biology
- Course 3: Forensic Chemistry

Thematic Area of Focus: Applied Technology

- Course 1: Introduction to Technology's Role in STEM Fields
- Course 2: Applied Technology I
- Course 3: Applied Technology II

Thematic Area of Focus: Environmental Field Studies

- Course 1: Introduction to Environmental Field Studies
- Course 2: Environmental Field Studies I
- Course 3: Environmental Field Studies II

Dual enrollment courses offered with the following colleges: NJIT, Seton Hall and PCCC. Partner school in the William Paterson University Professional Development Network.

ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCE (HARP)

New Jersey Rewards School for High Performance - \$50,000 Grant Award Winner

"I am extremely proud to be a HARP Academy student. The teachers are very dedicated and supportive. As a HARP student, I know that I am expected to work hard. The classes are challenging especially Honors Biology. At HARP everyone is a part of a caring family. We look out for each other. There is a sense of pride and accomplishment that goes with being a HARP student." — Kamoye Morgan, HARP sophomore



Recognized as one of the top performing high schools in New Jersey, HARP Academy continues to be the only Paterson Public School that holds a high performing rewards status. HARP Academy has a rigorous academic program that includes Advanced Placement, Rutgers University and Berkeley College Dual Enrollment Courses. Members of the Class of 2017 earned \$849,280 in college and university scholarships. Graduates of HARP Academy are currently working as physicians, registered nurses and other health care professionals. Prospective students should have an interest in the health and science field as well as an intrinsic desire to help others. In keeping with the school's culture of caring, HARP students are involved in numerous service projects that benefit local community organizations.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT HARP?

Career Cluster: Health Sciences

CTE Pathway #1: Dental Assisting

Course 1: Medical Terminology

Course 2: Dental Assisting I

Course 3: Dental Assisting II

CTSO: HOSA

CTE Pathway #2: Patient Care Assistant

Course 1: Medical Terminology

Course 2: Patient Care Assistant I
or Medical Assistant

Course 3: Patient Care Assistant II

Certifications: Patient Care Assistant

Phlebotomy

Medical Assistant

CTSO: HOSA

Thematic Area of Focus: Dual Enrollment/ Health and Related Professions (Dual Enrollment Rutgers)

Elective 1: Medical Terminology

Elective 2: Dynamics of Health Care in Society

Elective 3: Anatomy and Physiology I

Elective 4: Anatomy and Physiology II

Elective 5: Clinical Research

Elective 6: Fundamentals of Health and
Wellness

Thematic Area of Focus: Health and Related Professions

Elective 1: Anatomy and Physiology

Elective 2: International Studies

Seminar/Genetically

Modified Foods

INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best High Schools for 2016

"International has provided me with better opportunities than I would get at any other school. From my freshman year on, IHS has been like a second family to me. Being part of that family has given me confidence and taught me to be a better person. I intend to attend Princeton and pursue a career in law; I love to fight for the rights of the voiceless. I know that with the challenging studies and support I get here, I will one day reach my goal." — Adim Oxha, IHS alumnus



International High School offers a curriculum of international and global studies while recognizing and remaining responsive to the diverse cultural makeup of our city. From international business to government relations and everything in between, students interested in a career without borders should consider this school where everyone is expected to exhibit "Seriousness of Purpose." Possible career destinations for International graduates include Government Affairs, Translation Services, International Business, Legal Professions and FBI or Intelligence.

International High School's curriculum is based on a global studies theme. Students challenge their problem-solving and critical thinking skills as they tackle a global issue each year in a yearlong seminar course. They take a comprehensive look at a global problem (water management crisis, social injustice, economics, genetically modified foods, human rights violations) and propose viable solutions. Research projects are presented directly or via digital media to leaders in the community, district personnel, and college professors who serve as judges of student work at the annual Global Studies Day celebration.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: International High School's Diploma Programme was authorized in March of 2017. In its first year as an IB World School, International High School is set to graduate its first class of IB Diploma and Course students in June 2019. IB Schools are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that the Paterson School District believes is important for our students. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP).

The Accelerated Cohort: The IB Diploma Programme, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses at International will require mastery of pre-requisite skills. A small group of students has been selected as part of this "school within a school" model. During the first two years of high school, the Accelerated Cohort aims to prepare students for the rigors of the academically driven programs of International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment. The Accelerated Cohort at International is designed specifically for students who have the motivation and habits of mind to meet above-grade level academic standards.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT INTERNATIONAL?

Theme-Based Program: Global Issues Theme at International HS

Thematic Area of Focus: Global Studies

- Grade 9: Water Crisis Management
- Grade 10: Genetically Engineered Organisms
- Grade 11: Free Trade & Globalization
- Grade 12: Human Rights

Special Program: Accelerated Cohort at International HS

Area of Focus: Accelerated Cohort at International (ACI)

- Elective 1: Mandarin Chinese
- Elective 2: Accelerated Global Studies
- Elective 3: Honors Geometry
- Elective 4: AP United States History
- Elective 5: Honors Pre-Calculus
- Elective 6: AP Mobile CSP (Computer Science Principles)

Area of Focus: International Baccalaureate

- Elective 1: Language B: Ab Initio Mandarin SL
- Elective 2: Language A: Language & Literature HL
- Elective 3: Mathematical Studies SL
- Elective 4: Visual Arts HL

Dual Enrollment

STEM courses offered at PCCC

Partnerships

William Paterson University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Passaic County Community College
New Jersey Community Development Corporation
SEGL – School for Ethics and Global Leadership

GARRETT MORGAN ACADEMY (GMA)

"In my time at GMA, I have developed strong ties and relationships with one of our partners, New Jersey Community Development Corporation, and have been involved in more than one of their projects for teens such as for example: Paterson Youth Council, Youth Cares, and Great Falls Neighborhood Corps. Going to Garrett Morgan Academy has not only improved me academically and increased my drive to be successful and productive, but GMA has also prepared me for the real world and all of life's challenges." — Mikayla Carter, GMA junior



Garrett Morgan Academy is a comprehensive high school offering all requirements to obtain a high school diploma, and to prepare all our students to pursue the college or career of their choice.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT GMA?

Honors & Regular Classes Available:

Biology
Chemistry
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
U.S. History I
U.S. History II
English I
English II
English III
English IV
World History
Pre-Calculus

Regular Classes Available:

Economics
Journalism
Strategic Reading
Physics
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Foundations of Art
Phys. Ed. & Health, I, II, III, & IV
Drivers Education Theory
Graphic Design

NOTE: Garrett Morgan Academy is currently researching and developing a new thematic focus. More information will be made available when submitted, and approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Partnership: New Jersey Community Development Corporation

ACADEMY OF EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE (PANTHER)

"I was given information in eighth-grade and saw that PANTHER offered Earth Science and Technology. I'm really interested in technology, so PANTHER was my first choice right off the bat. Now that I've been here, I realize that what I really like is the way the school is organized and run. The structure and rules really work for technology-minded kids, not to mention our awesome teachers! My focus is to get into St. John's University and build a career in computer science. I like helping people solve problems with technology and finding solutions for them."— Hector Borges-Nizma, PANTHER alumnus



Are you curious about the origins of Earth and its place in the universe? If so, you may be interested in attending PANTHER which, through a partnership with Passaic County Community College (PCCC), provides a gateway to college majors and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). PANTHER Academy offers students access to state-of-the-art science laboratories, a one-to-one digital learning environment, pre-college course opportunities and exciting theme-related field experiences. Stop wondering about Earth and Space and come immerse yourself in learning about it at PANTHER Academy of Earth and Space Science. Possible career destinations include Aeronautical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Science/Math Teacher, Environmental Science, Chemistry and Nuclear Physics.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT PANTHER?

Thematic Area of Focus: Earth and Space

Science

- Elective 1: Earth Science
- Elective 2: Astronomy
- Elective 3: Meteorology
- Elective 4: Calculus

Thematic Area of Focus: Technology

Integration

- Elective 1: Mobile CSP
- Elective 2: Graphic Design
- Elective 3: Principles of IT

Thematic Area of Focus: College Readiness

- Elective 1: Pre-Calculus
(Dual Enrollment)
- Elective 2: Pre-Engineering
(Dual Enrollment)
- Elective 3: Astronomy
(Dual Enrollment)
- Elective 4: Programming
(Dual Enrollment)

ROSA L. PARKS SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best High Schools for 2016

"Rosa Parks has taught me that responsibility is an important asset to have when going to an arts high school. I have learned that despite the small size of the school, it has a strong impact on our lives. Having a smaller school gives us a chance to get to know everyone and be connected to our peers and faculty. We are a family. A flock of birds finds its destination easier than a lone bird." — Ashely Dias, RPHS senior



Celebrating three decades, the Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts (RPHS) students share a passion for fine arts, performing arts and a reputation for outstanding academic achievement. In fact, based on the number of RPHS students who successfully graduate and go on to college, *US News and World Report* named Rosa L. Parks High School as one of the nation's best high schools! RPHS offers a rigorous academic program that includes dual enrollment and AP classes. Graduates have attended prestigious institutions including Berklee College of Music, Howard University, Princeton University, University of the Arts-Philadelphia, and American Musical & Dramatic Academy, The New School and many more. If artistic expression, performance and academic excellence are on your agenda for high school, the Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts will be an outstanding choice for you. RPHS enhances career exploration through its community partnerships and receives grants for its *Careers in the Arts and Beyond* series. Possible career destination for Rosa Parks graduates include Music/Entertainment Industry, Journalism, Marketing and Public Relations, Education, Graphic Design, Digital and Visual Arts, Performing Arts Services and Theatre Production, Dance Performance, and Social Services and Health.

WHAT COURSES CAN I EXPECT TO TAKE AT ROSA PARKS?

Thematic Area of Focus: Theatre & Dance

- Elective 1: Drama Lab I
- Elective 2: Master Production & Performance
- Elective 3: Dance Lab I
- Elective 4: Dance Choreography

Thematic Area of Focus: Fine & Commercial Art

- Elective 1: Fine Art Lab
- Elective 2: Advanced Fine Art
- Elective 3: Commercial Art / Drawing
- Elective 4: AP Studio Art

Thematic Area of Focus: Vocal & Instrumental Music

- Elective 1: Vocal Technique
- Elective 2: Concert Choir
- Elective 3: Concert Band
- Elective 4: Contemporary Band

Thematic Area of Focus: Communication Arts

- Elective 1: Creative Writing
- Elective 2: Writing Lab
- Elective 3: Journalism Publications & Production
- Elective 4: Yearbook Publication & Production

SCHOOL CHOICE PROCESS

1. All 8th Grade students will complete the School Choice application indicating their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd school preferences.
2. Each student's 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice will be entered into system. Lists will be compiled for each lottery.
 - a. Each student will be placed in the lottery of their 1st choice. If not selected, they will be placed in the lottery of their 2nd choice (but will remain on the wait list for their 1st choice).
 - b. If not selected for their 2nd choice they will be placed in the lottery of their 3rd choice (but will remain on the wait list for their 1st and 2nd choices).
3. Lotteries will be scheduled and held each year.
4. Letters of placement will be sent to all students and their parents after completion of the three lotteries.
5. In the event a student declines placement in a Paterson school to attend either a charter or out-of-district school, the seat will be filled by the next student on the respective waiting list.

For more information regarding the School Choice Process, please call 973-321-1000 x 23133.

PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

A component of the district's "Brighter Futures" Strategic Plan is School Choice, which allows students entering high schools an opportunity to choose from twelve high school academy options based on their career and college interests. Limited choice is also an option for students with disabilities. In addressing the issue of choice for students with disabilities, several factors must be considered consistent with New Jersey Administrative Code: Special Education (N.J.A.C. 6A:14) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

For students with disabilities, the Child Study Team, the parent and the student (beginning at age 14), determine the appropriate program and develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) based on the specific needs of the student. (NJAC 6A:14-4.2).

As per code (NJAC 6A:14-4.3) the district offers a full continuum of programs for students with disabilities that range from placement in general education classes with supplementary aids and services to alternative placements in special education classes. When the recommended program is a general education class with supplementary aids and services, school options for students with disabilities follow the same guidelines as their peers related to high school choice. However, there are times when a student with a disability requires a placement in special education classes. Those classes may not be available at every school and the decision to place students in a particular school will be at the discretion of the district.

For more information, contact the Department of Special Education Services at 973-321-2216.

SCHOOL PROFILES AND REQUIREMENTS

Name of Academy or School of Choice	Uniforms required	Extra-curricular activities available	Sports
School of Architecture & Construction Trades (ACT)	Yes	Yes	At JFK
School of Business, Technology, Marketing & Finance (BTMF)	Yes	Yes	At JFK
School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality & Tourism (CAHTS)	Yes	Yes	At EHS
Garrett Morgan Academy for Transportation & Engineering (GMA)	Yes	Yes	Choice Athletic Program
School of Government & Public Administration (GoPA)	Yes	Yes	At EHS
Academy of Health Science (HARP)	Yes	Yes	Choice Athletic Program
International High School *	Yes	Yes	Choice Athletic Program
Academy of Earth & Space Science (PANTHER)	Yes	Yes	Choice Athletic Program
Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts **	Yes	Yes	Choice Athletic Program
School of Education and Training (SET)	Yes	Yes	At JFK
School of Information Technology (SOIT)	Yes	Yes	At EHS
School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)	Yes	Yes	At JFK

* All students interested in applying to International High School will be required to complete an International Baccalaureate (IB) application.

** All students interested in applying to Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts will be required to audition. Auditions will be held in January 2018 through February 2018.

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