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Hunter College High School

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An Overview of the High School Program



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Hunter College High School is a tuition free public school which begins with 7th grade as the only entry level year. It provides a rigorous college preparatory program that includes a broad array of required and elective courses. The curriculum is rich and demanding, and the classes are characterized by lively exchanges among the students and between the students and teachers. There is a sense of informality throughout the corridors, complementing a seriousness of purpose in the classrooms.

Instructional strategies at Hunter are designed to meet the educational needs and learning styles of intellectually advanced learners who share a passion for learning.

THE FACULTY

The teachers at Hunter College High School are experienced educators who are deeply interested in the subjects they teach. All have masters degrees, and a number have doctorates. Many in the faculty are Hunter College and/or Hunter College Campus Schools alumnae/i.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Succeeding at Hunter College High School means more than striving for high achievement; it means the development of the whole person. There is a department of Counseling Services, a learning specialist and a school nurse. These dedicated individuals, along with the faculty and administrators, help students to mature, to develop a clear sense of values, and to explore their unique talents. Older students serve as “Big Sibs” for the seventh and eighth graders to help the new students adjust to Hunter. Each grade has both a Class Counselor and a Class Term Faculty Advisor.

THE SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

Hunter requires that each student fulfill a service program in order to graduate. Service experiences provide knowledge, promote responsibility and enable students to become an important part of their community. In addition, these experiences allow students to explore career interests, enhance their self-confidence, and apply leadership in making a difference in the world. Students complete their service obligation by the end of their junior (5th) year. Students fulfill this requirement after school, on weekends, or during the summer.

THE SENIOR YEAR

The senior or “Hunter Scholars” year is an opportunity for early college or work experience, during which students explore many learning options. They may take a full program of courses, including Advanced Placement courses at the school and courses at various area colleges and universities in the city. Alternatively, they may take a combination of courses and off-campus learning experiences (internships), which are specially designed by and for each student.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Hunter students enjoy many opportunities to learn and have fun in a wide range of activities. As a member of the Public Schools’ Athletic League (PSAL), Hunter fields 20 inter-scholastic teams, which are among the best in the city. There are also eight middle school athletic clubs/teams. Major non-athletic activities include debating, chess, publications, vocal and instrumental music performing groups, and theater groups. In addition, there is a limitless variety of student clubs with meetings taking place during the activity/lunch periods and after school. Most activities are created by the students on a campus where self-responsibility is an attribute every student masters through experience.

ATHLETICS

HCHS offers 27 athletic teams that compete on the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School levels. These teams have earned league and division titles throughout NYC and NY State for decades. Successful Varsity teams include the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams, as division champions for two consecutive years. The three-season Track and Field program regularly places in the top three Manhattan Championships. Other competitive programs include soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, wrestling and fencing. The varsity teams included 13 division finalists and competed in the city-wide PSAL playoffs. The



athletic program demonstrates that it is possible to simultaneously participate at a highly competitive level in athletics and flourish academically.

Information on the Athletic Program is available at the Hunter College High School web site at www.hchshawks.com.

SEQUENCE OF COURSES

■ Grade 7

English	Social Studies
Math	Environmental Science
Latin, French or Spanish	Physical Education Art
History/Studio Art	Communications & Theater
Music	Health Education

(Grade 7 courses do not carry high school credit)

■ Grade 8

English	Global Studies I & 2
Math	Physical Science* Latin,
French or Spanish	Physical Education*
Art History/Studio Art	Communications & Theater
Music	Health Education

*(*These courses do not carry high school credit)*

■ Grade 9

English	Global Studies 3 & 4
Math	Biology (Regents)
Latin, French or Spanish	Physical Education Art
History/Studio Art	Music

■ Grade 10

English	Social Studies 5
Math	Chemistry
Latin, French or Spanish	Physical Education
Art History/Studio Art or Music	Health

■ Grade 11

English
Physical Education
and one elective **or** two electives

US History
Math Physics

■ Grade 12

Physics (if not in 11th grade)
Physical Education
Five or six electives
(The elective offerings include opportunities for college courses and internships.)



Elective options in the sequence of courses are too numerous to list on this sheet. Examples include:

Arts: Photography, Ceramics, Painting, Digital Imaging, Drawing

English: Creative Writing, Modernism in Literature, Latin American Magical Realism, Advanced Placement (AP) Logic and Composition

Communication & Theater: Acting & Directing, Playwriting, Broadcast Journalism, Film in Society

Health Education: Interpersonal Relations, Exercise, Aerobics, Basketball, Karate, Cycling, Fencing, Flag Rugby

Mathematics: Introduction to Computer Science, AP BC Calculus, AP Statistics, Problem Solving, Linear Algebra

Science: Astrophysics, Physiology, Conservation Biology, Forensic Science, Genetics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry



Social Studies: International Relations, US Constitutional Law, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, Readings in Philosophy, Archaeology, Asian Civilization

World Languages: Latin IV / AP Virgil, Classical Mythology, Advanced French Conversation, Spanish V, Intensive Italian

General curricula overviews and detailed course descriptions are available for each department at the Hunter College High School web site:

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