



# The New LIFE School

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12-month special education  
Grades 3-12

The New

  
**LIFE**  
School



Educating Children in Time to  
Make a Difference

# Our Philosophy

The New LIFE School opened its doors in 2006 with the mission to "educate students in time to make a difference." The school is committed to the growth and success of students in the New York City area who have struggled academically, behaviorally and emotionally, in a mainstream school setting.

We believe that all students deserve the chance to have a positive and successful school experience. Through a caring and structured environment, we help our students gain confidence, learn valuable academic and life skills, and realize their true potential. We are dedicated to ensuring that each child is supported and encouraged to reach academic and personal success.



## Why choose The New LIFE School for your child?

The New LIFE School is a New York State-approved non-public day school serving students ages 8-21 (grades 3-12) whose educational and emotional needs cannot be met in a mainstream classroom setting. We offer an intensive educational and therapeutic environment, with a staff that is committed to fostering the development of the academic, social and emotional life of each student who walks through our doors.

Students learn in a supportive and structured environment, with small classroom sizes and individual academic and behavioral planning. Students are able to achieve a number of graduation options, including a Regents diploma, a local diploma, or one of two Commencement Credentials: Career Development and Occupational Studies, or Skills and Achievement. Our staff work tirelessly to help each child reach their fullest potential.

Our goal is to make the school fit the student, not the student to the school.





## **The New LIFE School provides students with:**

- Small classroom sizes, 12:1:1  
(12 students, 1 teacher, 1 teaching assistant)
- 12-month school year
- Behavior support staff with extensive therapeutic training
- Clinical staff-led specialized group and individual therapy
- Individualized and differentiated instruction
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
- Collaboration with parents
- Extensive contact with community service providers
- Transitional planning, college and world-of-work guidance
- School-wide events and club activities
- Family atmosphere with emphasis on acceptance and tolerance

## **Our curriculum**

At The New LIFE School, we offer an engaging academic curriculum that is differentiated to meet the goals and needs of every student. We strive to help each student, no matter their abilities, meet the age/grade level material in all core subjects, including: Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies. In addition to core subjects, we offer exciting electives in the culinary arts, music and theatre. By using a multi-sensory approach to learning, our teachers work hard to “knock down the walls” of the classroom and use real-life experiences to make education come alive.

## **The New LIFE School offers four graduation options for students**

- Regents diploma
- Local diploma
- Career Development and Occupational Studies
- Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential



## **The Career Development and Occupational Studies Program (CDOS)**

is designed for high school students who wish to expand their vocational and life skills, through hands-on experience they can use to enter the world of work after graduation. In addition to a graduate credential, students are able to earn state certification in barbering and the culinary arts.

## **Blended Learning**

combines the best of technology and face-to-face learning to create the optimal learning environment for students. As part of the road to differentiation and a multisensory approach, the middle school is now using Khan Academy Math in middle school classrooms. Khan Academy offers instructional videos, practice exercises and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside the classroom.

## **Our Therapeutic Setting**

At the New LIFE School, we understand that our students require a therapeutic environment in which to thrive. We are dedicated to providing our students with the care and emotional support necessary to be successful. Our clinical team works with each student to address emotional, behavioral and social issues, to help them build the skills they need to become productive and positive members of their communities.

## **Our clinical team consists of:**

- Clinical Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Department Chairs
- Occupational Therapists
- Behavior Support Staff
- Attendance Teachers/  
Community Outreach
- Guidance Counselors
- Transitional Coordinators
- Registered Nurses
- IEP Coordinators



## Admissions

The New Life School accepts students 8 to 21 years of age, in grades 3-12. Students are referred from their school or local Committee on Special Education (CSE), to the NYC Department of Education Central-Based Support Team (CBST). This centralized office refers students to The New LIFE School. We also accept students who have obtained a Nickerson/P1 Letter, giving them access to any state-approved, non-public school. The Director of Admissions is available to provide a tour of the building for students and families. We work as a team to decide whether The New LIFE School is an appropriate setting for each student. The Director of Admissions guides the family through the process and provides a smooth transition for the student.

**At The New LIFE School, students are accepted on a rolling admission basis.**



We currently serve students with the following classifications:

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- Emotional Disturbance
- Learning Disabilities
- Speech/Language Impairment
- Mild Intellectual Disability
- Autism (on a case-by-case basis)
- Multiple Disabilities
- Other Health Impairment





## Student Activities

Mai-Hall STEM Leadership Club

Student Council

Basketball Clinic

Poetry Slam

Science Fairs

College Fairs

TNLS Summer Carnival

Senior Trip

Senior Prom

High School Graduation

8th Grade Moving-up Ceremony

Khan Academy

Barber Shop

Holiday Feast

Talent Shows

Holiday Store

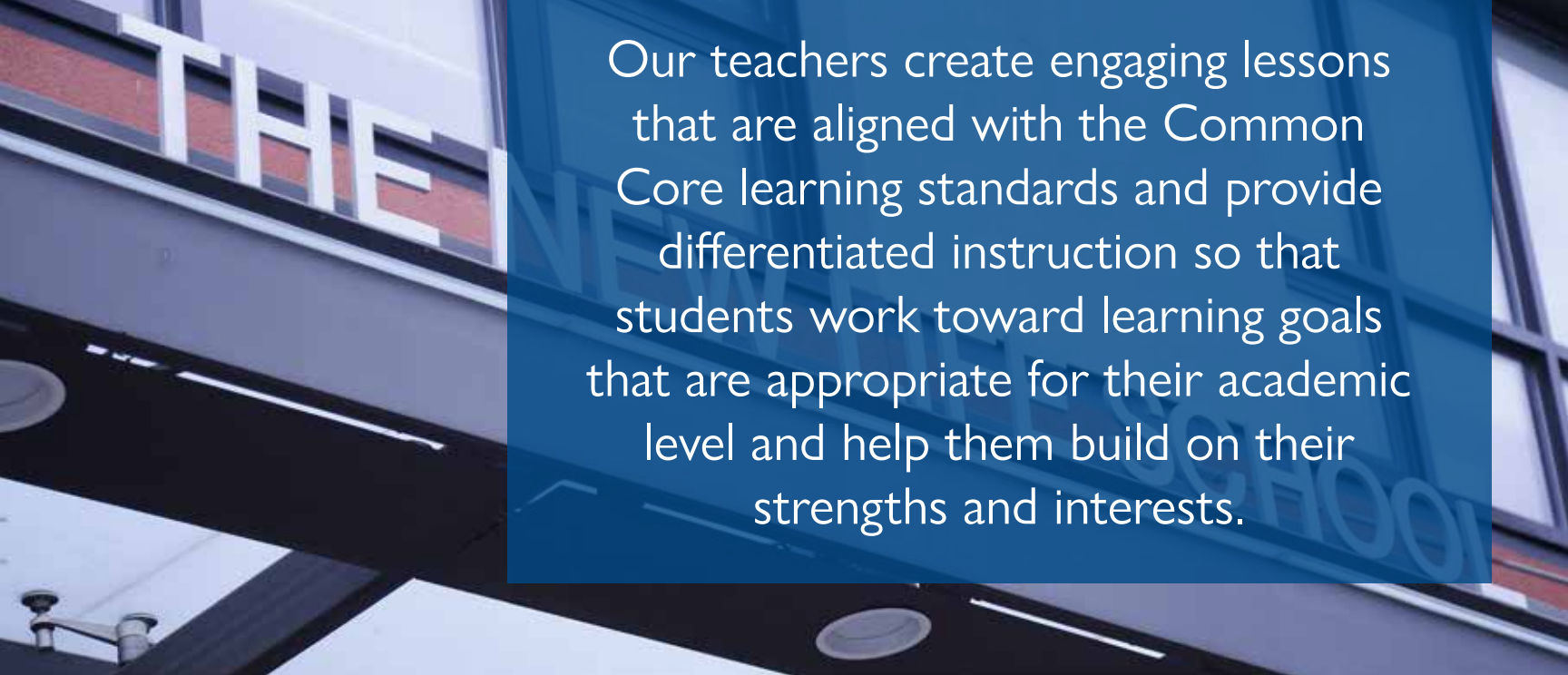
Community Trips

Community Service Projects

Summer Youth Employment  
Program (SYEP)

Pi Day

Employment Program



Our teachers create engaging lessons that are aligned with the Common Core learning standards and provide differentiated instruction so that students work toward learning goals that are appropriate for their academic level and help them build on their strengths and interests.

For more information, please contact:

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