



Please review the answers to our FAQs below.

If your question is not answered on this list please pose up to 2 questions in the New Student Orientation Survey you wish for us to address at our Q&A session on June 14th.

FAQ's

1. What day does school start?

- Monday September 13,2021 is still the first day of school.

2. What does a typical freshman class schedule look like?

- Core classes (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, 2 Art classes, Physical Education/Health)

3. Would we be informed of any developments/changes when the new school year starts by the school or the city?

- Both the city and the school will release formal announcements. Art and Design cannot operate unilaterally from the DOE so we will wait for official DOE recommendations before proceeding with our plan.

4. When will students receive programs?

- Students will receive their tentative program by 9/1/21

5. How many students will be in each classroom when we go back to full in person learning?

- Based on the anticipated 3 foot rule we can accommodate 34 students. These rules are subject to change

6. If my child has taken high school classes prior to their freshman year, will they take sophomore classes?

- Each student that has taken high school classes in middle school will have their transcript evaluated. If your child went to a Department of Education school we will have access to transcripts. If your child was in Charter, Parochial, or Private school you can email Ms. Pace your child's final transcript at lpase3@schools.nyc.gov

7. When can I get access to a supplies list needed for school? What discounts on supplies are offered?

- Art kits and chromebooks will be given to all incoming students. They will be available for pickup in Fall 2021.

8. What is the homework load for each class?

- You can learn more about homework and class expectations during Curriculum Night in September 2021.

9. Will parents have the option to have kids attend class virtually even if the DOE resumes in-person classes in the fall?

- No, all students are expected to attend in person.

10. I do not know what an IEP is. Please let us know what this stands for.

- Individual Education Plan: The IEP creates an opportunity for teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when appropriate) to work together to improve educational results for children with disabilities. The IEP is the cornerstone of a quality education for each child with a disability.

11. Will students be allowed to meet other students before school begins in the fall?

- We offer an August Summer Bridge program for new students. Stay tuned for details.

12. How do we register for classes?

- Students do not register for classes. When we receive each incoming student's school transcript, we will place each student in the appropriate classes.

13. If a student wants to switch programs to a different major at some point, how does that work?

- Freshmen will have time to explore all art majors in Design Foundation class. Then around April 2022 they will choose their 3 top art major choices and our Art AP will make the final decision. We work hard to make sure students are happy with their art major.

14. Will I get any type of assignments to do over the summer?

- Art assignments will include museum visits and drawing/sketch assignments. Academic subject areas are not assigned at this time.

15. What mental health resources or student support do you have available to help with the transition from middle school to high school during these challenging times?

- In addition to a guidance counselor dedicated specifically to our students we are also offering support groups for new students through our CBO the Community Revitalization Partnership and ABC. We also work with the Office of Mental Health to integrate additional full time social workers and clinical supports in the building for 2021-2022.

16. What are some resources or suggestions available for parents to better support their child?

- Depending on what/which supports you seek, refer to the Parent Coordinator of the Guidance Dept. of administration.
- Families should register for Skedula/Pupilpath and NYSCA (MySchool.nyc) to keep track of student progress and information.

17. How can I request a schedule change

- Add/Drop forms will be available on each counselor's google classroom. Schedule changes will not be made after 10 school days.

18. What if my child is on the waitlist? Who do I contact for information on admissions?

- Contact HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov for admission information and to determine your child's enrollment status.

19. How do I access my student's grades?

- We use Pupil Path to record grades. [See instructions here.](#)

20. How can I conference with my Guidance Counselor?

- Guidance counselors are available to you through their Google Classroom pages, grade-level town hall meetings and individuals meetings. Individual meetings can be scheduled by visiting the guidance site and scheduling a time.

21. How can I conference with my teacher?

- Office hour information can be found in their Google Classroom details.

22. Where do I get my metrocard?

- Metrocards will be distributed during the 7th period of their first week for students enrolled in blended learning.

23. What happens if I lose my metrocard/Student ID?

- You can send an email to MCunnin@schools.nyc.gov to request a new one.

24. Where do I apply for working papers?

- You can send an email to JJohnson32@schools.nyc.gov

25. I need help with my bus, who do I contact?

- T Budney@schools.nyc.gov

26. What do I do if I have to leave school early?

- Parents listed on the blue card should submit a note to the Guidance Counselor. Confirmation must be made with parents/guardians prior to the student leaving the building.

27. Will I have access to a locker?

- Yes, lockers will be issued at the beginning of the school year.

28. Who do I contact if my technology is no longer working?

- a. Please contact
 - i. Contact Mr. Jose Contreras JContreras@schools.nyc.gov
 - ii. Contact Mr. Ahsan FAhsan@schools.nyc.gov

29. Will there be art supplies available for me to use?

- Please contact Mr. Filardi jfilard@schools.nyc.gov

30. Who do I go to if I have an immediate issue?

- A. Any adult in the building can assist you.
- B. Guidance Counselor-1st floor
- C. Deans Office - 4th floor
- D. Main Office - 6th floor

E. Front Desk-Security Desk.

31. Am I allowed to leave the building to get food?

- Students are not allowed to leave the building to get food.
- Upper classes (12 grade Seniors) Lunch Leave Program suspended at this time.

32. What do I do if I don't feel well?

- Medical Office/School Nurse located on 6th floor room 604?

33. Where can I find my schedule?

- [Pupilpath](#)
- MySchools

34. Where can I get a lunch form?

- Parents can complete online here's the link: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>
- Students: Main Office- Room 607

35. Who do I go to for a school verification letter?

- Any guidance counselor can assist
- Ms. Cunningham- Pupil Accounting Secretary at MCunnin@schools.nyc.gov

36. How can I access Adobe?

- Adobe Software Link Please use this page
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17HFbaEF0YQT-8xV4Narj54CALKGib6oI7y7PK2QwZdQ/edit>

37. How do you ensure a fair and equitable environment for all your students?

- We have established an equity team to address all issues related to equity needs based on assessment given throughout the year.
- The principal holds town hall meetings frequently with students, parents and the entire school community.
- We have two clubs to discuss and problem solve issues related to equity and gender: The Women United and Men of Impact
- We have support groups for the LGBTQ group with CRP(Community Revitalization Partnership)
- We also have a COVID support group for all displaced members of our community
- We are establishing a student activation group that would develop curriculum around equity and leadership programs for under-served groups within our community.

38. Is there a free/reduced lunch program at the school?

- Yes

39. What social emotional support is available to our students?

- Licensed social workers on site to meet with students individually or in groups.
- Our social worker also supports our parental community.
- Social emotional curriculum built into our classes

40. My student has an IEP/504, how will you support them?

- Instruction is differentiated to accommodate all of our learners. We have a full time guidance, and counseling team to support students in addition to special education teachers to help all students succeed.

41. Is there technology available in the school?

- There are multiple laptop carts (PC and Mac) that the students have access to. There are also printers in the library. Promethean boards in the classroom, and full computer labs equipped with software required for their art majors

42. What software do the students have access to?

- Students currently have access to the full Adobe suite with their email addresses, as well as unlimited cloud storage through google drive.

- Students can also access Microsoft and all related programs.

43. What are the Course Requirements at The High School of Art and Design?

- 4 years of English, Social Studies, Math and Science
- 2 or 3 years of a Foreign Language: Spanish or French
- 1 year of Foundations of Art
- 1 year of Art History
- 1 year of Computer Art Technology (Adobe Cloud and AutoDesk CADD)
- 3 years of Art Major
- 1 Term of Health Education
- 4 Years of Physical Education

44. What are the Advanced Regents Diploma Requirements

- ELA
- Global History
- US History
- One Life Science Regent: Living Environment
- One Physical Science Regent: Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics
- Three Math Regents: Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II- Trigonometry
- NYC Commencement Exam in the Visual Arts.
- Technical Assessments for seniors in all their art majors.

45. What AP courses do you offer?

- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Illustration(Drawing)
- AP Graphic Design (2D Design)
- AP Cartooning(2DDesign)
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Participation in Government

46. How does Art & Design prepare my child for college academically and artistically?

- Opportunity for students to earn an Advanced Regents Diploma
- Advance Placement and College Now courses through the CUNY system
- Naviance- College and Career Readiness Program
- Scholarship and Awards opportunities
- Free Tutoring services in all subject areas
- Free FAFSA workshops
- CTE Certified Majors
- Internship opportunities with industry partners
- Workshops arranged through our industry partners in resume writing, interviewing skills and professional work ethics.
- Workshops with industry professionals and partnerships
- In-class presentations by various industry professionals.
- Articulation agreements with local colleges: CUNY City College; Buffalo State; NYIT; and Hostos College.
- College fairs in junior and senior year to familiarize students with expectations and requirements.
- Volunteer and Community Service programs
- National Honor Society
- SAT Prep courses
- Mentoring program for seniors to assist in applying to college

47. Does this study lead to successful college applications and programs?

- Our programs of study are aligned with similar majors in all art colleges including local art schools such

as Cooper Union, Pratt Institute, FIT, SVA, SUNY Purchase and currently our students are represented at all of these institutions as well as RISD, SCAD, MICA, Chicago Art Institute, CalArts, Boston Museum School, SUNY New Paltz, and many others across the country.

- However, not all our students choose to continue their studies with a focus in the arts. Our alumni can also be found at Cornell, Yale, Columbia, NYU, RIT, Syracuse, Boston College, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Albany, etc.

48. Can Art and Design Art programs lead students to a professional career?

- Each major offered represents a viable profession and are taught by teachers who worked in the field. In addition, all the arts curricula are developed through the input of industry professionals and college academia who ensure that the courses are aligned with the college expectations whilst meeting industry standards.

49. Will my child achieve some type of professional certification?

- As we are the only art school in New York City who can boast that all our art programs at Art and Design are New York State Career and Technical Education approved programs, all our students can graduate with a proficiency in various professional certifications.
- Our graduates can earn triple endorsed Regents diplomas: Advanced Regents, CTE endorsed and Art Endorsed diplomas.

50. What professional certificates are available to students at Art and Design and paid for by the school?

- We currently are a testing center for the following certifications:
 - ★ Certiport Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign; Premier Pro and AutoCADD. We also offer SkillUSA
 - ★ Certifications in Photography, Advertising Design, Graphic Design 3D Design and Animation.
 - ★ Nocti Certification in the Visual Arts and Nocti Fashion and Fabrications certificate.

51. Have any alumni gone on to become working professionals in the art field?

- Art & Design has a robust and rich alumni community. Countless alumni are working in the visual arts and related fields. <http://artdesignalumni.com/>

52. What accommodations does the school make to students with physical disabilities?

- The school is handicap accessible as per NYC Regulations. Students can select from any of the majors. WBL activities are available to all our students regardless of their physical abilities.

53. What materials would my child need to purchase when they enter the school?

- Art and Design has a student art supply store on the premises and we offer all our students a deep discount, almost the cost price, on all their supplies. Students admitted to the school as freshmen will receive a complete freshmen kit and a chromebook.