

John Dewey High School  
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Dear Parent:

John Dewey High School is an experimental high school which was conceived to be different from the traditional high school and to add vitality to the process of education. The new school offers a practical program to encourage acceleration and enrichment. It stimulates independent study and creative effort.. It eliminates the stigma of failure, and the tyranny of grades. The thrust is toward individual progress and independent study.

Preference for admission will be given to students who reside in District 21 before admission from any other districts in Brooklyn will be considered..

Some of the innovations and distinctive features planned for the school include:

1. No numerical grades.
2. Flexible programming, eliminating grade levels and traditional 5 periods, 5 days per week scheduling.
3. Abandonment of the distinction between major and minor subjects.
4. An 8 hour day with extra-curricular activities programmed into the regular schedule.
5. A strong intra-mural program with the elimination of inter-scholastic activities.
6. Use of modern methods and technology assisted by computer science, closed circuit T.V., and other multi-media aids.
7. An extended school year with six cycles instead of the traditional two terms. (Summer cycle is optional.)
8. Pupils have approximately one quarter of the day unscheduled to be used for individual research and participation in school activities.
9. Every student will take personal typewriting.
10. Graduation may be achieved in less than four years.
11. Wide range of elective subjects from which to choose.
12. We have commitments from college admissions officers that students from John Dewey High School will be admitted without difficulty, provided that they meet entrance requirements.

A list of independent study opportunities available to students is attached..

The New York State Education Department, the N.Y.C. Board of Education, and Local School Board #21 are all enthusiastically endorsing and supporting this school's program. Specific questions will be answered by the school's staff (373-6400) or by personnel in the office of District 21.

Applications are submitted by the school which the student is currently attending, and from which the student will graduate.