



2019 - 2020

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Our mission is to create a school community that reflects our democratic values of diversity, equity, and social justice. Through inquiry-based learning, we nurture a sense of agency and intellectual engagement that extends beyond the classroom. Students develop empathy and critical thinking skills and leave with a sense of confidence and commitment to the community.



Student Population: 800

Asian / Pacific Islander 6.4%, Black 27.6%, Hispanic 21.2%, White 39.7%, Multiracial 5.0%

Grades: PK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Pre-K	2 classes 18 students per class (zoned students only)
Kindergarten	6 classes 24 per class (1 ICT class) (DOE 25 max)
1st grade	5 classes 22 to 26 per class (2 ICT classes) (DOE 32 max)
2nd grade	5 classes 23 to 26 per class (2 ICT class) (DOE 32 max)
3rd grade	4 classes 30 to 31 per class (2 ICT) (DOE 32 max)
4th grade	5 classes 23 to 26 per class (2 ICT classes) (DOE 32 max)
5th grade	5 classes 24 to 27 per class (2 ICT classes) (DOE 32 max)

Special Education: Our Special Education Student Body is Currently 30% and the ENL population is 5%. ICT class- Integrated Co-Teaching with 60% general education students and 40% of students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans). These classes have 1 general ed teacher and 1 special ed teacher.

Specialists:

Art, Art & Arabic, Dance, Music, Physical Education, Science. Each Student receives the above classes 1 to 2 times per week. PK students have dance 1x per week, music 2x per week, science 2x per week.

School Day:	8:20am – 2:40pm
	8:20 – 9:10 period 1
	9:15 – 10:05 period 2
	10:10 – 11:00 period 3
	11:05 – 11:55 period 4 (Lunch K, 5)
	12:00 – 12:50 period 5 (Lunch 1, 4)
	12:55 – 1:45 period 6 (Lunch 2,3)
	1:50 – 2:40 period 7
	2:40 Dismissal

The Lunch/Recess time is managed in partnership with the PTA after-school program.

The PTA After-school Program is \$20. per day and runs from 2:40 pm to 6 pm.

To learn more about the After School program, visit the after school section on our website or email Director, Sandra Boden at ps261afterschool@gmail.com

What does a typical day in **Kindergarten** look like?

Below is a sample schedule from one of our K classes:

There is no homework in Kindergarten.

8:20 - 9:10 - Arrival and Morning Meeting

9:15 - 10:05 - Math (Wednesdays Music)

10:10 - 11:00 Literacy (Wednesdays Math)

11:05 - 11:55 - Lunch/Recess

12:- 12:50 - Monday; P.E., Tuesday & Friday; Center Time, Wednesday; Literacy, Thursday; Science

1:50 - 2:40 - Snack and Outdoor Dismissal (Fridays - Dance)

Units of study may include the following:

Inquiry Units

Name Study, Families, Market, Construction, Playground Study

Reading

Mo Williams Study, Super Reader Powers, Nonfiction

Writing

Storytelling, Illustration, List Books, How-To, All About, Personal Narratives

Math

Composition, Decomposition, Shape Geometry

Choice Time

Center Work is based on Explorative Play

Sample Schedule for **PK (Zoned Families Only)**

8:15 - 9:10 - Arrival, breakfast, circle time, fine motor skills, clean-up

9:15 - 10:05 - Science (Monday), Physical Education (Tuesday), Dance (Wednesday), Outdoor Play and Social Studies (Thursday), Music (Friday)

10:10 - 11:00 - Outdoor Play and Social Studies (M, T, W) Science (Thursday), Reading Buddies (Friday)

11:05 - 1:55 - Center Time / Choice Time

12:00 - 12:35 - Lunch

12:35 - 1:05 Rest

1:05 - 1:15 - wake-up transition

1:15 - 1:45 - Recess (with Sing on Fridays)

1:45 - 2:15 - Transition games and activities

2:15 - 2:40 - Clean-up, read aloud, snack, dismissal

PTA Committees that bring residencies to PS 261; Arts Committee, Social Action, STEM and the Wellness Council. Some residencies include; Center for Architecture, American Ballet Theater, Metropolitan Museum of Art and City Growers.