



Brooklyn North High Schools

Updates for Community School District 15

Superintendent Rushell White, Ed.D
Deputy Superintendent Neil Harris, Ph.D

October 2026



CHANCELLOR KAMAR SAMUELS

Born in Jamaica, he moved to New York City as a teenager and began his career as an elementary school teacher in the Bronx through the NYC Teaching Fellows program. Over more than two decades in public education, Samuels has served as a teacher, principal, central office leader, deputy superintendent, and superintendent in both Brooklyn and Manhattan before his appointment as chancellor on **January 1, 2026**. His leadership is grounded in advancing academic excellence, equity, and inclusive school environments where all students can thrive.

Three Core Pillars

1. Strengthening Instruction and Academic Achievement

Samuels emphasizes high-quality instruction and foundational skills like literacy, building on citywide initiatives to improve student outcomes and close achievement gaps.

2. Advancing Equity and School Integration

He prioritizes equity through efforts to integrate schools socioeconomically and culturally, expand access to rigorous programs across communities, and ensure that resources and opportunities are distributed fairly.

3. Safe, Inclusive, and Culturally Responsive Schools

Samuels is committed to fostering safe, inclusive learning environments that honor New York City's diversity and support students' academic and social-emotional well-being.

Superintendent, Dr. Rushell White



Dr. Rushell White is a lifelong educator and leader with more than 27 years of experience who currently serves as Superintendent of Brooklyn North High Schools. Born in St. Thomas, Jamaica, and raised in Brooklyn, she earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership and has dedicated her career to advancing educational excellence, equity, and student success. Guided by the commitments of **Centering Children, Leading with Love, and Innovating for Tomorrow**, Dr. White is committed to amplifying student voice, strengthening family and community partnerships, and expanding pathways to college, careers, and lifelong success.

Three Commitments

1. Centering Children

Dr. White emphasizes engaging data driven student centered instruction and foundational skills like literacy, building on citywide initiatives to improve student outcomes and close achievement gaps.

2. Leading with Love

Dr. White leads with compassion, equity, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every student. She fosters inclusive learning communities by expanding equitable access to rigorous academic opportunities, strengthening culturally responsive practices, and ensuring that resources, supports, and opportunities are distributed to meet the diverse needs of all students and school communities.

3. Innovating for Tomorrow

Dr. White is committed to preparing students for success in an ever-changing world by fostering innovative, safe, and inclusive learning environments that embrace New York City's diversity. She champions forward-thinking instructional practices, meaningful technology integration, and expanded college, career, and global learning opportunities that equip every student with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to thrive in the future.



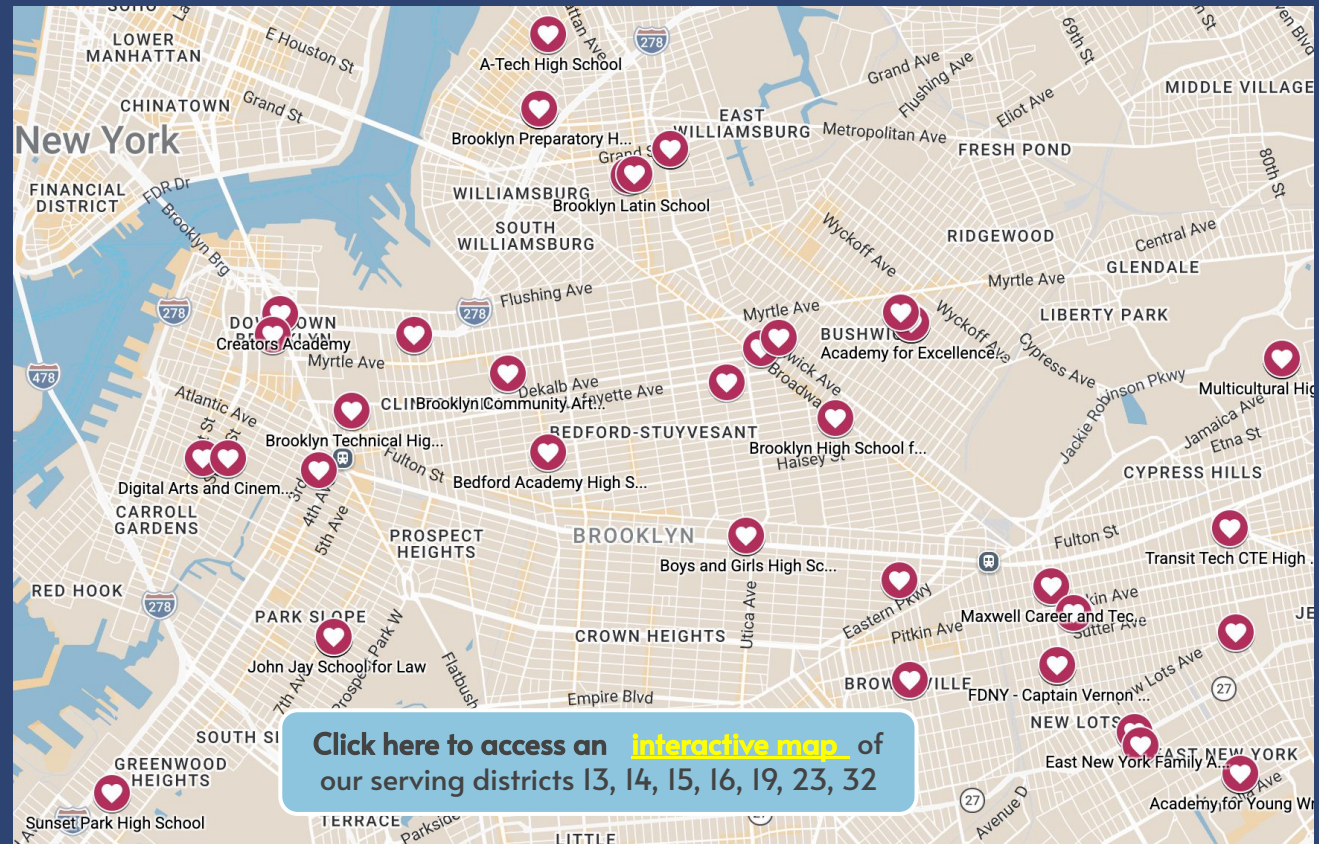
Introducing Deputy Superintendent Dr. Neil Harris

Dr. Harris is a proud graduate of New York City Public Schools. He began his teaching career in 2004 as a special education teacher in Brooklyn North and, in 2007, was appointed as Assistant Principal. In 2010, Dr. Harris became the principal of Transit Tech High School. In 2013, he took a position as Director of the New York City Teaching Fellows program at Long Island University. In 2018, he returned to NYCPS as a principal to transform the historic Automotive High School into the innovative A-Tech High School.





We are Brooklyn North!



BKNHS Data as of 10/02/2026

2026 Graduation Rate: 93%

Student Enrollment: 25,693

YtD Attendance: 89%

#Schools: 44 high schools
5 secondary schools

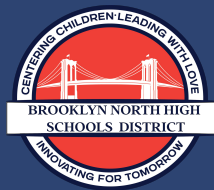
Serving Community School Districts:
13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 32

BKNHS in CSD15

2026 Graduation Rate: 94%

Student Enrollment: 4,154

YtD Attendance: 90%



Our Schools in your District

School Name 	DBN		Active Students (#)	Class of 2026 Grad...	SWD	ML	Students in temporary housing	Official YTD attendance rate
Brooklyn Arts	15K656	HS	785	96.7%	19%	0%	4.6%	92.6%
Cobble Hill	15K519	HS	251	79.7%	27.9%	22%	17.1%	74.8%
CSA	15K463	HS	186	98.5%	28.5%	15%	17.2%	88.7%
Digital Tech HS	15K429	HS	278	100%	25.9%	2%	11.5%	91.6%
John Jay	15K462	HS	414	89.3%	17.4%	6%	13%	85.1%
Millenium BK	15K684	HS	668	100%	19%	0%	3%	96%
Park Slope Collegiate	15K464	6 th	475	89.5%	28%	4%	14.1%	89.1%
Sunset Park	15K667	HS	1097	92.5%	21.1%	27%	17%	80.3%

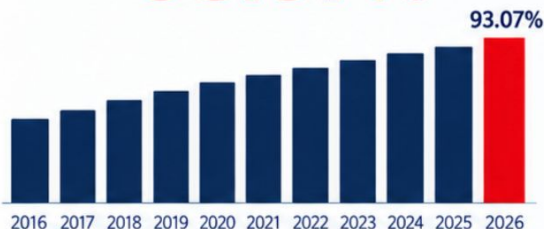
BKNHS 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Last month we shared ...



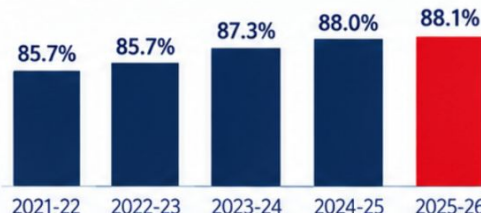
GRADUATION RATE

93.07%



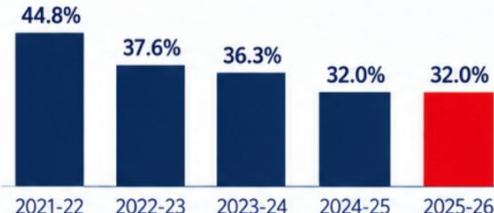
ATTENDANCE RATE

88.1%



CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

32.0%



REGENTS AVERAGE SCORE GAINS (2025 vs. 2026)

ELA Overall: 68.74 to 74.13 (+5.39)



ELA SWD: 57.37 to 65.34 (+7.97)



ELA ENL: 47.35 to 56.17 (+8.82)



Alg 1 Overall: 59.08 to 61.25 (+2.17)



Alg 1 SWD: 53.99 to 56.55 (+2.56)



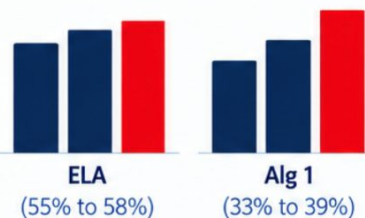
Alg 1 ENL: 56.25 to 57.45 (+1.20)



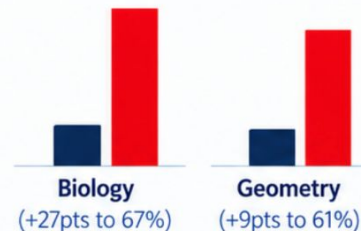
i ELA and Algebra 1 average scores include January + June combined.

REGENTS PASS RATE TRENDS

3-Year Growth



2-Year Growth



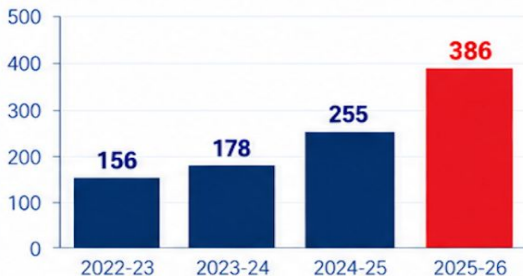
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Data Spotlight: Priority 4



Seal of Bilingual Literacy

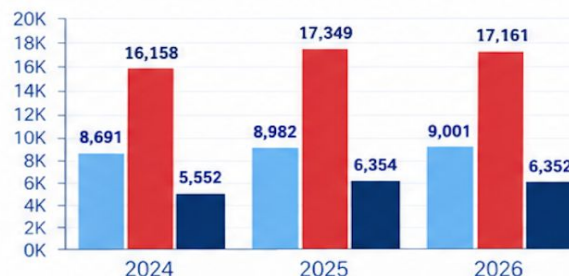
Number of BKNHS Graduates Receiving the NY State Seal of Bilingual Literacy



AP Enrollment & Performance

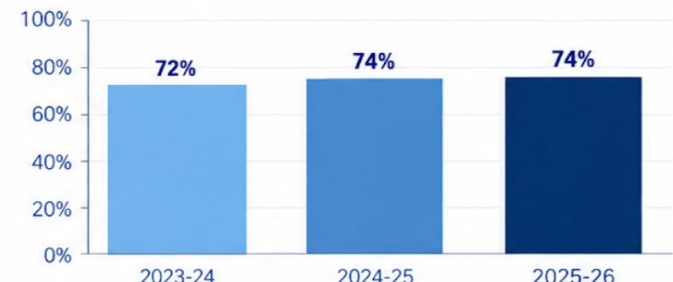
3 Year Trend

● # of AP Students ● # of Exams Taken ● Students Scoring 3+



Advanced Course Enrollment

Percent of BKNHS Students Enrolled in At Least One Advanced Course (AP, IB, College Now, or Advanced Coursework)



Social Studies Regents Pass Rates

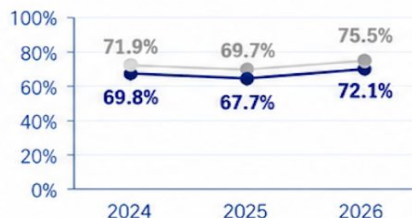
BKNHS vs. NYC (Citywide) | 3-Year Trend

● BKNHS ● NYC (Citywide)

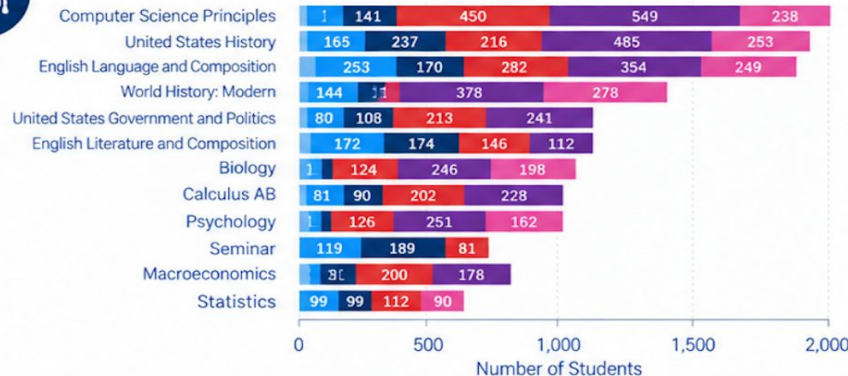
Global History



U.S. History



Top 12 AP Exams – 2026 Score Distribution





Top 100 in NYC

- 1 The Brooklyn Latin School (#1 in NYS)
- 12 Brooklyn Technical High School (30)
- 32 Bedford Academy (76)
- 33 Millennium Brooklyn High School (80)
- 65 Science Skills Center High School
- 78 Benjamin Banneker Academy
- 89 Williamsburg HS for Architecture & Design

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview>

Top 200 in NYC

- 115 All-City Leadership Secondary School
- 128 Cypress Hills Collegiate Preparatory School
- 137 Williamsburg Preparatory School
- 140 Brooklyn Preparatory High School
- 149 Digital Arts and Cinema Technology HS
- 175 Williamsburg HS of Art & Technology
- 179 Performing Arts & Technology High School
- 183 Brooklyn High School of the Arts
- 197 W. H. Maxwell CTE High School



**National
Education
Opportunity
Network**



**National Honor
Society
Inducted
September 30, 2026**

[Source: PR Newswire](#)

A-Tech High School

Academy for Young Writers

All City Leadership Secondary School

Bedford Academy High School

Benjamin Banneker Academy

Boys And Girls High School

Brooklyn Lab School

Creators Academy

Digital Arts and Cinema Technology HS

East New York Family Academy

EBC High School for Public Service

Nelson Mandela HS for Social Justice

School for Classics

Science Skills Center High School

Spring Creek Community School

Williamsburg HS for Arts and Technology

BROOKLYN NORTH HIGH SCHOOLS



A New York State high school graduate who is culturally responsive builds strong, respectful relationships, valuing diverse perspectives as essential to a rigorous, inclusive learning community. New York State students who embody cultural responsiveness and academic readiness — demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, communication, reflection, and global awareness — will be prepared to learn, grow, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to society. These graduates will be equipped with the interpersonal and intellectual skills needed to thrive in an interconnected, ever-evolving world.



New York State PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



Academically Prepared

Demonstrates a strong foundation in the NYS learning standards and is equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve success in college, careers, civic engagement, service, and life.



Creative Innovator

Utilizes imagination, curiosity, and flexible thinking to solve problems creatively, and develop new ideas and products, while adapting to evolving circumstances and challenges.



Critical Thinker

Analyzes information thoughtfully, evaluates evidence critically, and identifies patterns and connections between different pieces of information (across multiple content areas) to address complex issues and navigate the world with insight.



Effective Communicator

Articulates ideas clearly and confidently through speaking, writing, and the use of different types of media for various purposes, while engaging with diverse audiences and actively listening to different perspectives.



Global Citizen

Acts responsibly and ethically within local, global, and digital communities, employing civic knowledge, skills, and mindsets to promote global sustainability and contribute positively to a culturally diverse, democratic society.



Reflective and Future Focused

Engages in self-reflection to identify strengths and areas for growth, sets meaningful goals, uses social awareness to maintain supportive relationships, and demonstrates responsible decision-making that prioritizes social, emotional, and mental well-being.



BKNHS DCEP PRIORITY GOALS

SY26-27

1



LITERACY/ NYC READS

- By June 2027, literacy rates for all students will improve, as measured by a 2-3 point increase, from 74.13 to 76.13-77.13, of the average score on the NYS ELA Regents exam results.
- By June 2027, literacy rates for 9th and 10th grade students reading Far Below Expectations will improve, as measured by a 4% increase, from 51% to 55%, achieving average or above average growth on the MAP Reading Assessment.
- By June 2027, literacy rates for Students with Disabilities (SWD) will improve, as measured by a 4 point increase, from 65.34 to 69.34, of the district average score on the NYS ELA Regents Exam Results.
- By June 2027, literacy rates for English Language Learners (ELL) will improve, as measured by a 5% increase, from 60% to 65%, of the percentage of students who are making average or above average growth on the MAP growth reading assessment.

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MATH / NYC SOLVES

- By June 2027, the district average Algebra I Regents score for all students will increase by 3-7 points, from 61.26 to 64.26 -68.26, as measured by NYS Algebra 1 Regents Exam results.
- By June 2027, the percent of students scoring in the low and low average quintile on the EOY Map growth assessment will decrease by 2%-4% percent, from 52% to 48%-50%, as measured by students' overall RIT score.
- By June 2027, the district average Algebra I Regents score for Students with Disabilities will increase by 3 points, from 56.55 to 59.55 as measured by the NYS Algebra 1 Regents Exam results.
- By June 2027, the district average Algebra I Regents score for English Language Learners (ELLs) will increase by 2 points, from 57.45 to 59.45, as measured by the New York State Algebra I Regents Examination results.

3



SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

- By June 2027, safety/belonging for all students will improve, as measured by a 2% decrease, in repeat suspensions from 21% to 19%, per the Online Occurrence Reporting System (OORS), Insight, Power BI.
- By June 2027, safety/belonging for all Students will improve, as measured by a 2% decrease, in the number of Level 4-5 incidents across targeted locations (classroom, hall, staircase, and cafeteria) from 888 to 870, per the OORS, Insight, and Power BI.

4



COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

- By June 2027, the advanced course enrollment for all students will increase by 1.5%-3.0% from 74% to 74.5%-76% as measured by Insight.
- By June 2027, 1:1 College and Career Advising Sessions for all students will increase by 1% from 98% to 99% as measured by STARS and Insight.
- By June 2027, there will be a 3% increase in overall pass rate on the Earth and Space Science Regents exam for All Students from 37% to 40% as measured by June 2027 Earth and Space Science Regents ISA Data.
- By June 2027, the number of Brooklyn North High Schools offering the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) will increase from 30 to 33 schools as measured by the Office of Multilingual Learners reports.

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CHRONICALLY PRESENT EVERY DAY MATTERS

ATTENDANCE / CHRONICALLY PRESENT, EVERY DAY MATTERS

- By June 2027, the overall attendance for all students will increase by 4%, from 88% to 92%, as measured by Insight.
- By June 2027, the percentage of chronically absent students will decrease by 3%, from 32% to 29%, as measured by Insight.



BKNHS DCEP: CENTERING FAMILIES

SY26-27

1



LITERACY/ NYC READS

- Monthly newsletters for teachers to share curriculum updates and resources with families.
- District engagement events - BKNHS Reads, curriculum & assessments overview, resources
- District partnerships - Brooklyn Public Library, NYC Reads, Scholastic, local bookstores

2



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3



SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

- Celebrate exemplary practices across the district in our monthly newsletter.
- Elevate opportunities for students and families to engage together through community events and acts of service.

4



COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

- Communicate with families about advanced coursework / early college opportunities.
- Sponsor / organize college trips, SUNY/CUNY College Fair, scholarships
- District celebrations: Seal of Biliteracy, Seal of Civic Readiness, Science Expo & Hackathon

5



CHRONICALLY PRESENT EVERY DAY MATTERS

ATTENDANCE / CHRONICALLY PRESENT, EVERY DAY MATTERS

- Communicate district attendance priorities & celebrations through district newsletter.
- Honor and recognize "chronic presence."

*Anchoring all our goals:
Communication, Participation, Co-Creation*





District Events

[BKNHS Fair Flier](#)

[BKNHS Admissions &
Open House Survey](#)



**BROOKLYN NORTH
HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT**

**BROOKLYN NORTH
HIGH SCHOOLS FAIR**

**Saturday 10/17/2026
10a - 1p**

**George Westinghouse CTE HS
105 Tech Pl**

A C F R to Jay St Metrotech
Entrance off Tillary btw Jay & Bridge St

No RSVP needed!

Questions?

BKNHSinfo@gmail.com

<https://tinyurl.com/BKNHSSchools>



RSVP via the link below :
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/pUkrNDhz9U>

Join the Brooklyn North High School
Superintendency for our **yearly
breakfast celebration!**

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Contact **Ms. Sandra Kidd** for
questions or related inquiries:
skidd3@schools.nyc.gov



**BROOKLYN NORTH HIGH
SCHOOLS DISTRICT**

**PARENT LEADER
BREAKFAST**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 2026**

FROM 09:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

**EAST NEW YORK FAMILY
ACADEMY - ROOFTOP**

**760 VAN SICLEN AVE,
BROOKLYN, NY 11207**

ACCESSIBLE VIA:

B15 BUS: NEW LOTS AV & VAN SICLEN AV
B20 BUS: PENNSYLVANIA AV & HEGEMAN AV
B83 BUS: VAN SICLEN AV & HEGEMAN AV
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BROOKLYN NORTH READS 200 BOOKS

OUR CORE COLLECTION



“Books are knowledge.
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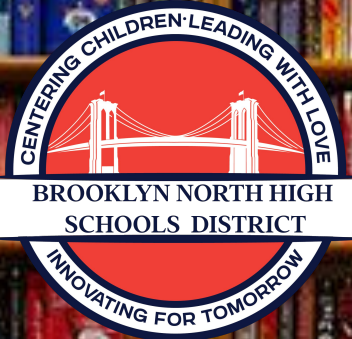
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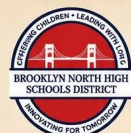
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READ MORE. KNOW MORE. BE MORE.
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THE BOOK LIST



BROOKLYN NORTH READS AROUND THE WORLD

★ ONE WORLD OF STORIES. ★

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My Brother's/Sister's Keeper

BROOKLYN NORTH HIGH SCHOOLS
BROTHERHOOD • OPPORTUNITY • COMMUNITY • IMPACT

SAVE THE DATE

**REAL BROTHERS
REAL LEADERS
REAL IMPACT**

**MBK
KICK-OFF EVENT**

LEAD • INFLUENCE • IMPACT

A BROTHER'S KEEPER NOT ONLY LEADS,
BUT INFLUENCES TO IMPACT OUTCOMES.

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2026
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Boys & Girls Campus
1700 Fulton St
Brooklyn, NY

SUPPORT
EMPOWER
INSPIRE
INFLUENCE
CHANGE

SAME CITY.
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS.

WE WILL THRIVE

AS LEADERS.
AS INFLUENCERS.
AS BROTHERS.

TOGETHERNESS
We come together
as a unified
community.

HEALTH & WELLNESS
We cultivate
holistic well-being.

RESPECT
We value the dignity
and worth of
every individual.

INSPIRATION
We ignite the spark
to dream boldly and
become the change.

VISION
We build a path
towards a brighter
and prosperous
future.

EXCELLENCE
We challenge
ourselves to grow
and unlock
our full potential.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

TRIAD
anything's possible.

BROOKLYN BROTHERS
BOLDER
TOGETHER

PEOPLE
PURPOSE
PROGRESS
CHANGE

COMMUNITY • OPPORTUNITY • LEADERSHIP • BROTHERHOOD • BEYOND

BROOKLYN NORTH HIGH SCHOOLS

RISE & ASPIRE

A Joint MSK × MBK Virtual Recruitment & Info Session

Wednesday, September 23 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM • Virtual

Ready to rise, lead, and aspire to inspire?

MY SISTER'S KEEPER (MSK)

R.I.S.E.: Resilience, Inspiration, Self-Love, Empowerment. A pro-girl community focused on wellness & leadership.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER (MBK)

T.H.R.I.V.E. Pillars:
T - Togetherness
R - Respect
V - Vision
H - Health & Wellness
I - Inspiration
E - Excellence

• Vision Boards • Financial Literacy • Career Roadmaps • Networking • SEL & Wellness

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SAVE THE DATE

MSK Kick-Off Event

October 15, 2026
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall
In Partnership with Girls Inc.
Special Guest: Brooklyn Borough President, Antonio Reynoso

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN TO LEAD & RISE
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Gemini Notebook

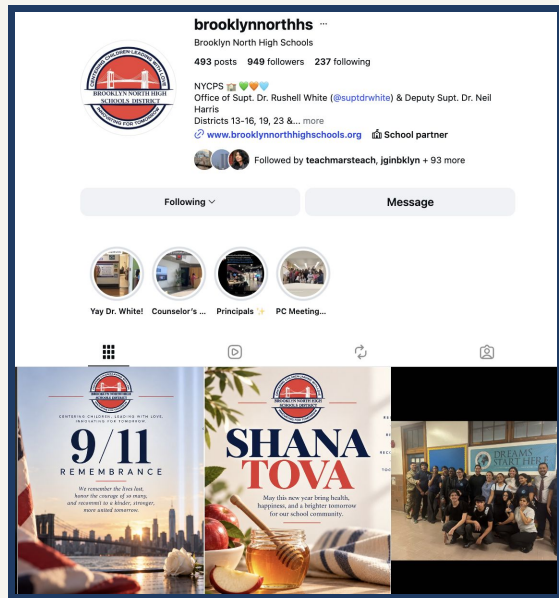


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September 2026

Superintendent's message

We are excited to welcome everyone back for another school year filled with opportunity, growth, and achievement. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are returning refreshed and ready for the year ahead. As we begin this new chapter together, we look forward to building on our successes, strengthening our community, and supporting one another in creating meaningful experiences for all students. Here's to a productive, inspiring, and successful year!

View our monthly

BKNHS District Newsletter

