Hunter College High School is a tuition-free, publicly funded 7-12th grade school. 7th grade is the sole entry point. It provides a rigorous college preparatory program that includes a broad array of required and elective courses. The curriculum is rich and demanding, and the classes are characterized by lively exchanges among the students and between the students and teachers. There is a sense of informality throughout the corridors, complementing a seriousness of purpose in the classrooms.

Instructional strategies at Hunter are designed to meet the educational needs and learning styles of intellectually advanced learners who share a passion for learning.

THE FACULTY
The teachers at Hunter College High School are experienced educators who are deeply interested in the subjects they teach. All have masters degrees, and a number have doctorates. Many in the faculty are Hunter College and/or Hunter College Campus Schools alumnae/i.

SUPPORT SERVICES
Succeeding at Hunter College High School means more than striving for high achievement; it means the development of the whole person. There is a Department of Counseling Services, a dedicated learning specialist and a school nurse. These dedicated individuals, along with the faculty and administrators, help students to mature, to develop a clear sense of values, and to explore their unique talents. Older students serve in the “Big Sibs” program which, along with Seventh Grade Seminar and Eighth Grader Advisory, helps seventh and eighth graders adjust to Hunter. Each grade has a Class Term Faculty Advisor who follows the grade for their entire six-year journey.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Hunter requires that each student fulfill 75 hours of community service in order to graduate. In order to promote an awareness of the value of giving back and of contributing to the larger community, at least fifty of those seventy-five hours must occur outside of the school. Service experiences provide knowledge, promote responsibility and enable students to become an important part of their community. In addition, these experiences allow students to explore career interests, enhance their self-confidence, and apply leadership in making a difference in the world. Students are expected to complete their service obligation by the end of their junior (5th) year. Students fulfill this requirement after school, on weekends, or during the summer.

THE SENIOR YEAR
During the Senior year, most Seniors take a full academic load, choosing from Advanced Placement (or AP-level) courses, but can also add one or two alternative learning options. These options include course work at Hunter College; independent study with HCCHS faculty; teaching internships within the High School; or off-campus learning experiences (internships), which are specially designed by and for each student.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Hunter students enjoy many opportunities to learn and have fun in a wide range of activities. Major non-athletic activities include science research, math team, Washington Seminar, robotics, debate, chess, publications, vocal and instrumental music performing groups, and theater groups. Students in these activities regularly earn honors at the city, state and national level; recent graduates have seen national –level recognition for their work in music, science research, mathematics, poetry, and debate. In addition, there is a limitless variety of student clubs with meetings taking place during the activity/lunch periods and after school. Most activities are created by the students on a campus where self-responsibility is an attribute every student masters through experience.
ATHLETICS

HCHS offers over 50 athletic teams that compete on the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School levels. These teams have earned league and division titles throughout NYC and NY State for decades.

The Boys and Girls Fencing, Golf and Lacrosse Teams have seen particular recent success, and the Track and Field program regularly places in the top three in Manhattan. Other competitive programs include baseball, volleyball, soccer, badminton, boys and girls wrestling, softball and basketball. The athletic program demonstrates that it is possible to participate at a highly competitive level in athletics and flourish academically.

Information on the Athletic Program is available at the Hunter College High School web site at: www.hunterschools.org/hs/athletics

SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Grade 7
English
Mathematics
Latin, French or Spanish
Art History & Studio Art
Music
Social Studies
Environmental Science
Physical Education
Communications & Theater
Health Education
(Grade 7 courses do not carry high school credit)

Grade 8
English
Mathematics
Latin, French or Spanish
Art History & Studio Art
Music
Global Studies 1 & 2
Physical Science*
Physical Education*
Communications & Theater
Health Education
(*These courses do not carry high school credit)

Grade 9
English
Mathematics
Latin, French or Spanish
Art History & Studio Art
Health/CPR
Global Studies 3 & 4
Biology
Computer Science
Physical Education
Music

Grade 10
English
Mathematics
Latin, French or Spanish
Art History & Studio Art
or Music
US History 1 & 2
Chemistry
Physical Education
Health

Grade 11
English
Physical Education
Physics and one elective or two electives

Grade 12
Physics (if not in 11th grade)
Physical Education
Five or six electives
(The elective offerings include opportunities for college courses and internships.)

Elective options in the sequence of courses are too numerous to list on this sheet. Examples include:

Art/Music: Photography, Ceramics, Painting, Digital Imaging, Drawing, Advanced Art History, Advanced Music Theory

English: Creative Writing, Journalism, Asian-American Literature, New York City Literature, Joyce, Science Fiction, Latin American Magical Realism, Advanced Essay Writing, African-American Studies (with the Social Studies Dept.)

Communication & Theater: Acting & Directing, Public Speaking, Theater in New York, Theater Practicum

Physical Education: Rock Climbing, Inline Skating, Yoga, Racquetball, Aerobics, Basketball, Martial Arts, Cycling

Mathematics: AP Computer Science, AP AB or BC Calculus, AP Statistics, Problem Solving

Science: Astrophysics, Cosmology & Medical Physiology, Organic Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics


World Languages: AP Latin, AP Spanish, AP French, Classical Mythology, Latin V, Advanced French Conversation, Spanish V Literature or Conversation

General curricula overviews and detailed course descriptions are available for each department at the Hunter College High School web site: www.hunterschool.org