



METRO NYC'S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS

Eight hidden gems in the NYC school system

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Don't limit your search to the city's best-known high schools. Some lesser-known, up-and-coming places of learning make the grade. Insideschools.org, the Department of Education and The Post recommend eight such options:

1. Williamsburg High School for Architecture

257 North 6th St., Brooklyn

Well-regarded school for kids who know that they are interested in a career in architecture. Classes teach techniques of the future, while also encouraging historic preservation. Along with college prep, ninth graders learn to draw with a T-square and experiment with AutoCAD and Autodesk. The building houses four architecture/design studios with laptops, 3-D printers, laser engravers and color plotter printers. Many internship options. Last summer, students worked for Green-Wood Cemetery, the Park Avenue Armory, structural engineering firms, construction companies, a stone carver and several preservation groups. Students come up with architectural concepts, build models and tackle construction basics like mixing mortar, working with wood and electrical wiring.