

Brooklyn RISE Charter School builds the knowledge, habits, and mindsets for academic success, ensuring all kindergarten through fifth grade students are on the path to college.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW





- Opened: September 2019
- Grades Served: K-5
- Current Location: 9 Hanover Place (Downtown Brooklyn)
- Future Home: 4001 4th Avenue (Sunset Park)
- Neighborhood: Downtown Brooklyn and Sunset Park
- Students Currently Served: 290

DEMOGRAPHICS COMPARED W/ CSD15



Subgroup	NYC CSD 15	Brooklyn RISE	Difference
SY 2019–20			
Economically Disadvantaged	57%	76%	+19
Students with Disabilities	22%	24%	+2
English Learners	14%	46%	+32
SY 2020–21			
Economically Disadvantaged	58%	84%	+26
Students with Disabilities	23%	23%	
English Learners	15%	40% ¹¹	+16
SY 2021–22			
Economically Disadvantaged	58%	84%	+26
Students with Disabilities	24%	23%	-1
English Learners	16%	41%	+25



ENROLLMENT

- We are a non-traditional public school and our enrollment process is open to all students at the grade levels we serve
- We have the following priorities in our enrollment lottery:
 - Multilingual Students (students whose home language is other than English)
 - Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Price Lunch
 - Students who live in CSD 15
 - Siblings
- We intentionally recruit for and seek to retain student populations that have historically been underserved by the education system (students with disabilities, multilingual learners, and students from low socioeconomic backgrounds)





YEAR 1: 2019-2020

- Our goal was to open a small school option for families in Sunset Park that had smaller class sizes, an emphasis on small group instruction, and a commitment to providing a strong learning environment for diverse learners.
- We opened in Fall of 2019 serving K-1.
- Before the shutdown 86% of our kindergarten students were reading on or above grade level and our first grade students made a 30% jump with 22% of students on grade level at the beginning of the year to 52% reading on or above grade level by the spring.





YEAR 2: 2020-2021

- We re-opened in the Fall of 2020 serving K-2 with a hybrid model such that some students were fully in person, some were fully remote, and some did a mix of both.
- We were extremely proud of how our school handled the pandemic, particularly the resources and supports we provided to families and students during the extremely difficult, and unprecedented time.





YEAR 3: 2021-2022

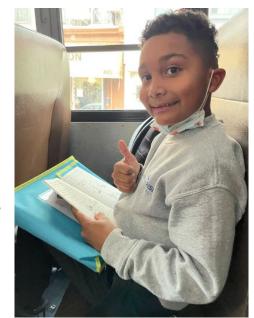
- We opened in Fall of 2021 fully in person with grades K-3!
- We ran out of space in our temporary facility and only enrolled one kindergarten class in order to remain in that space for one additional year.
- In our first year of state testing, our 3rd graders outperformed city and state averages and at 63% average proficient and above in both math and reading we performed on-par with the District 15 averages.





YEAR 4: 2022-2023

- We opened the year serving grades K-4.
- After running out of space in our temporary location, and unable to find any other as-of-right space in Sunset Park large enough for our school, we relocated to a school space in Downtown Brooklyn (4 miles north of our original location).
- 85% of our families chose to stay with our school despite the significant distance and busing that would be required.



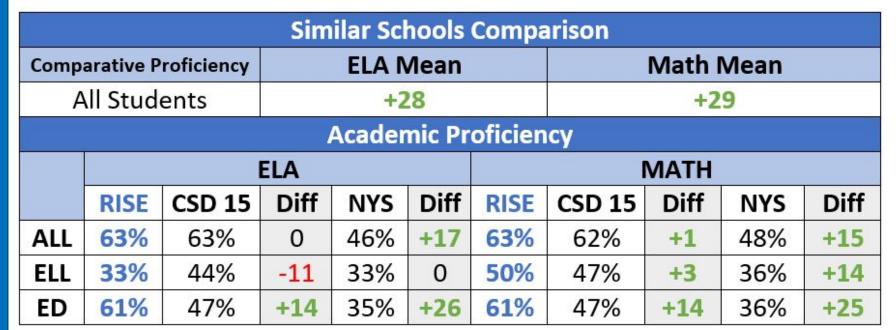
YEAR 5: 2023-2024

- We are a fully grown elementary school this year serving students K-5!
- After suffering an enrollment dip the previous year due to our unexpected relocation, we opened this school year 93% enrolled and have enrolled and welcomed a significant number of families from the migrant/asylee shelters in Sunset Park and on Flatbush.
- We had 100% teacher retention from last year to this year, which is almost unheard of in the charter sector and in the education sector in general right now.



OUR CHARTER COMMITMENTS

Student Learning and Achievement



- We collect a variety of data points (quantitative and qualitative) throughout the school day to inform instructional practice.
- We have protected Data Days for staff to analyze student data and create action and intervention plans with student needs in mind.





OUR CHARTER COMMITMENTS

Strong Teaching



- Teachers get at least 15 days of summer professional development before the school year begins (curriculum internalization, ABAR educator training, mission/vision alignment, practice)
- Each teacher gets a 1:1 coach that conducts at least weekly observations and coaching meetings
- We provide two hours of teacher professional development weekly on Fridays
- We use a co-teaching model in grades K-3 and have at least one SPED certified teacher at every grade level
- We have high teacher retention rates and intentionally seek to hire and retain a diverse teaching staff that reflects the population of students that we serve

OUR CHARTER COMMITMENTS

Unique Educational Opportunity

- We cap class sizes at 26, we only have two classes at each grade level
- We are a smaller school than most elementary schools and our smaller student:teacher ratio
 and emphasis on small group instruction allows our school to provide targeted instruction and
 supports to all students, especially our diverse learners that benefit from additional
 interventions
- We emphasize culturally responsive instruction using culturally relevant curricula and pedagogy as well as social-emotional learning using the Responsive Classroom approach as well as a dedicated stand alone SEL curriculum
- We provide a robust enrichment program such that students get two blocks of enrichment each full day of school (music, art, dance, and STEM)
- We have invested considerable resources to create an Inclusive Learning Department (Director of Inclusive Learning, SPED Coordinator, MLL Coordinators (2), Social Workers (2), Director of Student Affairs, and Student Support Specialists (2))



RENEWAL AND REVISION REQUESTS



- We are advocating that our school receive a full, five-year charter renewal
- In partnership with the families we serve, we are advocating that we be granted a **charter revision** for a grade level expansion so that we can become a K-8 school (this revision request is driven by our families that strongly desire the opportunity to keep their children at Brooklyn RISE through 8th grade)
- Other revision requests are minor changes (allow us more flexibility for extended year and use of assessments)

In a family survey given last spring, 99% of families answered YES when asked if they want Brooklyn RISE to become a K-8 school.



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