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Bronx High School for Medical Science

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Phone: (718) 410-4040
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Principal: William Quintana
Neighborhood: Tremont
District: 9
Grade range: 06 thru
Parent Coordinator: Antonio Melendez
PC phone: (347) 563-4856

What's special: Good attendance and high graduation rate.
The downside: Students must pass through metal detectors to enter building.

Statistics

Enrollment: 434	Reading: 31.2%
Attendance: 91.9%	Math: 63.6%
Free Lunch: 88%	Graduation Rate: 84.5%
Admissions: Screened	Graduation Rate Six Years: 82%
Ethnicity %: 0 W 36 B 56 H 7 A	College Ready: 23.2%
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The vision: Students wear green medical scrubs as part of an effort to build team spirit and to prepare kids for a career in science or medicine.

The reality: The highest performing school in the **Taft Educational Campus**, the Bronx High School for Medical Science has a good graduation rate and high attendance. The students are orderly and attentive and the teachers seem to be energetic. The school has nice new labs. Select students may "shadow" professionals at nearby hospitals and take part in research.

The school serves children in grades 6 to 12 and has selective admission—that is, students are chosen based on their grades, test scores and attendance.

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are chosen based on their grades, test scores and attendance.

Principal William Quintana wears green scrubs himself and calls the kids "doctor." Students have the opportunity to take College Now classes—part of a CUNY program to prepare students for college. Students we spoke to said the work is interesting but not excessively demanding; one girl said she completed her homework in half an hour each night. A nice extra: students from Medical Science have their own corner of the cafeteria, with round tables instead of the more institutional long ones.

A downside: students must pass through metal detectors to enter the building. Most kids say they feel safe in their classes, but about one-third said the area around the school can be dangerous, according to the [Learning Environment Survey](#).

Special education: Medical sciences offer one "self-contained" special education classes for children with special needs only, as well as SETSS (special education teachers support services) in regular classes for students who need extra help.

Admissions: Students in districts 9 and 10 have priority for middle school. The high school is screened. Prospective students are expected to score Level 3 on standardized reading and math tests; to have an 75 average and good attendance. (Clara Hemphill, December 2011)

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Abidaboss

the high school of medical science is wavy its good to be in a school of medical science it provide 's the kids to be focus in science and medicine this school is the best and a other thing is the kids have to go threw medal detector 's thats really good this school id strict good school i cant wait to go to that school next year 2012

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Celeste Roberson

Cool i going there soon im in 8th grade i hope its good but i believe it will be good thank you

11/22/2011 09:22 AM in reply to Abidaboss Like Reply



Sonya

Ive been in the school for 6 years (middle school and Highschool) im graduation this year from the honors program. The school is pretty good but it doesnt give that much oppurtunities which sucks but other than that its a great school, my friends make it the best. Make good friends and believe me you'll LOVE it!

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Abidaboss

the high school of medical science rock's!!!!!!

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student

As a middle school student there i believe that it has a better educational system and that its not as violent as before. I am enjoying my year at William H Taft High School

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Regheimbeck

It's the best school ever, unfortunately it is a relatively new school so it is not known to many.

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student

"I think this school is a bit too strict."

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roscanjazz

"When I first went to this high school as a freshman I noticed a lot of violence and I also noticed this school had metal detectors. Every morning I had to take off my shoes, belt, and jewelry," writes student Olga. "If an educational establishment has to go through this every morning they are not treating this as a high school -- it's a prison!"

06/01/2008 10:45 PM

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Kumslyva

"Only the honor students get the benefits of the school while the other students are given poor teachers," a student writes. "The school could be better if all students are given the same opportunities."

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Anonymous

The grandmother of a student at the school praised the principal: "My grandson is a special ed student and he [the principal] makes him feel good." She said that Principal William Quintana refers to the students as "doctor" which they like. "My principal has an open policy to parents -- I can go to him with any problem. He'll say, 'I'll look into it and get back to you.'"

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University Heights Secondary School at Bronx Community College

701 St Ann's Avenue
Bronx NY 10455 [Map](#)
Phone: (718) 289-5300
Website: [Click here](#)

Principal: Hazel Joseph Roseboro
Neighborhood: Kingsbridge
District: 10
Parent Coordinator: [Candida Cocco](#)
PC phone: (718) 289-5298

What's special: Students earn college credits, 10 social workers, family atmosphere
The downside: Over age kids are hard to reach

Statistics

Free Lunch: 91% **Graduation Rate:** 90.6%
Admissions: interview/info session **Graduation Rate Six Years:** 86%
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SEPTEMBER 2010 UPDATE: University Heights moved to St Anns Avenue where it shares the former South Bronx High School with [Mott Haven Village Preparatory High School](#).

DECEMBER 2009 UPDATE: Hazel Joseph Roseboro, previously an assistant principal at University Heights, is now principal, replacing Dr. Brenda Bravo, who retired.

MAY 2007 REVIEW: University Heights Secondary School, located on the sprawling Bronx Community College campus, caters to both struggling and high-achieving students. It serves many students who have transferred because they were unhappy or unsuccessful in other schools. One student came from Bard High School Early College, one of the most selective schools in the city. Another student, who had a baby, came to take advantage of the school's LYFE program which offers onsite child care for teen parents. "It can be rigorous or not here, you have a choice," said the 11th grader who transferred from Bard.

The school is led by Dr. Brenda Bravo, who taught as an adjunct professor at Bank Street College and received her doctorate at Teacher's College. With 28 years of education experience, mostly in special and alternative education, she has created a school in which all students and staff feel valued and respect each other.

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A caring staff knows the students well and gives them plenty of attention. On our visit, teachers seemed knowledgeable and held the students' interest. The teachers take time to work with one student at a time, ensuring they understand the assignment.

Students may take Bronx Community College courses earning up to 18 tuition-free college credits. All students take art and music, and those who enjoy their initial class may take more in-depth courses. The gifted art teacher has offered jewelry design, geometric design, and fashion design. On the day of our visit, a talented salsa band, with singers, acoustic and electric guitars, bongos, drums, flutes, and a saxophone, played lively music that wafted out the windows and onto the college campus.

The school graduates about two-thirds of its students on time and has only an average rate of attendance. Bravo said the attendance rate reflects absences by the 15 young mothers and their babies in the LYFE program, as well as health problems of students with sickle cell anemia, diabetes and asthma. The graduation rate is a function of the fact that about 30 percent of her students arrive over-age for their grade. "Some have dropped out before we can really intervene," she said. "Sometimes the streets grab them, sometimes they go to work, sometimes they drop-out for a year and come back, some students start families prematurely, or they get into trouble."

Beyond academics, students can expect a highly supportive environment for their social needs. In addition to the six social workers employed by the school, a partnership with the not-for-profit organization, Good Shepherd Services, provides four more social workers, who offer counseling, help with housing, fieldtrips and more. Also, students are placed in small groups called advisories, according to their needs. For example, all the teen-parents are housed together in one advisory, and all students enrolled at Bronx Community College are housed in another. Additionally, every student must participate in Project Adventure, which teaches student trust, team-building, and leadership skills through physical activities. One day, students fall backwards from a table into the arms of their fellow students, and on another day, students do rock climbing, while they cheer each other on. "I like it. It helps you trust people more," said one student about the program.

Eighty-five percents of graduates go on to four-year colleges, including Sarah Lawrence, Fordham, Brandeis, SUNY and CUNY colleges.

Admissions: Preference is given to students who attend an open house, who have good grades and good attendance. Transfer students are also admitted on a case-by-case basis, including students who are over-aged and have few academic credits. (*Vanessa Witenko, May 2007*)

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i like this school

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UniversityHeightsJunior

please not there are NOT 10 social workers in the school (i am a students believe me, there aren't i know for sure)

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shakeem

What grade do you need to get into this school

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nena

what activities do u have in this school and do they really teach french?

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University Heights Junior

Yes the teachers name is Ruth

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A new education documentary, *To Be Heard*, features Karina Sanchez, Pearl Quick and Anthony Pittman, three teens who participate in the Power Writers Program, an intensive three-hour-per-session class led by guest instructors. View the trailer: [Literacy as a Weapon: A Radical Approach To Teaching That Put Bronx Teens on the College Track](#) and read the review: [For Three Teenagers, Easing Life's Struggles Through Poetry](#).

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Principal Brenda Bravo received a 2009 Cahn fellowship, a 15-month program at Teachers College designed to recognize outstanding principals. Cahn fellows attend workshops at Teachers College and mentor an aspiring principal while continuing to serve as principal at their school.

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