

**PROFILE:  
CLASS  
OF 2011**

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Scholars' Academy earned the highest Quality Review rating 3 years in a row
- Scholars' Academy earned an "A" on the New York City Progress Report for the 2009-2010 school year within the most competitive peer group
- Approximately 50% of our student body is inducted into the National Honor Society, which requires a 90% academic average and 50 hours of community service each year
- Scholars' Academy provides an accelerated course of study including college level courses in junior and senior year
- Scholars' Academy classes engage students through cooperative groups and cross-curricular connections during daily instruction
- Scholars' Academy is competitive with the top high schools in NYC, including Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Tech, and Townsend Harris

# The Scholars' Academy

## An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12

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## Overview

Scholars' Academy is located in beautiful Rockaway Park between the blue waters of Jamaica Bay and the pristine Atlantic Ocean. The school draws a large percentage of students from within this quaint, family town, as well as from the greater surrounding areas of the Rockaway Peninsula. Scholars' Academy students travel from across District 27 to form a racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse student population.

Founded in 2004, Scholars' Academy is a diverse, accelerated, application based school for students in grades 6-12. Students gain admission in grade 6 or grade 9 through a competitive screening process.

Our students read the literary classics, study advanced mathematics, and compete in traditional and non-traditional sports after school. Our learning philosophy emphasizes the importance of small group work, and Scholars' Academy prepares its students for a technologically driven, collaborative business environment. The student body is currently comprised of approximately 970 academically gifted and ambitious individuals who are dedicated to life-long learning and achievement.

## Special Features of Our Program

### **Integrated Curriculum**

Scholars' Academy provides an accelerated and interdisciplinary curriculum. Students work collaboratively each term on a project that integrates the content from each of their core subjects.

### **Credit Requirements**

Students complete four years of English, Mathematics and Science. Students take a three year sequence in Visual Arts as well as a three year sequence in Spanish.

### **Accelerated Coursework**

Students at Scholars' Academy complete an accelerated course of study, including physics and U.S. History in grade 9. Students complete many of their high school requirements including Regents examinations, by their sophomore year.

### **Internship Opportunities**

Scholars' Academy seniors have the opportunity to complete a one term Internship & Career Course which includes 30 hours of field work through an organization of their choice.

### **Advanced Placement**

Juniors and seniors are all programmed for Advanced Placement courses. Advanced Placement courses include: AP Calculus AB, AP US Government, AP US History, AP English Language & Composition and AP English Literature.

### **Commitment to Service**

Scholars' Academy students are expected to make contributions to society and to their community. Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year.

## History

Scholars' Academy was founded through a partnership between Dr. Kathleen Cashin, now CEO of the Knowledge Network, and Brian O'Connell, principal, in 2004. Scholars' Academy was designed to provide an accelerated program with a rigorous and integrated curriculum for the high performing students on the Rockaway Peninsula. Scholars' Academy quickly earned a stellar reputation, and now accepts applicants from several areas surrounding the Rockaways. Last year, we received over 1000 applications for less than 200 seats. Students must complete a multi-layered screening process including an exam and interview.

## Scholars' Academy Motto:

*"By examining yesterday and today, we will find our respective places in tomorrow's world."*

## Mission Statement

*To engage in an interactive, culturally rich, highly motivational, inter-disciplinary education that exceeds all standard expectations in order to create the leaders of our future generations.*

## STATISTICS

### Class of 2011

Class Size . . . . . 100

### Diversity

African American . . . . . 20%  
 Asian . . . . . 19%  
 Caucasian . . . . . 48%  
 Hispanic . . . . . 12%  
 Eligible for Title I . . . . . 46%

### Average Daily Attendance

. . . . . 97.5%

### Grade Point Average

Mean GPA . . . . . 90%  
 Median GPA . . . . . 89.7%

### % Passing NYS Regents Exams

English . . . . . 100  
 Global History . . . . . 100  
 US History . . . . . 100  
 Math A . . . . . 100  
 Math B . . . . . 77  
 Living Environment . . . . . 100  
 Earth Science . . . . . 100  
 Chemistry . . . . . 90  
 Spanish . . . . . 94

### Mean Score NYS Regents Exams

English . . . . . 91%  
 Global History . . . . . 88%  
 US History . . . . . 92%  
 Math A . . . . . 85%  
 Math B . . . . . 70%  
 Living Environment . . . . . 87%  
 Chemistry . . . . . 76%  
 Spanish . . . . . 86%

### % On-Track for Graduation

Regents Level Diploma . . . . 100  
 Advanced Regents Diploma .100

### % Participation in AP or College Level Courses

. . . . . 100

# College Board Exam Results: Class of 2011

## Admissions Tests

### SAT Reasoning Test

	Number Tested	School Mean
Critical Reading	87	500
Mathematics	87	514
Writing	87	500

### SAT Subject Tests

Test	Number Tested	School Mean
Math—Level 1	12	575
Chemistry	5	568

### Advanced Placement Exams

Test	Number Tested	% with 3 or Better
English Language & Composition	46	72

# Grading & Ranking Policies

## Cumulative Average

The cumulative average is computed at the end of grade 11. All subjects for which the student receives a numerical grade are included.

All honors level courses are weighted at 1.05.

All AP level courses are weighted at 1.1

## Ranking Policy

Due to the rigorous academic nature of our program we do not rank our students.

## Median GPA

As of September 2010, the median GPA of the class of 2011 is 89.7%.

