



Community School Fact Sheet

The full-service approach of The Children's Aid Society's community schools addresses the multiple needs of children by recognizing that learning is influenced by ongoing experiences within families, schools and communities. To realize this comprehensive and collaborative approach to young people's learning and development, community schools foster sustained partnerships among parents, schools, community-based organizations, area health care providers, local businesses and universities.

The Mirabal Sisters Campus
21 Jumel Place
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The Mirabal Sisters Campus opened in collaboration with The Children's Aid Society in October 1994. In 2003 the existing school (IS90) was divided into three middle schools, each serving students in grades 6-8. The school is named after Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal, three sisters from the Dominican Republic who opposed the oppressive regime of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. In their fight for their country's political freedom, the sisters were repeatedly persecuted and jailed, before their brutal assassination on November 25, 1960. Trujillo was removed from power six months later in 1961.

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KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Core Instructional Program

At the Mirabal Sisters Campus instructional curriculum is based around the small learning communities, or “casas,” named after the three Mirabal sisters. Each school offers theme-based learning through specialty areas that enhance academic learning for students. They are; 1) Justice and Social Reform; 2) Culture and Creative Arts and 3) Academic and Career Exploration. Technology is wrapped around all curriculum areas to provide students with required skills using classroom telecommunications and computer laboratories.

Extended-Day Program

The extended-day program at Mirabal Sisters Campus reflects a comprehensive collaboration between the New York City Department of Education, Mirabal Sisters Campus staff, and The Children’s Aid Society. Serving approximately 300 students every day, the program combines academic enrichment with youth development, mentoring, arts, community service and sports and recreation.

ACADEMIC enrichment classes in language arts and math complement the school’s core instructional program. The program is further enhanced by open library hours, homework help, mentoring programs, tutoring sessions, Bilingual Institutes, and supplementary Department of Education class offerings. Activities such as Chess Club and Newsletter Club also offer additional academic enrichment through less conventional means.

SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL programs integrate youth development approaches in helping young people build their social skills in a safe and fun environment. Programs include the nationally renowned CAS-Carrera Pregnancy Prevention Program and Math Peer Tutoring.

PHYSICAL HEALTH activities such as the sports and recreational leagues, clinics and tournaments and open gym time are available year round through the extended day, Saturday, Holiday and summer programs.

DANCE, ART, THEATER AND OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES are important aspects of the extended-day and summer programs run by the Children’s Aid Society. Mirabal Sisters Campus hosts the Alvin Ailey Dance Camp, a summer program that combines dance with personal development workshops, creative writing classes and field trips. Additionally, the Advantage Theater Troupe has performed several in-school productions including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Into the Woods* and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

Other Programs and Services

Mirabal Sister Campus also offers programs and services for students, parents and community members aligned with its commitment to life-long learning, community development and youth and parent leadership.

FOR STUDENTS, there are a number of additional services, such as a full-service health clinic that provides comprehensive service including mental health. Staffed by a team of social workers, a consulting psychiatrist and a pediatric nurse practitioner, the clinic offers students full medical and mental health evaluations, critically important during this period of adolescence. Dental services are also offered through a partnership with neighboring P.S. 8. Programs such as Town Meeting, held during the school day, provide students with the opportunity to discuss issues such as interpersonal relations, conflict resolution, sexuality, cultural diversity and goal setting.

FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, Academic and educational opportunities include GED, ESL, literacy and computer classes. In addition, the Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo (UASD) offers graduate courses in ESL and in specific professional fields for licensing and accreditation for Dominican professionals. Community and family programs such as workshops on Adult Family Life and Holistic Sexuality, Raising Children During Difficult Times and nutrition are also available.

MS 319 Maria Teresa Mirabal Middle School

Number of Students Enrolled

148 enrolled in 2004-2005

Student Information (2004-2005)	%
Students qualifying for free federal school lunch	100.0
English language Learners (ELL)	34.5
Arrivals to the U.S. in last three years	10.8
Special Ed students in a self contained class	6.8
Student attendance rate	93.7
Latino students	93.2
Black students	6.8
White students	0.0
Asian and other students	0.0

MS 321 Minerva Mirabal Middle School

Number of Students Enrolled

132 enrolled 2004-2005

Student Information (2004-2005)	%
Student qualifying for free federal school lunch	99.2
English language Learners (ELL)	28.8
Arrivals to the U.S. in last three years	12.1
Special Ed students in a self contained class	4.5
Student attendance rate	92.5
Latino students	82.6
Black students	15.9
White students	0.8
Asian and other students	0.8

MS 324 Patria Mirabal Middle School

Number of Students Enrolled

143 enrolled in 2004-2005

Student Information (2004-2005)	%
Student qualifying for free federal school lunch	99.3
English language Learners (ELL)	25.9
Arrivals to the U.S. in last three years	9.8
Special Ed students in a self contained class	4.9
Student attendance rate	94.0
Latino students	83.9
Black students	15.4
White students	0.0
Asian and other students	0.7