



Inspiring students to **aim high**  
and **accomplish more.**



**BAY RIDGE PREP**  
Developing the Whole Student

Lower and  
Middle Schools  
**Grades K-8**

# Progressive Academic Environment



“Bay Ridge Prep is a place where teachers, students and administrators really support one another. We have intentionally created a school culture where **children are excited and deeply engaged in learning.**”

– *Dr. Charles Fasano,*  
*Head of School*



## Bay Ridge Prep develops risk-takers, advocates, leaders and champions.

**We explicitly teach skills that build emotional and social intelligence**, which help students create healthy and satisfying relationships in and out of school.

**We provide students the freedom and responsibility to pursue their interests** through open-ended projects, a wide course selection and a variety of student-initiated clubs.

**We emphasize innovation, creativity and practical application** over acquiring rote knowledge that can be easily accessed on any digital device.

**We build social responsibility** through school-wide, student-selected community service initiatives and projects.

**We offer a full array of arts programs** including chamber music, chorus, dance, graphic design, jazz ensemble, photography, theater and studio art.

**We value all athletes** and celebrate team spirit and positivity in our championship athletic program.

### FAST FACTS:

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| <b>Founded:</b>                 | 1998  |
| <b>Two Campuses:</b>            | The Lower and Middle Schools are located at 8101 Ridge Boulevard.<br>The Upper School is located at 7420 Fourth Avenue.   |
| <b>Student Population K–12:</b> | 400 students  |
| <b>Average Class Size:</b>      | 15  |
| <b>Faculty:</b>                 | 95% of teaching faculty hold advanced degrees.  |
| <b>Accreditation:</b>           | Bay Ridge Prep is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools. The school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. |

# In the Classroom

“It’s empowering to work at Bay Ridge Prep because teachers have the knowledge and resources to meet children where they are, and propel them forward. We strive to make sure our **students are motivated** and working toward their full potential.”

– Allison Siefert,  
First Grade Teacher

Bay Ridge Prep offers a challenging curriculum that includes opportunities for advanced learning, research, exploration and discovering new passions.

## Connected Curriculum

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Bay Ridge Prep’s curriculum, schedule and culture are organized around topics and activities that are meaningful, interesting and relevant to children at each stage of their development. Faculty guide students toward a greater understanding of themselves and the world through storytelling, class excursions, investigations, interviews, reading, writing and role-playing. “How?” and “Why?” are the questions that dominate our curricula. Teaching to children’s talents is our mission. Bay Ridge Prep is a boredom busting school and courses are flexible so that advanced students are challenged and motivated to learn, while two programs support students with specific learning needs.

The Achieve Program is designed to develop students’ study skills, organization, reading and writing. Achieve staff collaborate with classroom teachers to provide a seamless link between classroom work and supplemental small group work.

The Bridge Program addresses the needs of students with diagnosed learning differences. This specialized learning environment presents focused, individualized classes with mentorship to draw on the strengths of each student.

## Parents as Partners

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Parents are encouraged to be full participants in the Bay Ridge Prep community. Parent workshops and coffees, classroom celebrations, parent writing and running groups are just some of the ways Bay Ridge Prep educates families about teaching and learning. These are also great opportunities for families to educate us about their needs and expectations for their children.

## Developing Leaders

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Students are encouraged to see themselves as important members of school and society. Integrated school-wide projects promote cooperation and problem solving skills. Older students gain leadership experience by mentoring younger students, organizing town halls and spearheading community service projects. These opportunities build student confidence and lead to success in the Upper School.





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# Beyond the Classroom



“Bay Ridge Prep is a **big believer in the arts**. Children help write and produce original shows—that is an incredibly empowering experience for students.”

– Patricia Veconi, Lower & Middle School Arts Coordinator, Theater & Music Teacher

Last period doesn't signal the end of the day at Bay Ridge Prep. Like our academic courses, there is an after school activity for everyone. Thespians, artists, athletes and engineers will all have busy afternoons at Bay Ridge Prep.



## Developing Talents Outside The Classroom

Lunchtime and Friday afternoon Club Hour provide special opportunities for students and faculty to share interests and talents outside the established curriculum. Children in grades 5-8 can write or illustrate for our literary magazine “Melted Crayons,” produce a yearbook, create crafts or strategize over the chessboard.

## Town Hall and Community Service

Bay Ridge Prep helps children understand their roots, connect to their past, recognize the commonality of people and accept full participation in our democratic society. Each Friday morning, students lead a Town Hall where they share projects, news, ideas for our school and ways to contribute to the greater community. Bay Ridge Prep students sing at local nursing homes, play with toddlers at a daycare center for children in foster care and organize food drives for local charities.

## Well-Rounded Arts Program

Bay Ridge Prep knows that creative expression is a vital and integral part of a student's development. Lower and Middle School students receive visual and performing arts instruction an average of four hours each week including studio art (K-8), creative movement (K-2), music (K-3), instrumental band and chorus (4-8), dramatic arts (5-8), ceramics (K-8) and woodworking (6-8). The arts are also integrated throughout the content areas, allowing children to consolidate knowledge and understanding through creative representations.

## Go, Tigers!

At Bay Ridge Prep, we're proud of our Tigers for so many reasons. Many of our teams have won championships through the years, a source of great pride for our entire school community. In the Lower and Middle Schools, athletics focus on fitness, wellness and fun. Win or lose, Bay Ridge Prep Tigers are known for their sportsmanship, determination and community-minded spirit.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

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| Pottery      | Chess             | Tennis      |
| Media Arts   | Karate            | Engineering |
| Theater      | Archery           | Yoga        |
| Youth Improv | Basketball Clinic |             |

### ATHLETIC TEAMS INCLUDE:

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| Baseball      | Softball      |
| Basketball    | Squash        |
| Cross Country | Tennis        |
| Golf          | Track & Field |
| Soccer        | Volleyball    |



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