

## What is Civic Leadership?

At the **CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**, our students will understand that civic leadership means responsible citizenship; it means being a leader who proactively seeks knowledge of community issues in order to contribute to their solutions. Students will develop the skills they need to make informed decisions that strengthen their connection and commitment to their community. They will participate in the public life of a community in an informed, committed, and constructive manner and understand that civic leadership is education in action for the common good.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

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**NEW CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL**



# CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY

## Mission

The **CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** fosters the academic success, personal growth, and social development of our high school students through service to their communities. Our college preparatory curriculum uses the real world as a classroom in which students develop as leaders who take initiative, solve problems, work as a team, and demonstrate their abilities while addressing real community needs. The community is our textbook, helping to expand our students' academic and leadership skills as they become future leaders of the world around them.

## Who Are Our Partners?

**CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** is a NYC Department of Education small high school that has partnerships with New Visions for Public Schools and the Child Center of NY. Both organizations have a long and distinguished history of serving the youths of New York City. For more information about the roles of our partners within the school, please visit our website at [WWW.CLAQUEENS.ORG](http://WWW.CLAQUEENS.ORG).

## OUR CORE VALUES

### *Commitment to Learning*

- COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM
- HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ACHIEVEMENT
- REAL WORLD CONTEXT FOR LEARNING
- STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING
- ACADEMIC SUPPORTS DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL

### *Commitment to Community*

- COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING
- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
- TEAM BUILDING
- PUBLIC SHARING OF LEARNING
- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

### *Empowerment*

- ADVISORY
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOCUS
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- YOUTH COUNCIL
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION

*These three values are infused throughout the culture and structure of our school. They influence the decisions we make and the educational programs that we offer.*

*Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.*

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## Features of CLA

- Small school, starting with 9th grade
- Attentive and nurturing staff to support the holistic development of students
- College exploration, tours, and readiness programs
- Assets-based approach to youth development
- Student voice in the life of the school
- Uniform policy

## Curricula

- Alignment with New York State standards and assessments
- Writing across the Curriculum
- Youth Action and Development
- Service Learning
- Technology-integrated learning
- Clubs (determined by student interests)

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