

**DISTRICT/CHARTER COLLABORATION COMPACT**  
**A Collaboration to Transform Education in New York City**

Whereas the New York City Department of Education (“NYC DOE”) and the undersigned public charter schools in New York City (collectively “NYC Public Charter Schools”) agree that they have a collective and mutual obligation to ensure that *all* students in the city graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college, work, and life; and

Whereas NYC DOE and NYC Public Charter Schools recognize and believe that the children living within New York City do not belong to a particular district school or to a particular charter school – they are all our responsibility; and

Whereas, youth do not have a district or a charter orientation, they have an orientation to great public schools, and

Whereas NYC DOE and NYC Public Charter Schools wish to commit themselves more formally to improving and expanding the ways they will work together and influence each other for the benefit of all students in the city, and to ensure that all children have access to high-quality public schools; and

Whereas the NYC DOE and NYC Public Charter Schools wish to record their commitments in the form of a district/charter collaboration compact (the “Compact”), now, therefore, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

NYC Public Charter School Commitments

1. NYC Public Charter Schools agree to fulfill their role as laboratories for innovation and as providers of high-quality education options in New York City by:
  - a. Serving all types of students in the city. As such NYC Public Charter Schools will seek to recruit, serve and retain as a sector comparable percentages of students as district schools in the following categories:
    - i. Students requiring special education services;
    - ii. Students who are English Language Learners;
    - iii. Students in other underserved and at-risk populations;
  - b. Ensuring transparency regarding student mobility and achievement, particularly college readiness, including tracking and reporting publicly these data and considering in the reporting potential differences in demographics and other factors;
  - c. Operating and describing public charter schools as partners in the city-wide effort to provide an excellent education for all students, and fostering a

- cooperative and collaborative relationship between district and public charter schools;
- d. While responding to parent demand, also working with the district to locate new schools in highest-need areas, aligned to district plans and connected to district feeder patterns;
  - e. Actively sharing demonstrated best practices with the public schools in New York City, to permit those best practices to be introduced and scaled throughout public schools in New York City;
  - f. Pursuing grant funding in collaboration with the district where such funding opportunities would be mutually beneficial;
  - g. Working with the NYC DOE and the Council of Supervisors and Administrators to develop a program through which accomplished principals within NYC DoE could take a leave of absence to work in a NYC public charter school for a period of three years at their and charter schools' choice.

#### NYC DOE Commitments

2. The NYC DOE agrees to support the success of New York City Public Charter Schools, and thereby help to improve all public schools, by:
  - a. Supporting all qualified teams applying to start high-quality charter schools, including the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools, in order to strengthen the charter network in NYC and provide more exemplars for all public schools to learn from;
  - b. Making available to NYC Public Charter Schools on a voluntary basis, where legally possible, the benefits of school district economies of scale, to increase public charter schools' efficiency and effectiveness, including providing to NYC Public Charter Schools the following:
    - i. access to all online and other professional development resources related to the common core curriculum standards that the NYC DOE makes available to public schools that it oversees;
    - ii. access to the teacher recruitment databases and other tools maintained by the DOE, where not in violation of privacy requirements;
  - c. To the extent access is not permitted by applicable law, advocating in partnership with NYC Public Charter Schools for a change in law to permit such access at no or marginal cost;
  - d. Working toward equitable distribution of resources for public charter schools and district schools, including advocating for equitable per-student funding and ensuring access to district facilities for public charter schools (with the recognition that a child in a district or charter school needs the same amount of space), including, specifically, continuing to co-locate and locate charter schools

- in underutilized district buildings and where a charter school would provide a high-quality option for parents;
- e. Removing obstacles and barriers that hinder the success of individual public charter schools or that thwart their expansion and replication including providing a charter school office dedicated to service provision and, where possible, point persons in each Department office that interacts with and services charter schools;
  - f. Undertaking its responsibilities as a charter entity and district in providing appropriate oversight to charter schools, while also protecting the autonomies of all public charter schools and honoring state public charter school statutes, including public charter schools' openness to all students;
  - g. Actively sharing demonstrated best practices with all public charter schools to scale up what works and build capacity of public charter schools, where appropriate;
  - h. Access for all public charter schools to DOE data systems, including but not limited to ARIS and SESIS to permit public charter schools and the NYC Department of Education to more seamlessly serve students, consistent with federal education privacy requirements;
  - i. Advocating for a package of legislative changes to make conversion of district schools to charter schools economically feasible.

### Mutual Commitments

3. The NYC DOE and NYC Public Charter Schools agree to take the following steps to further the goals and mission of this Compact:
  - a. Working to help the most effective schools expand and replicate, whether those schools are district or public charter schools, in order to extend quality offerings to larger numbers of students;
  - b. Pursuing accountability across all schools in the city, including by supporting or working to close, reconstitute, or by other means immediately address persistently low-performing schools, whether district or charter;
  - c. Identifying a third-party to regularly convene the Compact signatories, and to monitor and validate district and charter performance in executing the Compact commitments, including publishing annual reports regarding progress and challenges in implementation;
  - d. Holding an "Annual Shared Practices Summit" on specific topics such as academic support for underserved youth to advance practical solutions and strategies for common challenges;
  - e. Working together to pressure teacher preparation institutions to ensure graduates are meeting the needs of both district and public charter schools;

- f. Committing to a collaborative discussion with state legislators to advance legislation in areas of mutual interest.

## **New York City Department of Education**

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### **New York City Public Charter Schools (as of December 3, 2010)**

1. Academic Leadership Charter School
2. Achievement First Apollo Elementary School
3. Achievement First Brownsville School
4. Achievement First Bushwick Elementary School
5. Achievement First Crown Heights School (Elementary and Middle)
6. Achievement First East New York School (Elementary and Middle)
7. Achievement First Endeavor Middle School
8. Amber Charter School
9. Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School
10. Bedford-Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School
11. Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School
12. The Bronx Charter School for Better Learning
13. The Bronx Charter School for Children
14. Bronx Charter School for Excellence
15. Bronx Charter School for the Arts
16. Bronx Community Charter School
17. Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School
18. Bronx Lighthouse Charter School
19. The Bronx Preparatory Charter School
20. Bronx Success Academy 1
21. Bronx Success Academy 2
22. Brooklyn Ascend Charter School
23. Brooklyn Charter School
24. Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School
25. Brooklyn Prospect Charter School
26. Brownsville Collegiate Charter School
27. Community Roots Charter School
28. Coney Island Prep Charter School

29. Cultural Arts Academy Charter School at Spring Creek
30. Democracy Prep Charter School
31. Democracy Prep Harlem Charter School
32. Dream Charter School
33. The Equity Project Charter School
34. The Ethical Community Charter School
35. Excellence Boys Charter School of Bedford-Stuyvesant
36. Excellence Girls Charter School
37. Explore Charter School
38. Empower Charter School
39. Family Life Academy Charter School
40. Future Leaders Institute Charter School
41. Harlem Children's Zone-Promise Academy I
42. Harlem Children's Zone-Promise Academy II
43. Harlem Link Charter School
44. Harlem Success Academy 1
45. Harlem Success Academy 2
46. Harlem Success Academy 3
47. Harlem Success Academy 4
48. Harlem Success Academy 5
49. Harriet Tubman Charter School
50. Hellenic Classical Charter School
51. Hyde Leadership Charter School-Brooklyn
52. Icahn Charter School 1
53. Icahn Charter School 2
54. Icahn Charter School 3
55. Icahn Charter School 4
56. Imagine Me Leadership Charter School
57. Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School
58. John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School
59. John W. Lavelle Preparatory Charter School
60. Kings Collegiate Charter School
61. KIPP Academy Elementary Charter School
62. KIPP AMP Middle Charter School
63. KIPP Infinity Elementary Charter School
64. KIPP STAR College Prep Charter School
65. Leadership Prep Bedford Stuyvesant Charter School
66. Leadership Prep Brownsville Charter School
67. Leadership Prep Ocean Hill Charter School
68. Lefferts Gardens Charter School
69. Manhattan Charter School

70. Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School
71. Mott Haven Academy Charter School
72. New Hope Academy Charter School
73. New World Preparatory Charter School
74. New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering & Construction Industries
75. New York French American Charter School
76. Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School
77. Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School
78. Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
79. The Renaissance Charter School
80. Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School
81. Ross Global Academy Charter School
82. The Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem
83. South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts
84. South Bronx Classical Charter School
85. St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School
86. Summit Academy Charter School
87. VOICE Charter School of New York
88. Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School