

10..... That Count!

The top 10
things you should
know about
Dobbs Ferry
Schools

1. PRIVATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE/PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING

Approximately 1,450 students attend Dobbs Ferry High School (9-12), Dobbs Ferry Middle School (6-8) and Springhurst Elementary School (K-5). The District provides a dynamic and challenging curriculum for ALL of its students, which emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving skills.

2. SMALL CLASSES & INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION

Average class size is 20-21 pupils in grades K-5 and 22-24 in the upper grades. Our intimate size enables teachers and staff to give personal attention to each student empowering them to reach their individual potential. Approximately 98 % of the District's teachers hold graduate degrees. Ongoing staff development, the Teacher Leader model and a strong mentoring program support instructional practices.

3. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM

Dobbs Ferry High School was the first district in Westchester County to offer the prestigious IB Diploma Program, a rigorous two-year college preparatory course of study for grades 11-12, recognized world-wide for its demanding academic requirements and in-depth study of subject content. One-third of graduating seniors receives the full IB Diploma and all DFHS students take at least two IB courses. The District obtained official authorization in 2016 to offer the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) in grades 6-10.

4. "STEM" IN ACTION

The high school's science research program has garnered science awards on the regional, state and international level including 40+ WESEF awards, 30+ WR-JSHS award and, a dozen ACORDA Science Excellence awards and can claim Intel (STS), ISEF and ISWEEP finalists in addition to 10+ Genius Olympiad International winners. State-of-the-art science labs support all the science disciplines and STEM is a major focus. Elementary School students use the renowned Singapore Math Program which fosters deep thinking, conceptual understanding and higher-level problem solving skills.

5. 97% COLLEGE-BOUND

DFHS graduates attend the most selective private and public colleges and universities in the country including the Ivy League, "Little Ivies," Big Ten, and State University of New York (SUNY) schools. Graduating seniors consistently earn some of the state and nation's top scholarship awards for academic achievement including National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist and Finalist designation. Members inducted into the school's National Honor Societies increases yearly.

6. TEAM SPIRIT

Students excel both on and off the field. At least 70 % of High School and Middle School students participate on 44 interscholastic athletic

teams. The Eagles are not only a football powerhouse winning multiple state championships, but DFHS has fielded League Champion varsity teams in many of the Girls and Boys sports. Each school also "fields" academic Destination Imagination (DI) Teams that qualify regularly for the Global Finals, the largest creative problem solving competition in the world held each year in Tennessee.

7. CULTURAL ARTS FOCUS

Students participate in music, theater and the arts including yearly musicals and dramas, artist-in residency programs, dance ensembles, winter and spring choral recitals, band/string orchestra concerts, art exhibitions, and cultural arts exchanges. Springhurst is proud of their nationally recognized, award-winning Harmonaires, an advanced chorus which teaches children in grades 4-5 the techniques of voice and harmony. They have sung at Yankee Stadium, the White House and made recordings with professional pop vocalists.

8. CLUBS FOR EVERYONE

The High School offers more than 30 different clubs for students to join, plus a majority of students are involved in community service projects off the school campus. The Middle School hosts 20 extra-curricular clubs and Springhurst has an active student government and ecology club, among others. All students in the Elementary School take part in caring for the Outdoor Garden/Classroom and are involved in the COMPOST KIDS program. Students at all three schools are serious about the District's expanding recycling initiative.

9. 21st CENTURY TECHNOLOGY

The District's high-speed wireless internet network and redesigned classrooms support students bringing their own devices (BYOD) to school. The 1:1 Chromebook initiative with students in grades 4-12 is a major success. The schools also use G Suite for education powered by Google. The District has its own fully operational television station, DFTV (Cablevision Ch75 & Verizon Ch47), with cutting-edge media production capabilities. Programming includes student news shows as well as "District Dialogue," a talk show with the Superintendent. The District uses multiple social media tools/channels (Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) and School Messenger (email, text, phone) to communicate with parents and community members.

10. PARENTS WELCOME!

Parents play a pivotal role in supporting the Dobbs Ferry Schools and are partners in the education process. Thank you to the Board of Education, PTSA, Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation, Trailguides, SPRING Community Partners, Booster Clubs and many other committee volunteers. The Dobbs Ferry Schools' values are reflected in its vision statement "**Independent Thinkers Prepared to Change the World.**"

*If you value and encourage creativity, curiosity, and the pursuit of knowledge, **Dobbs Ferry is the school district for your children.**
"...Preparing students for the future; to be successful and comfortable in a global economy, and effective citizens in the 21st Century..."*

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