

Top 10 Questions from New & Prospective Families

What is the Principal's educational philosophy?

At East-West, we believe in rigorous and differentiated instruction to teach students the skills necessary for success in college and careers in a world in which Asia continues to grow in importance. At the heart of our classrooms you will see teachers and students involved in all components of the workshop model to achieve the Common Core Learning Standards.

What is average class size?

NEST Classes – 20 - 25

Middle School - 25 – 30 students per class.

High School - 30 -34 students per class. Specialized classes, such as Advancement Placement Courses have approximately 25 students per class.

How does East-West prepare students for college?

Through our grade 6-12 design, teachers can monitor and support the academic growth of each student for as long as seven years. As a small school, staff members can form strong bonds with each student and encourage their individual areas of growth. Teachers incorporate rigor into their lesson plans by using the Common Core Learning Standards.

High school and middle school students are expected to take the Regents exams, including the LOTE for Foreign Language, and we expect students to achieve the Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. 11th and 12th graders can take free college courses for credit at Queens College through the College Now program and Advanced Placement classes. We are currently offering AP, Art History, AP Calculus, AP Chinese, AP Literature and Composition, AP Language and Composition, AP Computer Science, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, and AP U. S. History. We support our students with a wide range of tutoring after school. We offer Senior Institute to our 12th graders. Senior Institute is a class that meets every day in which students have constant contact with their college advisor. This class helps support our students and parents with the college process transition.

What after-school programs does East-West offer?

Our after- school programs fluctuate based on our students interests. For example, in the Fall and Spring we offer Ultimate Frisbee and in the Winter we offer indoor Table Tennis. You can stay updated on all of our clubs and activities by checking our website at www.ewsis.org. Please see our current club list in this folder.

Hodori After-School Program – FREE

Meets five days a week, three hours a day, includes homework help, music, art, computer science and other extra-curricular activities.

What percentage of teachers have their Master's Degree/pursuing Master's Degree?

100% of our teachers have their Bachelor's Degree, 89% have Master's Degree, and 1.6% have a Doctoral Degree.

Turn to the back

How does East-West support parents?

As a small school, we keep in close contact with our parents. We hold PTA meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. Parents are encouraged to participate in School Leadership Team to understand and have input on major school decisions. Our Parent Coordinator publishes a newsletter twice a month called Parent Coordinator News. We also offer a variety of updated resources on our website: <http://www.ewsis.org>.

Each parent is given a Pupil Path username and password that allows him or her to access important student data. Families can log on to check attendance, grades, and teacher comments at their convenience.

First Fridays/Tea and Talk with the Principal

What is the uniform policy?

Uniform Policy/Dress Code Benefits:

- Encourages youth to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward, or physical, appearance.
- Helps improve students' performance, self-esteem, and discipline.
- Promotes pride, school spirit, and unity.
- Uniforms can be cost effective for families.
- Enables EWSIS students to be identified quickly and kept separate from other students.

Middle School Uniform Policy/Dress Code (Except for Physical Education and Dance):

- Royal blue collared polo shirt (short or long sleeve) with official EWSIS emblem,
- Solid black slacks\khakis OR solid black shorts/ skirts, worn no shorter than knee length. JEANS, SWEATPANTS, LEGGINGS, JOGGERS, AND/OR ATHLETIC BOTTOMS may NOT be worn
- All bottoms must be worn up to the waist, with undergarments covered.
- Shoes or sneakers (no slides, flip-flops, sandals, or high heels).

Middle School Uniform Policy/Dress Code Physical Education and Dance:

- Dri-fit shirt with EWSIS logo, and
- Sweatpants with EWSIS logo, and
- Dri-fit shorts with EWSIS logo.

MetroCards?

Children from grades 6 to 12 who live a mile or further from the school will receive a metro card. Depending on their distance from the school will determine whether they receive **full fare** or **half fare**.

Yellow bus service - Students **from any grades** who are handicapped and require the use bus accommodations can receive yellow bus service.

How does the East-West Middle School Language Program provide students with diverse linguistic opportunities?

In middle school, students take an introductory first year of each language offered at East-West.

6th grade: Japanese

7th grade: Korean

8th grade: Chinese

What if my child wants to focus on and master one Asian language?

In high school, students can choose to major in one of the languages and go on to take a LOTE Exam required for the Advanced Regents diploma.

HONOR

EXCELLENCE

CURIOSITY

CELEBRATION