

George Jackson Academy

Transforming Young Men's Lives Since 2003



OUR MISSION

George Jackson is the only school of its kind in New York City: a non-sectarian, independent upper elementary and middle school for bright boys from lower-income and underserved families. GJA was created to engage boys from 4th to 8th grade, a time when young men are particularly vulnerable to disengaging from school. Like sister school De La Salle Academy, George Jackson Academy creates a life-changing experience by challenging its students to grow as scholars, friends, and brothers in community.

OUR NAMESAKE

Our namesake, George Jackson, was transformed by his all-boys' education at the Monsignor Kelly School where he met GJA founder Brother Brian Carty. Born and raised by a single mother in Harlem, George graduated from Harvard University and went on to become CEO of Motown Records. George shared a vision of transformative education for other boys like him, and though his life was taken by an untimely stroke in 2000, his memory lives on through our school.

Brotherhood, Creating Leaders

In a culture where smart is uncool, our students learn to think critically, engage academically, and to value their intellect as a unique and precious gift.

- Our single-sex program focuses young men on supportive, stimulating academic and social development at the most critical time in their lives.
- Our Lasallian model nurtures not only the mind and the body, but also the spirit and the heart.

Program Overview

- Engaging and challenging instruction in grades 4-8: mathematics, sciences, reading, writing, technology, Spanish, Latin, and more
- Small classes, 8:1 student to teacher ratio
- Arts instruction with partners from the American Ballet Theater, Juilliard, and the Theatre Development Fund
- High school and college placement mentoring
- After school and July summer program
- **Admission is needs-blind, with financial aid available to all students. Families are asked to pay what they can.**

Who We Serve

- Our students come from across New York City: the South Bronx, Harlem, Lower East Side, Bedford-Stuyvesant; Jamaica, Queens.
- A majority are first-generation immigrants, and 97% are African-American, Latino-American, or Asian American.

High Impact

Each year, our graduates enter the nation's best day, boarding, and public high schools, including Choate (CT), Dalton (NY), Episcopal High School (VA), Lawrenceville (NJ), Phillips Academy Andover (MA), Riverdale Country School (NY), and Stuyvesant High School (NY).

Contact George Jackson Academy at 212-228-6789 for more information and application materials for current 3rd and 4th graders. An admissions test is given on Saturday, February 11th for applicants who wish to enter in Fall 2012.