



Our World Neighborhood Charter School
 36-12 35th Avenue
 Astoria, NY 11106

SEPTEMBER 2012 ADMISSION TO OWN

Kindergarten to Grade 5 Open House Held at 36-12 35th Avenue	Grade 6-8 Open House Held at 31-20 37th Street
Saturday, January 14 th at 12:00 p.m.	Saturday, January 14 th at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 19 th at 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, January 31 st at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, February 4 th at 9:00 a.m.	Saturday, February 4 th at 12:00 p.m.
Monday, February 13 th at 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 14 th at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6 th at 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday, March 7 th at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21 st at 9:00 a.m.	Monday, March 26 th at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the “Open House” is to acquaint parents, guardians, and prospective students with the school and its educational philosophy so that they can make an informed decision as to whether the school will best meet the educational, social, and emotional needs of their child.

Doors for the 9:00 a.m. open houses will open at 8:45 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and no one will be admitted after 9:15 a.m. *The doors for the 1:00 p.m. open houses will open at 12:45 p.m.* and no one will be admitted after 1:15 p.m. Photo ID is needed to enter the building and you must sign in at the security desk and in the Open House log.

Sample Agenda

9:00 to 9:15	Presentation by Executive Director and Principal
9:15 to 9:25	Presentation by member of the Board of Trustees
9:25 to 9:30	Presentation by representative of PTO
9:30 to 9:50	Questions and Answers
9:50 to 10:30	School Tour—by PTO or Student Guides
10:30 to 11:00	Applications distributed

Translations into Spanish are available.

Facts about OWNCS

- Diverse student body
- Strong parental involvement
- New York State certified teachers. Ethnically diverse faculty and staff
- Special education services (Resource Room, Speech & Language, OT)
- ESL program for eligible students—done as a pull-out program
- Free busing or Metro Cards available for qualified students as determined by the New York City Department of Education’s Office of Pupil Transportation
- Participates in New York State’s School lunch program
- Music, Physical Education, Art, and Spanish offered to all students

Admissions Procedures and Policies for the 2012-2013 School Year

1. Parents/Guardians interested in having their child attend OWN Charter School are *strongly encouraged* to attend an Open House.
2. Applications will be available at the school beginning December 1, 2011. **ONLY ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED**, do not download applications, or fax applications, they will not be accepted.
3. Residents of District 30 and siblings of current students, who submit complete applications by 4 p.m., April 2, 2012, are given priority for available seats.
4. The remainder of the available seats will be selected, for each grade, by lottery.
5. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2012 in order to be included in the initial lottery. *It is your responsibility to ensure that we receive your completed application by the due date.*
6. **Only fully completed applications will be considered.** Applications must include a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address (current utility bill). You must supply your own copies. *Applications that do not have the necessary documentation will not be entered into the lottery.*
7. Any application received after 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2012 will be placed on a wait list. **Wait list applications are only valid for one school year.**
8. The lottery will be held at the middle school on *Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7 p.m.*
9. Notification of acceptance or wait list will be mailed no later than May 4, 2012. No admissions decisions will be given over the telephone.
10. Parents/Guardians who accept an offer for admission for their child must return an enrollment package no later than 4:00 p.m. on the specified due date. If OWN does not receive a fully completed enrollment package, the offer of admission will be forfeit and passed to a child on the wait list. *It is your responsibility to ensure that we receive your fully completed enrollment package by the due date.*

OWNCS is a non-sectarian, tuition-free, public school. OWN does not discriminate against any student in the admissions process or the provision of educational programs based on ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or ability.