



P.S. 347

THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE & ENGLISH SCHOOL



Our mission is to provide a bilingual education that values American Sign Language and Deaf culture.

Our students come from all over NYC to be a part of this special place – a place where hearing differences are the norm—and everyone feels like they truly belong.

THE BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR

DEAF & HARD-OF- HEARING STUDENTS



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WHY P.S. 347?



A “mainstream” public school that follows the NYC DOE curriculum



A mix of Deaf, hard-of-hearing, hearing, & CODA peers and adults



A place that understands DHOH kids and their unique needs



A bilingual program in American Sign Language and English



A believer in the power of the arts — from dance to theater to visual arts



A community of respect and full access for all families



A central location in the heart of New York City

A UNIQUE OPTION FOR DEAF, HARD-OF-HEARING, AND CODA STUDENTS

We are a Pre-K-to-8 public school in NYC serving Deaf, hard-of-hearing (DHOH), CODA (children of deaf adults), and hearing students. We are not a special education school; we are a public school that follows the DOE curriculum.



If your child has hearing differences, P.S. 347 offers one of the best learning environments in all of NYC. Our goal is to seamlessly provide complete accessibility in the least-restrictive setting. Our teachers and staff are experienced with DHOH-friendly classroom practices and adept with hearing technology. We boast a world-class team of speech therapists.

“The students who come here feel like this is their home. This is where people understand me. This is where I belong.”

—Principal Pam Pritzker-Ridley

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

P.S. 347 is the perfect option for families who want their child to learn American Sign Language as a second language. We use a bilingual approach that incorporates both English and ASL. This makes communication fully accessible for all. The DOE provides interpreters for students and families whenever needed.



ASL is its own complete language. It is not a derivative of English. It is the third-most commonly used language in the U.S. and the third-most studied foreign language. ASL is the backbone of American Deaf Culture, with its long and rich history of storytelling, poetry, theater, and visual arts.



“Meeting Deaf peers and teachers at P.S.347 did wonders for my child’s confidence and self identity

—Ryan, parent of Deaf child

“What I would like families to know is that it’s okay to learn ASL. Children can both speak and sign — one doesn’t inhibit the other. In fact, we found that ASL actually helped our daughter learn to spell and read in English.”

—Alana, parent of Deaf PS347 student with cochlear implants

THE ARTS

We believe in weaving the arts into the fabric of each and every school day. P.S. 347 has a visual arts teacher and hosts various residencies, including the Children’s Museum of the Arts, Dancing Classrooms, and IRT Theater.



Our students are also exposed to the magic of theatre by attending plays throughout the year at venues including the Tribeca Performing Arts Center and the New Victory Theater in Times Square.

GARDEN & PLAYGROUND

Although we are located in the middle of Manhattan, we are fortunate to have a beautiful courtyard garden, greenhouse, and playground, which are at the center of our school — and in the hearts of our students. These spaces, provide an important outlet for city kids to access fresh air. And through collaborations with groups like City Growers, we use our garden to offer experiential STEM-based learning.



PRE-K PROGRAM



Our innovative preschool program focuses on the development of the whole child. Our classrooms encourage exploration and give children the freedom to explore the world around them.

And most importantly, we respect childhood as a time to explore, create, and be joyful.

FAMILY

P.S. 347 is one of the only places where all children with DHOH family members can attend. We accept SODAs (siblings of DHOH children) as well as CODAs (children of Deaf adults), GODAs (grandchildren of Deaf adults), and other relatives.

Our students can learn ASL and Deaf Culture as part of their school day.



LOCATION

Conveniently located in the heart of NYC, P.S. 347 is easily accessed by public transportation. Bus service is also provided from all five boroughs.

We believe in making the world around us our classroom. We take full advantage of our NYC location through various field trips, from the Empire State Building to Broadway.



“There’s beautiful access here—interpreters, speech therapists, deaf and hearing teachers who sign, deaf and hearing children who sign—all interacting together. Before we were alone. Here we are not alone.”

—Tanya, parent

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