

**Harlem Renaissance High School**  
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**"Rebuild. Renew. Restore."**  
**Harlem Renaissance High School:**  
**An Overview**

**Our Vision:** Our vision is to provide students with the necessary skills and foundation so that they have a clear understanding of their objectives for academic and social growth. This rationale will further enable our students to transition themselves into becoming productive members of society. By adopting and implementing the Diploma Plus educational model we can develop a community that focuses on the students' education, emotional and social needs. With this vision in place students will have the tools to succeed in high school and beyond.

**About Us:** Harlem Renaissance High School, a Diploma Plus model school, allows students who have not made the most of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to refresh and catch up with their

peers. Our focus on the student's emotional, social and academic well-being allows students to be successful in our portfolio and workshop model classrooms. The Diploma Plus strategy gives a multi-tiered achievement premise which puts students into meaningful internship assignments, college classes, seminars and broad-based community service programs.

"I like that it is a small school and I like how there are a lot of teachers who actually care about their students. I also like how the students have a voice in this school."  
-HRHS Student

**Program Components:**

- Advisory
- Arts Programming
- Individual Counseling
- Internships
- "My Renaissance" Transition Plan
- Parent Workshops
- Student Council

**Our Collaborations:**

- *Diploma Plus* is a competency based school program which allows for accelerated credit earning while insisting on high expectations
- *City Year* is a community service organization that provide after-school programming, run the school store and support the yearbook development
- *NYC Mission Society* is the lead partner in the Learning-To-Work initiative. The program offers academic support, counseling and up to 90 internships for students
- *Hunter College Liberty Partnership Program* provides social work interns who conduct individual and group counseling. They also run an after-school program

**Our Students:**

- *Enrollment:* 196
- 54% African-American, 43% Hispanic
- 61% female, 39% male
- 46% 17 years of age
- 30% 16 years of age
- 63% Eligible for Free Lunch
- 60% live in Manhattan

**The Future Five:** in five years we want...

- To be a true resource to the community
- A community mentor for every student
- A comprehensive community service component
- A multimedia center
- A comprehensive arts program
- An integrated internship program