



Children's Programs

Children's Programs at Bank Street College of Education provide the gold standard in progressive education and support for young children and adolescents. Through a unique approach that places children at the center of their own learning, our programs employ dynamic, age-appropriate curricula designed to support the whole child by nurturing their intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth.

At the heart of our work is the knowledge that children learn best when they are actively engaged with ideas, materials, and people. This idea guides our educators to create rich learning environments that are optimal for children's development and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

In step with Bank Street's longstanding mission to help build a more just and democratic society, our Children's Programs are broadly inclusive and strive to reflect the diversity of our community. Children's Programs educators support students of all backgrounds to work collaboratively and respectfully with one another to solve problems and learn about the world around them.

The School for Children



The Bank Street School for Children is an independent, co-educational Nursery through 8th grade school in New York City. Recognized for its ability to nurture the creative, independent, and problem-solving talents of all children through an approach that emphasizes learning by doing, the School for Children is a working model of the Bank Street Graduate School of Education's approach to teaching and learning.

The school's curriculum is experience-based, interdisciplinary, and collaborative, and students grow by making meaningful connections within the classroom and beyond. Graduates enter the world with a flexible mind, an openness to new experiences, and a strong sense of advocacy and social justice.

The School for Children includes the Lower School for children ages 3-6, the Middle School for children ages 6-10, and the Upper School for children ages 10-14.

- Serves 456 students ages 3-14
- 65% of faculty members hold a master's degree from the Bank Street Graduate School of Education
- A 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio in the Lower and Middle Schools; an 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio in the Upper School
- 49% of children are students of color
- 36% of students receive financial aid

After-School

Bank Street offers an After-School Program through which School for Children students can pursue creative, intellectual, physical, and social interests outside of school hours. Children participate in music, arts, movement, and STEM activities that promote self-expression, discovery, and growth while having the opportunity to develop new friendships and learn from students in other classrooms and grade levels. After-School services are used by approximately 75 percent of School for Children families over the course of the year.



Summer Camp



Bank Street Summer Camp offers an extensive program that mirrors the philosophy of the School for Children. A large percentage of our counselors are Bank Street teachers, Graduate School alumni, and current graduate students.

Administration and staff work together to create a nurturing, child-centered camp community by establishing deep and caring relationships with children and their families. Through a combination of general and specialized programs, children participate in a variety of activities including swimming, movement, woodworking, block building, art, cooking, theater, Spanish, sports, science, and travel. Summer Camp offers a rich recreational and educational experience that helps children expand their physical abilities, develop their sense of independence and adventure, and practice their decision-making and leadership skills.

- Serves 500 children 4-16 years old
- 62% of staff members and 40% of campers are people of color
- 21% of campers receive financial aid

The Family Center

The Family Center is an inclusive center that provides developmentally appropriate, child-centered services and support for children aged six months to four years and their families.

Designed to help all children develop the early social, emotional, and cognitive skills essential to lifelong success, the Family Center's Childcare Program provides full-time and part-time childcare services for families of infant-toddlers and preschoolers with a diverse set of needs. In addition, the Family Center offers special education and therapeutic services to children who have developmental or educational challenges through its Home & Community-Based Program. Services include a Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) Program, multidisciplinary preschool evaluations, and infant-toddler parent playgroups.



- Serves 56 families each year through the Center-Based Childcare Program
- 17 SEITs support 30 children in Manhattan and Brooklyn
- Conducts multidisciplinary preschool evaluations for 59 children
- Serves 37 children in inclusive infant-toddler playgroups