

# EXCELLENCE GIRLS

## Excellence Girls Charter School 2010-2011 Wait List Application

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN EXCELLENCE GIRLS CHARTER SCHOOL!**

**PAGES 1 and 2 OF THIS APPLICATION ARE FOR YOU TO KEEP.**

### OUR MISSION

TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO ENTER, SUCCEED IN, AND GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE.

### WAIT LIST ELIGIBILITY

Excellence Girls Charter School is open to all female New York City students, and has programs to accommodate all children and their individual learning needs, including students with IEPs and English language learners.

**Excellence Girls Charter School is currently accepting Wait List Applications for students who will be in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in the 2010-2011 school year.**

The 2009 Excellence Girls Charter School Lottery for Kindergarten Admission will be held on April 14, 2010, at 6:00 PM at 794 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. To be eligible for the lottery, completed applications must be received – not postmarked – by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 9, 2010.

**All Kindergarten applicants who are not admitted to the 2010-11 Excellence Girls Kindergarten classes during the lottery will be placed onto the Wait List. Rising Kindergarten students who apply after the lottery will also be placed directly onto the Wait List.**

### METHODS OF SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

<b>Drop off</b> application at Excellence Girls Charter School 794 Monroe Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221	<b>Mail</b> application to Excellence Girls Charter School 794 Monroe Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221  *Please follow up with a phone call to make sure that your application arrived.*	<b>Fax</b> application to (718) 228-6670  *Please follow up with a phone call to make sure that your application arrived.*
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### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE COME TO AN INFORMATION SESSION:**

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	PHONE	TIME
February 27, 2010	Excellence Girls Charter School	794 Monroe Street 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221 (between Ralph and Patchen)	(718) 638-1875	10:00 AM
March 23, 2010	Excellence Girls Charter School	794 Monroe Street 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11221 (between Ralph and Patchen)	(718) 638-1875	6:00 PM

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### WAIT LIST FAQs

#### **What happens when my daughter is placed on the Excellence Girls Wait List?**

You will receive a call if a vacancy becomes available in the 2010-11 Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class and your daughter's application is next on the Wait List for that grade.

#### **How likely is it that a spot in the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class will become available?**

That's tough to predict, but, there is a chance that some families will choose not to register for the 2010-11 school year or that families will move over the summer or throughout the school year, creating an opening for a student from the Wait List.

#### **What if I move while I'm on the Wait List? How will you get in touch with me if you need to?**

You can update your contact information by calling the school at (718) 638-1875. Please remember that, if you move out of New York City, your daughter will no longer be eligible to attend Excellence Girls.

#### **If no spaces become available during the 2010-11 school year, will my daughter's application be moved up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wait List next year?**

Yes. We will move each grade's Wait List to the next grade after the completion of each academic year.

#### **If my scholar is called off the Wait List, what is Excellence Girls's tuition?**

There is no tuition at Excellence Girls. We are a public school. This school is free to any student who is enrolled here.

#### **Excellence Girls is a "charter school." What is a charter school?**

A charter school is an independently run public school granted greater flexibility in its operations in return for greater accountability for performance. New York charter schools must have their charters renewed every five years.

#### **Where can I find more information about Excellence Girls and other charter schools?**

Good question. You should go to [www.excellencegirls.org](http://www.excellencegirls.org) to learn more about Excellence Girls and/or [www.uncommonschoools.org](http://www.uncommonschoools.org) to learn more about the other schools in the Excellence Girls family and charter schools in general.

#### **I have a friend who has a daughter who wants to enroll in Excellence Girls. How can she do that?**

Please have your friend call to ask for an application for our Wait List. The school's main number is (718) 638-1875.

**Thank you again for your interest in Excellence Girls!**

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### IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT EXCELLENCE GIRLS

Excellence Girls is different than many other schools. We are dedicated to preparing every student for COLLEGE. To get different results, we need to be a different kind of school.

Before you apply to our school, it is important that you understand some of the ways Excellence Girls is different and are willing to do the work it takes to have your student be successful here.

Key ways in which Excellence Girls is different:

**LEARNING TIME IS SACRED:** Students who miss learning time have a hard time keeping up so:

- Our school day goes from 7:00 AM to 3:50 PM Monday through Thursday (7:10 AM to 1:20 PM on Friday)
- Tutoring, for students who need it, is from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM (families of students who need the extra help of tutoring are responsible for arranging for them to be picked up from tutoring)
- Doctor's appointments, vacations, etc. happen only on Friday afternoons and during school vacations; never during the school day
- Accumulating 9 absences means that a student may or may not be promoted to the next grade
- 3 tardies (that is, arrival after 7:10 AM) = 1 absence

**DAILY PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** Students need to practice the skills they are learning in school at home every day, and so:

- We have 20 minutes of homework and 20 minutes of reading at home every night
- Completing homework and reading every night is mandatory

**BEST BEHAVIOR:** School needs to be an orderly place where students can focus on learning and teachers can focus on teaching, so:

- We "sweat the small stuff" (standing up straight, shirt tucked in, etc.) so that the bigger things (pushing, hitting, etc.) never happen
- We will ask you to be a partner with us in helping students learn to meet our high standards by reinforcing their importance to your scholar at home

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE:** Communication and partnership between families and schools helps students to excel, so:

- We have mandatory, in-person report card conferences
- We are in frequent contact with you via phone and letters and ask that you be in contact with us whenever you have a question or concern

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Excellence Girls community!

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