York Preparatory School is a New York City independent school committed to guiding students in grades 6th - 12th to reach their maximum potential: intellectually, socially and physically, and to prepare them for college and beyond. Compassionate educators creatively address the needs and interests of a diverse community, thereby appropriately supporting and challenging students as they progress through a traditional curriculum within a structured environment. York Prep encourages the development of lifelong learners who are responsible members of their community.
Learning to Love Learning

Children want to succeed, and each child has the ability to do so. This simple truth is the heart of York’s educational philosophy. In the classroom, attention focuses on subject matter and the excitement of learning. Success is defined individually rather than competitively: all students are helped to reach, and then expand their potential. Students are pushed every day to stretch their minds, to strive for mastery, and to surprise themselves.
York offers a traditional college prep curriculum with flexible learning groups being taught with the most current methodology.
EXPLORE

New York City’s wonderful, integrative curriculum opportunities
Students are involved in over 70 clubs ranging from ASL to Zumba.
The focus of the Visual Arts program is to give students time for creative discovery. Classes in traditional art include: ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture; and in digital art: animation, photography, robotics, video, web and game design.

On a more advanced level, there is also a junior and senior year portfolio class taught by professional artists, and every year York sends a set of students to prestigious art colleges throughout the country.

Student work is publicly showcased around the school and throughout the year in the annual art show, the school calendar, and in various student publications.
The Scholars program is for the intellectually curious student, who is seeking greater academic challenges and enrichment. Students work towards completing a scholars diploma and capstone/thesis project under the guidance of master teachers.
Sample Topics:
Artificial Intelligence
Bacteria & Disease
Carnegie Hill-An Oral History
Every Poet is a Thief: A Poetry Workshop
Everyday Logic
Documentary Film: Air Pollution & Taiyuan, China
Gotham: New York's Dark Side in Fiction & Film
Art History of the Italian Renaissance
Introduction to Statistics & Probability
Cybersecurity
Intro to Modern Political Philosophy
Going Viral: A Look at How Ideas Spread
Out of Sight: Uncovering the Hidden Stories Embedded in Photographs
From Virginia Woolf to Kim Kardashian: Feminism & Literature
Lincoln's Four Great Speeches

Capstone Projects:
Oral History of Family Watches
The Ethics of CRSPR CAS9 Genome
Carnegie Hill-An Oral History
How Frank Miller Created the Comic Book Vigilante
The History of Chocolate in Three Dishes
The SAT – a Student Film
JUMP START
Most York students are engaged in at least one individual intra-mural, middle school, junior varsity, or varsity sport.
THE ROAD AHEAD