

REACH

Founded in 1914, Regis High School offers a tuition-free Jesuit college preparatory education to Catholic young men who live in the New York City area and demonstrate superior intellectual and leadership potential.

REACH is an educational and leadership program that prepares students to earn scholarships to Regis, as well as other leading Catholic high schools in New York City. REACH seeks to serve students whose families could not otherwise afford a top Catholic high school education. In partnership with New York City parochial, public, and private elementary schools, REACH accepts nominations for students who meet these four criteria:

- Student is a 5th grade boy
- Student is Catholic
- Student is academically gifted (excellent 5th grade marks and test scores above the 70th national percentile) and has leadership potential
- Student's family demonstrates financial need

STUDENT PROFILE

REACH annually enrolls more than 100 students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. These students attend over 40 different grammar schools throughout all five boroughs of New York City. More than eighty-percent of students are sons of immigrant parents.



THE REACH EXPERIENCE

Students attend both the REACH Summer Program and the REACH Saturday Program in their 6th, 7th and 8th grade years. The six-week summer program is divided into two three-week sessions.

Camp REACH: The summer begins with a three-week academic camp located at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. Camp REACH is designed to provide students with an accelerated academic and leadership development program, all in the spirit of meeting new friends with similar interests and abilities.

REACH At Regis: Upon returning to New York City from Camp REACH, students continue their academic and leadership activities at Regis High School for an additional three weeks.

REACH Saturdays: During the school year, students attend classes on 10 Saturdays in the fall and 10 Saturdays in the spring.

Over the course of three years, REACH students will...

- improve their academic and study skills.
- explore their Catholic faith and spirituality.
- participate in sports and recreation activities.
- learn computer and technology skills.
- develop artistic talents and expand their cultural awareness through field trips.
- meet and become inspired by leaders in the community.
- develop their leadership skills and put them to use in a spirit of service and generosity.
- prepare to succeed on high school admissions tests and in the high school application process.
- become more open to new experiences and challenges.



ADMISSION TO REACH

Only 5th grade boys are admitted as REACH candidates, after being identified through a nomination process that begins in January. The following persons may nominate students:

- 5th grade teacher/counselor
- principal
- pastor
- director of religious education

The admissions process involves four steps:

- 1) All *nominations* must be submitted by March 1st. All nominated students receive an application from REACH.
- 2) On the first Saturday in April, all applicants report to Regis to hand in their *applications* and to take the REACH *entrance exam*.
- 3) Selected applicants will be invited to Regis for an *interview* on the first Saturday in May.

All applicants will be notified of final admissions decisions by the end of May. Students who are admitted to REACH enter the first summer as candidates. Upon the successful completion of the summer program, candidates are invited to join REACH as members. Admission to REACH does not guarantee admission to Regis High School in the 9th grade.

THE REACH TEAM

The REACH faculty and staff consist of educators who know what it takes to gain admission to and succeed at Regis and other top Catholic high schools. They include Regis faculty, Regis alumni, current Regis students (and REACH alumni) who serve as mentors, and other teachers with a background in education for gifted students—all of whom are committed to educating, caring for, motivating, and inspiring each REACH student.

FAMILY COMMITMENT

REACH requires the full commitment of students and their families. Families are asked to contribute their time and effort by supporting and attending special program events. Also, Regis asks for a financial contribution of \$100 for Camp REACH and \$50 for the REACH Saturday Program, if means permit.

REACH ALUMNI

REACH alumni attend Regis High School, Xavier High School, Fordham Prep, The Loyola School, Cristo Rey High School, Georgetown Prep and other top Catholic high schools. Ninety-seven percent of graduates have won a scholarship or financial aid award at these schools, totaling \$4.5 million in award money.

REACH alumni gather several times a year for class reunions, ongoing leadership development, college preparation, holiday celebrations and other special events.



CONTACT US

Regis is located on Manhattan's Upper East Side and is accessible via the 4, 5 and 6 trains on the NYC subway and many public bus routes.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Todd Austin, Director of REACH, at:

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"In REACH, you also form a bond with all your classmates, and we're all support systems for each other. When one of us gets down, you have the other 30 guys at REACH reminding you it's all worth it."

— Ruben M. (Regis '09)

"In all honesty, without REACH, I don't think I would be here today at Regis. REACH helped me stay on top of my work and not settle for the mediocre, to strive for my best and always do my best."

— Matthew U. (Regis '09)

"REACH has been really productive in our lives, and it's going to keep working in the lives of others...Not only academically, but socially, physically, mentally it has helped us establish ourselves...It's been a crucial part of our lives, the better part of us for a long time, and I'm very grateful for it."

— Matt C. (Regis '09)



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