

# WELCOME TO BUGS!



**We are excited to introduce you to our special middle school.**

BUGS hands-on interdisciplinary education with a focus on real-world problem-solving and exploration of social, economic, and environmental sustainability prepares our students for success in high school and to become thoughtful designers of a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.



## DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT

### ARRIVAL

Breakfast and recess yard open before advisory begins

### Quiet Time - Mindfulness

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### LUNCH (on or off campus. clubs)

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**Advisory** - Small Group

### DISMISSAL

**Office Hours**

**CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES** Math, science, social studies, writing, reading, and sustainable design. All 8th graders take Living Environment Regents with option to prepare for and take the Algebra 1 Regents.

**ENRICHMENT CLASSES** Tech/Graphic design, Physical Education, Spanish, CAPA (creative and performing arts)

**FREE AFTER-SCHOOL**  
provided by DYCD

[BUGSbrooklyn.org/after-school](http://BUGSbrooklyn.org/after-school)

## STUDENT LUNCH CLUBS

Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, National Green Schools Society, Dungeon and Dragons, BPC (BUGS Pride Community), Theatre, Yearbook, Anime and Art, Film, Science, Hornet Headlines, Dance, Chess and more!

# BUGS NUTS & BOLTS



Founded: 2013



Grades: 6, 7, 8



Students: approx 300

Avg class size: 26-28

**Teachers** All core content classes are co-taught (ICT model).

Look for information coming soon about summer reading assignments, school calendar, supply lists, and more. If you have questions about family support services, contact our family coordinator Marilyn Perez, [marilyn.perez@bugsbrooklyn.org](mailto:marilyn.perez@bugsbrooklyn.org).

## What does it mean that BUGS is a charter school?

As an independent public charter school, BUGS is able to develop its own rigorous and innovative curriculum, choose staff, set educational goals, and offer a longer school day and year. BUGS is accountable to the State Department of Education, must meet state performance goals, is governed by a board, and is reviewed by our authorizer.



### Uniform Policy

BUGS has a dress code and uniform policy for tops/shirts. BUGS students must wear a green or white top with a BUGS logo. Click [.bugsbrooklyn.org/uniform-policy](https://bugsbrooklyn.org/uniform-policy) for info and link to order uniforms:



### Chromebook Program

Students are provided with laptops for in-school use. The goal of the 1:1 Chromebook program is to support instruction in the classroom.



### Cell Phone Policy

Students are **not** permitted to use cell phones in school. Cell phones are safely stored during the school day to minimize distractions and build engagement and social skills.



**BUGS Offers a FREE after-school program.** Sports, arts, and enrichment activities are provided by IACRL via a DYCD (SONYC) grant. Applications for after-school will be available in August [here](#).



### Which standardized tests or exams does BUGS administer?

Our students take New York State exams in English Language Arts and Mathematics. 8th grade students take the Living Environment Regents exam and students ready to participate in accelerated math take the Algebra 1 Regents. BUGS also administers our own assessments.



### Does BUGS provide transportation to and from school?

Like most middle schools, there is no yellow school bus service. BUGS, through the DOE Office of Pupil Transportation, provides **MetroCards** to students who live more than half a mile away from the school. Students mandated for bussing on their IEP continue to receive bus service.

Visit [www.BUGSbrooklyn.org](http://www.BUGSbrooklyn.org) to learn more about our programs, curriculum, and community.

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Brooklyn Urban Garden Charter



## 2024-25 SCHOOL SCHEDULE\*

8am - 2:40 pm with office hours (Mon-Thu) until 3:10 pm.

Doors open at 7:45 am for breakfast and recess.

\*Subject to change



**BUGS SCHOOL YEAR** always begins before DOE schools. The first day of school for 2024-25 is **TUES, SEPT 3**. Otherwise BUGS mostly follows the DOE calendar



Students should expect about **25-30 minutes of math and reading** during the week. Other **core subjects** assign homework on specific days **not to exceed an hour**.



**FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH** are provided. Students may participate with parent permission in our **Off-Campus Lunch** program.



## LOCKERS

Students are assigned lockers, and are responsible for providing their own lock.