

The Truth About NYC's "Open" Middle & High Schools



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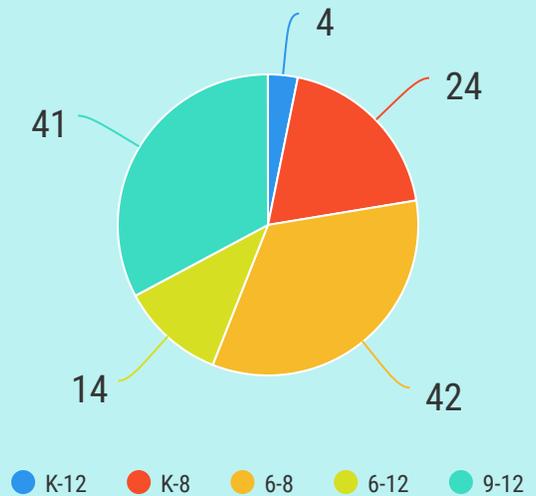
DOE Families of 6-12th Graders Across All Five Boroughs

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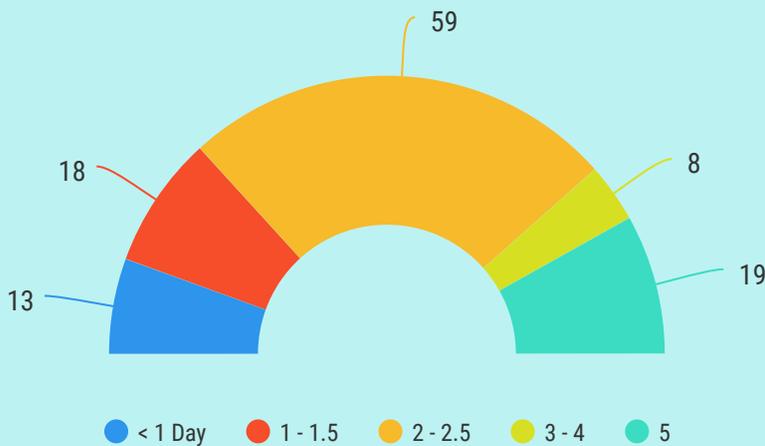
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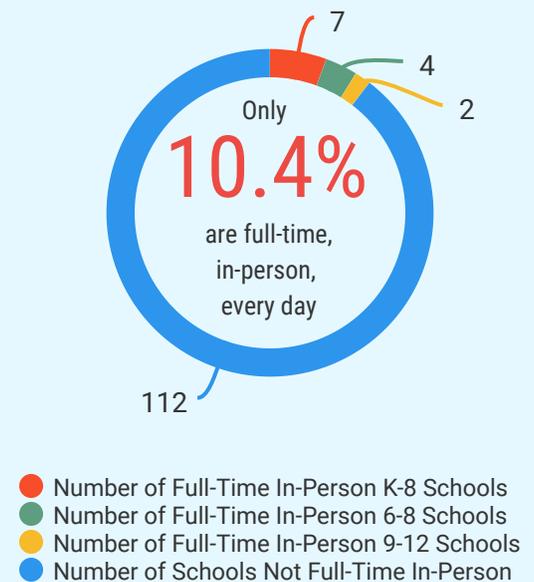
Schools by Grade



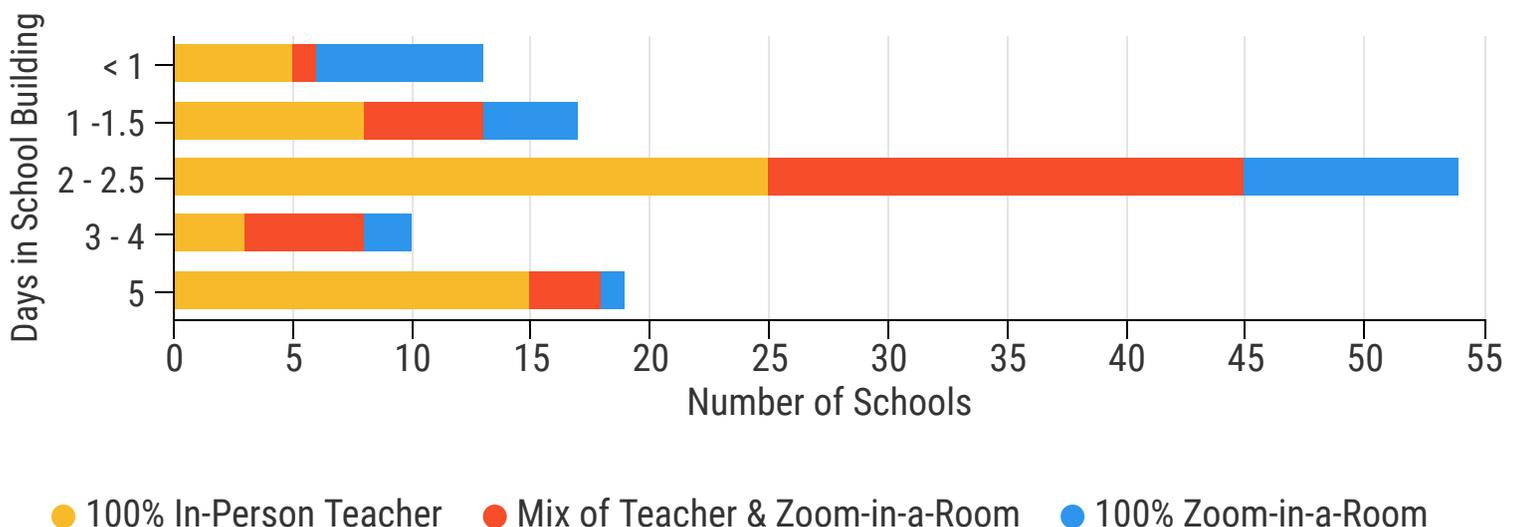
Number of Days School Building is Open per Week



Schools With Full-Time In-Person Learning



Live Teacher vs. Zoom-in-a-Room



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Mayor de Blasio says:

"...Let's be very clear, in-person instruction is the norm all over the city for kids who are in person." -5/24/21

But the reality is:

"My two high school kids have had zero live instruction since March 2020."
-Edward R. Murrow HS

"My child's live instruction per week amounts to..."

1-2 hours.

-Center School

2.75 hours.

-LaGuardia HS

1-3 hours.

-NEST +M

4 hours.

-Booker T Washington MS

"We are leaving NYC. We have been here for 20 years but the school situation broke us."
-NEST +M

"Because my child is taking AP classes, she had to be fully remote, as per school instructions."
-Midwood HS

"The four hours my children go to school each week in-person are study hall. There is no live instruction, but also no Zoom."
-High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College

"The only live class is..."

gym.

-Bronx High School of Science

shop class.

-Aviation HS

studio art.

-LaGuardia HS

"The days my son is not in school he is suffering from tremendous depression, incredible self-esteem loss, vulnerability and self-doubt. This has gone on far too long."
-MS 442

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In Their Own Words

Bronx HS of Science	"Actual live instruction seems to be dependent on the teacher. There is no uniform plan. Some teachers hold real discussions while others just babysit and let the kids watch the main teacher on zoom."
Columbia Secondary School	"She goes to in-person school on Mondays and we can see how much more energized and engaged she is than on remote days. Unfortunately, she only has 1 day of in-person instruction so after Monday it's four straight days of Zoom in her bedroom. It's unhealthy and depressing."
Talent Unlimited HS	"...Although there is instruction for the 2 in-person days, I feel that my daughter is basically left on her own to learn with no instruction but rather some videos to watch, some reading, some homework to complete. It is not engaging at all and it is not teaching or learning, especially for science and math. I feel that she is really only in school 2 days a week and has essentially missed her freshman year of high school both socially and academically."
HS for Environmental Studies	"The principal of HSES made it very clear that teachers would only be teaching remote whether or not child was in person."
Nest +M	"Remote and zoom learning has been a disaster. They learned nothing this year."
Hamilton Grange MS	"For my child's humanities class, the teacher is fully remote and has not appeared on screen all year. She speaks for a few minutes at the beginning of class and then stays on to take questions (while giving students the option to leave the meeting, which most do). It is akin to college office hours rather than a 6th-grade class."
Stuyvesant	"There has been no live instruction the entire school year."
Beacon HS	"...Taking 2 subways for 45 min to do zoom school didn't seem worth it. Also, oddly, when the in person opt in period recently ended, we got an email saying...'we have 153 seats each day but we have 185 more students through the week than we have available seats. Students will be selected randomly for now.'"
Wagner MS 167	"There is no live lesson when my kid goes to school 2 days a week. She gets the same type of zoom lesson as if she were at home."
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts	"...This is her final year of high school and it is a travesty. She is completely unprepared for college, and like all of the class of 2021 in NYC public school, has lost a year and a half of instruction, milestones and social life. She goes into class, even though it's zoom in the room because at least that way she is engaged and may even see a friend (somedays she's the only one in her classroom (!). Last semester she completely checked out and barely attended class or did any assignments. This year she did few assignments and when she is home, lays in her bed with the camera off. How can this be learning?"
IS 278	"This school is willing to add more days but DOE has not issued updated guidance (3 feet) to allow them to collapse cohorts and leverage in person teachers to have more in person days."
IS 75	"Whether children are in classrooms or not, they are learning the same way... virtually. Teachers are posting videos and assigning tasks. The kids are on their own. Most are not actually teaching anymore."