

LEAD LEADERS OF EXCELLENCE ADVOCACY & DISCOVERY

639 Saint Annes Avenue, Bronx New York

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Bronx School Sets a New Standard for Academic Achievement in NYC

What if I told you one of New York's most innovative and high-performing schools is right in the heart of the Bronx? [LEAD \(07X359\)](#): Leaders of Excellence, Advocacy, and Discovery, welcomes a new school year with a new building serving grades 3K-8 in the Bronx. They are setting a new standard in public education. With 100% proficiency in ELA, 98% in math, and 100% staff retention, LEAD rivals top schools and surpasses city proficiency rates, which are 49% and 53%, respectively. "It's a private school experience in a public school setting," said one parent at the grand opening.

LEAD's intentionally designed curriculum combines strong academics with real-world STEM education, helping students apply their academic skills to solve community problems through a framework called [DEEDS](#). As the first Bronx-based elementary school offering career-connected learning, LEAD also prepares students for future success, including opening bank accounts and earning money through apprenticeships. Beyond academic excellence, LEAD's learners, starting as young as 8 years old, are stepping into their power as changemakers and shaping their identities as leaders. Imagine 3rd graders creating community-driven solutions like bike-powered charging stations to reduce energy consumption in schools—boldly claiming their role in changing the world long before most students even learn to multiply.

Here are some highlights:

- In partnership with the NYCDE Office of Sustainability, 4th graders engineered renewable energy solutions like push-powered floor tiles and a bike-operated battery—[watch now!](#)
- 2nd graders researched and created a free Field Guide for the Bronx Children's Museum, to educate and advocate for preserving New York's shorelines. [Get yours today!](#)
- Learners dove headfirst into careers as environmental educators, 3D modeling engineers, and culinary experts. [Check out the culinary experience here!](#)

Designated as a National Blue Ribbon School, a [RevX](#) demonstration site, and pursuing [IB certification](#), LEAD is committed to excellence and innovation within the public school system. In partnership with [Transcend](#), they are working to codify and share best practices across the city and beyond. Visit [lead359.com](#) and follow them on Instagram [@359lead](#) to learn more.

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