



THE CINEMA SCHOOL

Summary

The Cinema School (TCS) is the nation's first film high school – a selective academic public high school offering a rigorous liberal arts curriculum that is grounded in creative activity. TCS prepares students for the best colleges by challenging them to achieve new levels of understanding – of themselves and the world – through the art of filmmaking.

TCS' well-rounded academic program lays a strong foundation for success in any field while simultaneously empowering the voices, creative visions and aspirations of our students.

The founding partner of The Cinema School is **The Ghetto Film School (GFS)**, an award-winning non-profit arts education organization based in the South Bronx. After a 4-year planning process, GFS opened TCS in partnership with the NYC Department of Education in September 2009.

Today, GFS provides support for all film education and production training, industry internships, guest filmmaker lecture series, and professional development at TCS. GFS assists TCS by coordinating ongoing planning, external fundraising, community and industry relations, and events such as public screenings of student work.

- (1) TCS is the nation's first film high school, and as a public school TCS is **100% free to attend**
- (2) In 2012, TCS received the top-ranked “**Well Developed**” designation by the NYC Dept of Education – only 2 out of 124 Bronx high schools received this distinction
- (3) In TCS' first class of 72 seniors, **100% were accepted to college**
- (4) Across all grade levels, TCS has a **95% attendance rate**, well above NYC and Bronx HS averages
- (5) TCS seniors have a **100% Pass Rate for** all NY State Regents exams, and TCS seniors' Advanced Regents Diploma rate is **60% higher than NYC's average**
- (6) To date, **70% of TCS seniors have scored above 1200** (NYC's average) on their SATs, and **25% have scored above 1500**
- (7) As a core requirement, **100% of TCS students take at least 4 Advanced Placement (AP) courses** during their four years at the school
- (8) Each year, TCS students create **more than 200 original short film, video and transmedia artworks** as a required component of their education
- (9) TCS student work has screened for **thousands of viewers** at major NYC venues, including Tribeca Cinemas, Columbia University and the Bronx Museum of the Arts