

Queens Community House

Queens Community House is a multi-site, multi-service settlement house that serves the diverse populations of Queens. Our mission is to provide individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy, inclusive communities. Through a broad network of programs operating out of 32 sites in 14 neighborhoods, we offer Queens residents a needed support system at every stage of life, helping them to develop the knowledge, confidence and skills to change their lives for the better and become active participants in their larger community.

One program we offer is the Youth Development Center. This center has been at Newtown High School for 15 years and continues to provide academic and social emotional support to youth as they transition into high school.

Through individual counseling, after school classes, family engagement, and incentives, our program works to ensure that our students make substantial progress towards their next grade.

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Youth Development Center @ Newtown High School

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WHO QUALIFIES FOR THIS PROGRAM?

- ◆ Students in the **9th and 10th Grade** at Newtown High School are eligible to enroll in the Youth Development Center.

HOW DO STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM?

- ◆ Students in this program register for a **credit bearing after school class**, allowing them to accumulate **additional credits** which count toward graduation. See "Course Offerings" for details.
- ◆ Students are assigned a Counselor who will meet with them a minimum of once a month to review their academic progress and discuss any personal matters the student may want to share. Each Counselor will have a small caseload of students, allowing them to give each student individualized academic and social emotional support.
- ◆ The program offers many fun incentives to keep students motivated to do well in school. This also allows them to meet other students and form new friendships.
- ◆ Parents can call/email our office at any time to discuss their child's progress or schedule a 1 to 1 meeting with their child's QCH Counselor.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Our program offers three credit bearing after school classes. Each course will earn students additional credits needed to graduate high school. Students will also receive a grade which will appear on their transcript. Earning a high grade in this class can help improve a student's overall average. Students receive free school lunch during their after-school class.

Each of our after school classes are taught by Newtown High School teachers and are free of charge. Classes meet from 3:30PM-5:30PM twice a week. We will announce our after school class offerings at the start of the school year. In the past, our program has offered Computers, Art, Drama, and Music classes.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I would tell students, especially 9th graders, to take advantage of the program and sign up as early as possible. I signed up at the beginning of the year because I was interested in the after school classes that were offered. I took Kickboxing which taught me self-defense and also helped me make new friends by being in the class."
- Briana Rodriguez

"I participated in the program for two years (9th and 10th grade). I wanted to be in the program because I thought it was interesting and I was able to learn new things. I took Computer and Kickboxing classes. I made friends and met new people along the way. I recommend the program to 9th and 10th graders because they'll learn new skills to use outside of school and in the future."
- Oscar Alvarez

INCENTIVES

We offer many exciting incentives to students as a reward for all their hard work. All incentives are free of cost. In the past, we have offered the following rewards to students who showed improved attendance/grades, engagement in the program, and other evidence that they were putting great effort into their schoolwork:

- Subway, iTunes, Amazon, McDonald's, and Starbucks gift cards
- Trip to the movies
- Trip to Dave & Busters
- Movie Tickets
- College trips
- Pizza parties throughout the year
- Free snacks (chips, cookies, candy, etc)

