

EXPANDED OPTIONS

Learning Beyond High School Walls

Through Expanded Options by TASC, New York City high school students get academic credit for learning career-related skills that lead to paid summer jobs. Too many high school students—including those most likely to drop out—are bored or see classroom learning as irrelevant. Expanded Options students live the connection between mastering new knowledge and earning a paycheck.

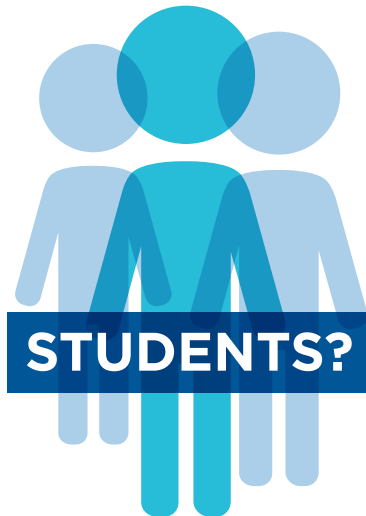
After school and on weekends, students (age 16 and over) apprentice during the spring semester with sports, cultural and science organizations that teach skills such as how to lead engineering activities. With teacher oversight, students earn an academic credit for real-world, out-of-school learning.

In 2013, youth summer employment fell to its lowest rate since first recorded. Just three in 10 teens (two in 10 African-Americans) had summer jobs. Expanded Options participants, by contrast, get a foothold on careers by working as paid summer camp interns.

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They learn a **job-worthy skill** such as how to teach art, lead science inquiry or be a lifeguard.

WHAT ARE THE
BENEFITS FOR



They earn
academic credit



for real-world
learning.



Students spend
60 more hours
each school year
learning than those
who follow the
standard schedule.



In a harsh employment
market, they earn **paid
summer internships**.



WHAT DO APPRENTICESHIP HOSTS DO?

The hosts—sports, science and cultural organizations—design and deliver 60-hour apprenticeship sessions through which high school students learn skills and prepare for their summer internships.

WHAT DO PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS DO?

Each approves the course syllabus and assigns a certified teacher to oversee the apprenticeship and monitor student progress. Schools award credit and final grades based on students' participation and assessments (such as portfolios of their work).

WHAT DO INTERNSHIP HOSTS DO?

These are typically youth-serving organizations, such as Ys, which run summer camps for younger students. They recruit high school students to participate and employ them in supervised summer internships.

WHAT DOES TASC DO?

TASC created the framework and supports all partners in the design of high quality apprenticeships and internships, the recruitment of schools and students, and efforts to change policy to support expanded learning opportunities for high school students.

EXPANDED OPTIONS PARTNERS

Apprenticeship Hosts

Asphalt Green
Beam Center
City Parks Foundation
Educational Video Center
Henry Street Settlement
Kids Creative
New York Hall of Science
NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering
Studio in a School
The Sylvia Center

Internship Hosts

Asphalt Green
CAMBA, Inc.
Good Shepherd Services
Henry Street Settlement
New York Hall of Science
Samuel Field Y

Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation
University Settlement

High Schools that offer Expanded Options credits

Bronx Bridges HS
Brooklyn HS for Law & Technology
Bushwick Leaders HS for Academic Excellence
City As School HS
Civic Leadership Academy
Coalition School for Social Change
East Side Community HS
Flushing HS
Forest Hills HS
HS for Health Professions & Human Services
Midwood HS
Queens HS of Teaching, Liberal Arts & the Sciences

Renaissance HS for Musical Theater & Technology
South Brooklyn Community HS
Urban Assembly (UA) Bronx Academy of Letters
UA Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice
UA Gateway School for Technology
UA Media High School
UA School for Applied Math & Science
UA School for Emergency Management
UA School for Green Careers
UA School for Law & Justice
UA School for the Performing Arts
UA School of Business for Young Women
UA School of Criminal Justice
University Heights HS

