

“I am committed to advocating for these families and fighting for more educational programming that addresses the specific needs of children with dyslexia.”

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We have heard the pleas from parents, students, and teachers in the Staten Island community for a school designed for students with dyslexia, language-based learning difficulties, and other reading problems. We have answered the call. Opening a school like this would provide these Staten Island students the opportunity to receive the education they need without having to leave their community.

We understand the frustration that many of our children are facing; they are bright and intelligent but cannot seem to learn to read and process as easily as their peers.

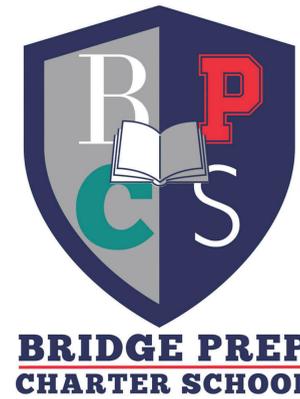
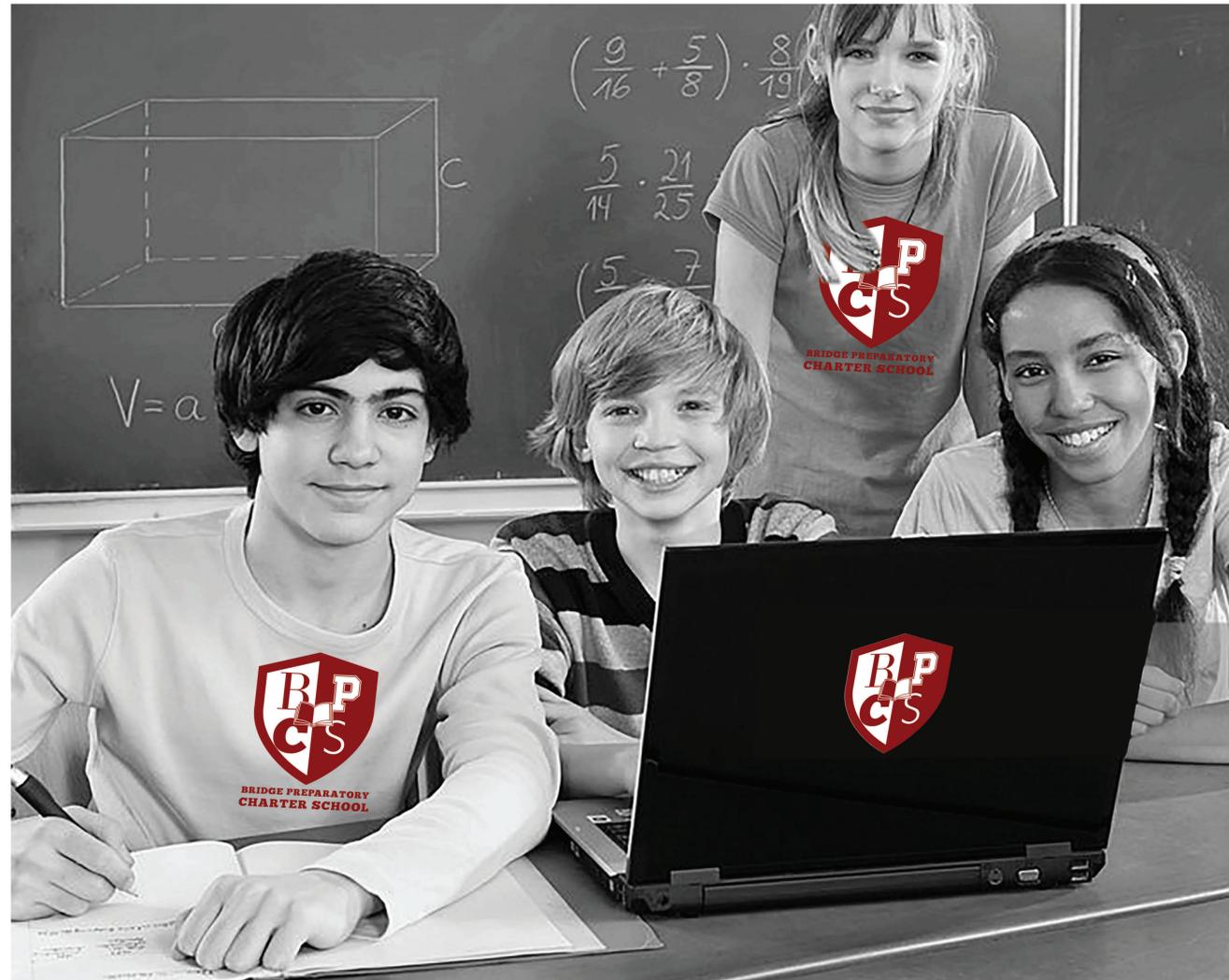
ALL children have the ability to learn and succeed, but some are often lost in the traditional school structure. In order for our students to succeed, they must be offered a different approach, one that capitalizes on their individual learning style and strengthens their other learning pathways.

Bridge Prep Charter School will utilize the Orton-Gillingham approach to literacy. In small classes with specially trained teachers, students will gain an understanding of their unique learning style and will be supported in all areas of the multi-sensory curriculum. Students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities require explicit, targeted, and systematic instruction, as well as opportunities for practice with corrective feedback. With this type of school, students will achieve success and discover the joy of learning.

Bridge Prep has the support of the Community Education Council (CEC 31), the Staten Island Federation of PTAs, all three Community Boards, and all of our elected officials. When approved, Bridge Prep will be the first and only public charter school in New York State designed to meet the needs of students with dyslexia, language-based learning difficulties, and other reading problems.

We will be submitting our application to the State Department of Education within the next few months. The Board of Regents will vote on the charter in June, and if approved, the school would open in September of 2019.

We will continue to support this effort until Bridge Prep is a reality for our children.



Illustrations appearing on this board were prepared as part of a presentation to the State Department of Education

This text is an example of how some people experience dyslexia

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Dyslexia and Other Reading Disabilities

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MAYBE WE SHOULD TEACH THE WAY THEY LEARN.”

— IGNACIO ESTRADA