

# **V I L L A G E S C H O O L**

## **WHAT IS THE VILLAGE SCHOOL?**

The Village School established in 1971 and known as the “VS” is the oldest public alternative high school (grades 9-12) in New York State. It is a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools, an accrediting organization based at Brown University. Approximately 85 percent of its students are admitted to four year colleges, such as Bard College, Skidmore College, Buffalo State University, Oberlin, Wesleyan, Tufts University, and Purchase.

## **WHAT MAKES THE VILLAGE SCHOOL SPECIAL?**

The Village School is a close knit community of about fifty students, with a student-teacher ratio that is never more than eight to one. Teachers interact with students in a relaxed, yet structured setting. Learning approaches are varied and personal. Emphasis is placed on using computers as writing instruments as each student is given his/her own laptop computer to be used during the school year. Students and teachers work together to determine the activities of the “community” and its standards of behavior. A democratic orientation at the Village School encourages students to be responsible for their high school experiences.

## **WHAT KIND OF STUDENT ATTENDS THE VILLAGE SCHOOL?**

A wide variety of students attend the Village School. All have at least average ability, some have exceptional learning abilities and artistic talents, while others have special educational needs. Students who may have felt lost and isolated in a large school often thrive in the smaller and more personalized setting of the Village School.

## **WHAT COURSE DO VILLAGE SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE?**

They take focused studies in the traditional academic areas: English, social studies, math, science, foreign language and music. Courses are college preparatory and of high interest to the students. Second semester seniors participate in an internship program that places them in apprenticeships of their own choice.

## **HOW DO I KNOW THE VILLAGE SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR ME?**

If you think you might benefit from a personalized approach to learning in a small nurturing environment, then you and your parents should contact The Village School at (516) 441-4900 for an appointment to visit.

## **HOW DO I APPLY TO THE VILLAGE SCHOOL?**

See your guidance counselor or call, visit or write: (516) 741-4900  
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