



### The new kids

New charter schools and grades they serve:

#### Manhattan



**DREAM Charter School (K-8)**  
 School leader: Josh Klaris (above)  
 ■ Opening with 100 students (K-1)  
 ■ Growing to serve 450 students  
 ■ Each class to have two teachers  
 ■ Emphasis on health and wellness  
 ■ Klaris left position as principal of a highly rated Manhattan elementary school to co-found the charter.

Harlem Success Academy 2 (K-5)  
 Harlem Success Academy 3 (K-5)  
 Harlem Success Academy 4 (K-5)  
 St. Hope Leadership Academy (K-12)

#### Bronx

Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School (K-5)  
 NYC Charter HS for Architecture, Engineering, & Construction Industries (9-12)  
 Bronx Academy of Promise Charter School (K-8)  
 Carl C. Icahn South Bronx Charter School (K-5)  
 Bronx Community Charter School (K-8)  
 Mott Haven Academy Charter School (K-8)  
 Green Dot NY Charter School (9-12)

#### Brooklyn

Achievement First Browns-ville Charter School (K-8)  
 Brooklyn Ascend Charter School (K-12)  
 Collegiate Charter School (5-12)  
 La Cima Charter School (K-5)  
 PAVE Academy Charter School (K-8)

#### Queens

VOICE Charter School of New York (K-8)

# OPENING BELLS AT 18 CHARTERS

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He left the top-rated Upper East Side public school he loved to start the charter school of his dreams in East Harlem.

Principal Josh Klaris is one of 18 charter-school founders opening their doors to city students for the first time this year, the city announced yesterday, bringing its total number of charter schools to 78.

The city's charter schools will serve 24,000 students this fall — less than 3 percent of the citywide total, but nearly eight times as many as attended charters when Mayor Bloomberg took over the school system in 2002.

Last year, Klaris left PS 183, where he served as principal for five years, to co-found the DREAM Charter School.

Klaris said it was the autonomy of the charters that led him to open shop in the fourth worst-performing district in the city.

"We were able to use the creativity inherent within the charter-school structure to create the kind of program we wanted," said Klaris, 40, of his collaboration with the community organization Harlem RBL.

That freedom allowed the school to hire two teachers for every classroom, emphasize health and lengthen its school year.

Other new charters will

put an emphasis on music and singing (the VOICE Charter School in Long Island City) and on serving kids in the child-welfare system (the Mott Haven Academy in The Bronx).

Also opening are schools that duplicate programs at other charters, such as former City Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz's three-school expansion of the Harlem Success Academy.

"One of the reasons that the public schools in this city have gotten better is because the charter schools exist and give parents an alternative and let parents see that you can do something better," Bloomberg said at the new Bronx Community Charter School in Fordham.