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SI Community Charter School moving toward reaching its goal of providing a complete k through 8 charter school experience in our community.

75 new students will be accepted this fall and current students move on to 1st and 2nd grade

*Applications are being accepted at Staten Island's newest Charter School*

January 2011—Parents interested in applying for admission to kindergarten, first and second grade for the 2011-12 school year at Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS) have three ways to do it. They can apply at the school on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 309 St. Paul's Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10304-2232. They can download an application from the Web at [statenislandcommunitycharterschool.wordpress.com](http://statenislandcommunitycharterschool.wordpress.com). Or they can call the school at 347-857-6984 and have an application mailed to their home.

Applications are accepted throughout the school year, but parents who want to ensure their child's application is eligible for the lottery must submit it to the school no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2011.

SICCS is a public charter school to which any age-eligible NYC resident may apply. There are no entrance requirements, tuition fees or exams. Preference is given to children living in Community School District 31 (Staten Island).

Having opened in September 2010, SICCS is one of three NYC Charter Schools on Staten Island. Publicly funded, and privately run, SICCS, as its Board President Lorna Harris relates, "works under the principle that with the right support, adequate time and greater opportunities for learning, every child can succeed." This thinking is in keeping with what has been a city-wide trend that has made charter schools popular with those parents seeking smaller class sizes and more custom curriculum in an overcrowded public school system.

One SICCS parent, who resides in New Brighton, expressed his satisfaction with the school by saying, "I didn't expect to see so much progress, so quickly."

Staten Island Community Charter School opened in September, 2010 with 100 students --- 75 in kindergarten and 25 in first grade. The school will expand by one grade per year until it reaches its target capacity serving 450 students in grades k to 8.

The school uses the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program (RCCP), also known as the Peaceable School model, that incorporates the teaching of social responsibility into all areas of learning.

Even before receiving its charter from New York State in 2009, SICCS won the support and encouragement of cultural organizations such as the Staten Island Children's Museum; Historic Richmond Town; Sandy Ground Historical Society; the Staten Island Museum, with which it has already established a collaborative relationship; and Lincoln Center Institute, which will provide SICCS teachers with training in arts instruction.

SICCS students attend school each day from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. As a public school, SICCS observes the Department of Education calendar, which provides for a minimum of 180 days of instruction throughout the school year.

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