

## To play and to strive

In the El Sistema tradition, WHIN creates a positive learning environment where all members feel safe and welcome, engaging social inclusion through music and enabling students to view themselves as assets to the community.



Extended school day: 8:10am-4:00pm (Monday-Thursday) and 2:00pm dismissal on Friday. After school programming is available every day until 6:00pm.



**Small class sizes:** 13:1 student to teacher ratio with two certified teachers per class.



**Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL):** A safe, joyful, and engaging learning community where all students have a sense of belonging and feel significant.



#### **Community and parent involvement:**

Our full community works together with a singular goal in mind: the success of your child.



# **Our Program**

Students at WHIN thrive with our rigorous, inquiry-driven, project based curriculum, aligned to Common Core State Standards and differentiated for each learner's unique needs.

**LITERACY** WHIN takes a balanced literacy approach, using EL Education's K-5 English Language Arts curriculum, a comprehensive, standards-based core literacy program through compelling, real-world content.

**MATH** Using Bridges in Mathematics students experience math through a lens of exciting discovery. Math units create rich scenarios for learners, and are revisited throughout the year to ensure student mastery.

**SOCIAL STUDIES** Our program helps students become citizenartists in the spirit of El Sistema, supporting the development of students' unique identity, self-worth, and empathy towards others.

**MUSIC** WHIN offers two periods of music a day for all students. Our ensembles focus on vocal and instrumental music, with both strands building strong foundations of music literacy so students become authentic life-long and life-wide music makers.

**SCIENCE** WHIN offers a dedicated Science class where students engage in active investigations and learn by doing hands-on experiments based on the highly-regarded FOSS curriculum.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** In our holistic, balanced curriculum, students learn to respect, develop, and take care of their physical health.





# Our Mission

The Washington Heights and Inwood Music Community Charter School ("WHIN Music Charter School" or "WHIN") will provide our diverse student population with rigorous academic instruction, intensive music education and a positive learning environment so that every student can thrive academically and personally.

### **OUR VALUES**

Social/Restorative Justice Social/Emotional Learning Intensive Music Education Inclusion

Responsiveness to our Community's needs Rigorous Academic Instruction

### **OUR GOALS**

High quality education based on love, approval, joy, and consistently successful experiences within a high-functioning, aspiring, nurturing community Create lifelong and life-wide effective learners who are agents of social change in their community and the world

**Create equitable music education** to the students of Northern Manhattan

**Create and establish a Nucleo,** a physical location within WHIN communities that embodies the values and goals of our El Sistema program. It is a haven of safety, fun, joy, and friendship, with an ethos of positivity and aspirations for all of our students.

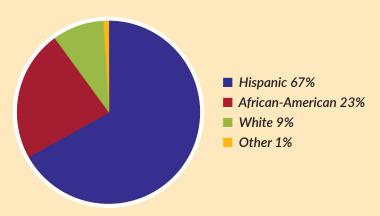
# How We Are Unique

WHIN Music Community Charter School takes a revolutionary approach to typical public school curricula with music and community at its core.

### We do this by offering:

- Two certified teachers per classroom
- Technology-integrated classrooms
- Performance based vocal and orchestral music instruction daily
- Extended school day and free after-school program
- Rigorous curriculum, aligned to Common Core State Standards, differentiated for each learner's unique needs

#### **OUR DEMOGRAPHIC**



#### **STATISTICS**

78% - Economically disadvantaged

25% - Students with Special Needs

21% - English Language Leaners (ELL)

**2019-2020 Enrollment -** 195 Students

Waitlist - 152 Students

EL SISTEMA is a unique social program that was founded in Venezuela over forty years ago by
Jose Antonia Abreu. The goal is to effect social change through intensive daily ensemble music education. Working in an ensemble enables all children to experience being an asset to their community. The El Sistema philosophy engenders an ambitious pursuit of musical, academic, and life success through the following core values:

- Every human being has the right to a life of dignity and contribution
- Every child can learn to experience and express music and art deeply
- Overcoming poverty and adversity is best done by strengthening the spirit
- Effective education is based on love, approval, joy, and consistently successful experiences
- Learning organizations never arrive but are always becoming—striving to include: more students, deeper impact, greater musical excellence, better teaching, improved tools, and more joy

**Get Involved!** There are many ways to connect to our mission and positively impact the students of Washington Heights and Inwood.

**Donating** Your gift will support WHIN Music Community Charter School in sharing our outstanding education program, enabling our students to develop a lifelong love of music, and empowering them to succeed academically. You can donate online at **whinmusic.org** or by emailing **giving@whinmusic.org**.

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