



New York Vietnamese School



Mission Letter

The New York Vietnamese School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which promotes the preservation and continuation of the Vietnamese language, culture, and traditions for today's Vietnamese-American youth through an educational program. As we strive to maintain the culture and identity of our Vietnamese background, we feel that it is equally important to teach and pass down these values to the younger Vietnamese-American generations. In addition to embracing our American identity, we want to preserve our Vietnamese ancestry as well. As a result, the younger generations will also have pride in their heritage. After all, today's youths will become tomorrow's leaders.

The New York Vietnamese School is a collaborative effort between two groups of young Vietnamese professionals: the Vietnamese-American Community Association of New York and the Vietnamese Language & Cultural Meet-up Group. Our vision is to establish a center where Vietnamese language, culture, and community can thrive through education.

Our 1 year program is divided into 3 quarters with each quarter lasting for 3 months. The classes will be held for 2 hours every Saturday during the 9-month cycle. To determine the levels of proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking, an assessment test is given to students to assure proper class placement. Children and adults are grouped separately according to their competency levels. We have highly trained and experienced teachers and volunteers in both Vietnamese and English to meet the needs of our school.

We also see the need of having an ongoing U.S. citizenship class taught in Vietnamese. With the lack of citizenship classes taught in the students' native language, those seeking assistance are sheltered and/or end up studying at home with books and audio tapes to which they may not fully understand. By offering citizenship classes in order to understand our government and the responsibilities of becoming a registered voter, we can provide the community a valuable resource in preparing for and successfully passing the U.S. Citizenship exam.

Our opening date for the school is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2008. Our staff members have prepared a course syllabus tailored to the proficiency levels of our anticipated students and lesson plans have been created with this in mind. With our current efforts in advertising and promotion of the school, we expect to begin teaching the first class in January 2008 as planned.

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