

St HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School

Talking Points for Prospective Families

Based on the 2025–26 NYC School Survey (Panorama Education) – 105 family responses, 127 student responses, Spring 2026.

Use these talking points in conversations, tabling events, referral outreach, and family visits. Every figure below comes directly from this year's official NYC School Survey. In other words, these are St HOPE families and students describing their own experience, not marketing claims.

THE HEADLINES

St HOPE families and students rate their experience dramatically higher than both charter school peers citywide and NYC district middle schools, often by 20 to 40 percentage points, not just a few.

- **97% of families** are satisfied with their child's education this year, above the 94% charter average and 95% district middle-school average. 99% say they're specifically satisfied with the quality of their child's teachers.
- **89% of students** say their classes are academically challenging, compared with just 52% at other charter schools and 57% districtwide.
- **98% of students** feel safe at school, versus 82% at charter peers and 80% districtwide.

ACADEMIC RIGOR & HIGH SCHOOL READINESS

- **89% Academic Press** (vs. 52% charter / 57% district) — students say they're consistently pushed to do challenging AND meaningful work, not just kept busy.
- **92% Course Clarity** (vs. 63% / 66%) — students understand what's expected of them and see a direct and relevant connection to their development and career.
- **99% / 100%** of families rate St HOPE's reading and math instruction, respectively, as high quality.
- **98% of middle-schoolers** say adults at St HOPE are helpful in guiding them through the high school application process; 93% of older students feel encouraged to take advanced coursework.

SAFETY AND CLIMATE PARENTS CAN TRUST

- **98% of students** feel safe at school (vs. 82% charter / 80% district) — including in hallways, the cafeteria, and getting to and from school.
- **97%** say bullying is actively prevented and addressed (vs. 78% charter / 75% district).
- **99% of families** agree "my child is safe at this school."
- **98–100% of students** report no drug use, no gang activity, and rare physical conflict during the school day.

ST HOPE IS A SCHOOL WHERE EVERY CHILD BELONGS

- **95% Inclusive Learning Environment** (vs. 65% charter / 68% district) and 95% Cultural Awareness & Inclusive Instruction (vs. 67% / 64%).
- **97% of families** say their child's race, ethnicity, culture, or background is valued at St HOPE.
- **94% of students** say they feel like they belong at this school.

RELATIONSHIPS FAMILIES CAN COUNT ON

- **97% Parent-Teacher Trust** and 97% Parent-Principal Trust — families feel respected and treated as partners in their child's learning. They are not just informed.
- **96% Outreach to Parents** (vs. 94% / 94%) — the school actively reaches out rather than waiting for families to ask.
- **98% of families** say they're greeted warmly every time they contact or visit the school.
- **99% of students** say there is at least one trusted adult at school they can go to.

WHOLE-CHILD SUPPORT

- **94% Social-Emotional support** (vs. 58% charter / 58% district) — well over 30 points above peer schools.

- **100% IEP Service Satisfaction** among families of students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) Families say their children get the services and support their plans call for.
- **92% of students** say they know exactly where to go at school for help with their mental health.

A CLEAN, WELL-RUN BUILDING

- **95% of families** and 96% of students are satisfied with the school's facilities (vs. 91–92% and 64–70% for peer schools, respectively).
- **98%+** of families and students say the building is clean and in good working condition.

IF A FAMILY ASKS WHAT St HOPE IS WORKING ON

Being candid builds trust. The single area families most want to see grow is enrichment: 35% of survey respondents named stronger after-school programs, clubs, and teams as their top wish for the school. That request comes from families who are otherwise highly satisfied, which reflects that the school is actively listening and expanding, not a weakness to hide.

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