

**The Hunter College Elementary School Collection
1870-1908, 1940-1962, 1991-1992, 1997
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Cover Photograph:

Hunter College Model School, Class of June, 1934

Top Row, Left to Right

Laurent Larsus, Lillian Hauserslav, Veronica Burke, Eleanor Mulling,
Slyvia Rheinsreiber, Naomi Block, and Howard Jeck

Next Row

Howard Halfman, Catherine Steta, Doris Nannsen, Paula Grady, Isabel Alcock,
Madlynne Donnelly, Ruth Ann Likely, and Ted Ardery

Third Row Down

Florence Szabo, Jacqueline Charlton, Edith Jones, Miss Brigham, Eileen Cain,
Dorothy Stryker, and Lillian Galli

Last Row

Robert Manley and Celso Garcia

Source: *Hunter-Model-Herald* June, 1935, Vol. III, No. 2, in Box 2, Folder 8,
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accession Number: 94-09

Size: 1.0 cu. ft.

Provenance: Hunter College Elementary School

Restrictions: None.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Model Primary School, originally known as the Training Department and subsequently renamed the Hunter College Elementary School, opened on September 12, 1870, on 17th Street and St. Mark's Place. The school began with the founding of the Female and Normal High School in 1869. By 1903, the Female and Normal High School was restructured as the Normal College and the Normal High School. The Normal College was renamed Hunter College in 1914 in honor of its first president, Dr. Thomas Hunter.

In 1914, the laboratory school was renamed the Hunter College Model School and became an integral component of the Teacher Education Program of the College. The school was originally established to provide "pupil-teachers" with an opportunity to improve their teaching craft. The Hunter College Model School served children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. Students were originally admitted to the school in the order of their applications.

When the New York City Board of Education decided to close the Model Primary School in 1940, the Education Department of Hunter College saw an opportunity to reorganize The Model Primary School into a school for gifted children. Boys entering the 7th grade were no longer admitted and the focus of the school changed to an experimental and demonstration center for intellectually gifted students. The school was reorganized by transferring the 7th and 8th grades to Hunter College High School and by adding a nursery as its introductory class. In the fall of 1941, the Board of Education approved the changes and the Model Primary School was renamed Hunter College Elementary School.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Hunter College Elementary School Collection (formerly the Hunter College Model School) spans the years 1929 - 1968, and is arranged in one single series. The strengths of the collection are the annual reports, general reports, and studies related to the school. These documents provide invaluable insight into the ideological perspective on the education of gifted children.

Series I - Administration

Annual reports from 1908, 1940 - 1943, 1946, and 1949 - 1950 are arranged chronologically.

Correspondence from 1929 - 1944 and 1945 - 1962 are arranged chronologically.

Reports and Studies produced by the school for the years 1934 - 1935, 1938, 1941 - 1944, 1946, 1948, 1951, 1953, and 1957. Folders are arranged chronologically.

Miscellaneous materials consisting of the 1942 California Personality Test, the Merrill-Palmer School's Personality Rating Scales Test, a 1941 Vision Testing Survey, report cards, and newspaper clippings are arranged alphabetically.

Programs and brochures of receptions and dramatic performances, sponsored by the Parents Association of the Hunter College Elementary School, from 1921 - 1929 and 1943 - 1945 are arranged chronologically.

Proposals, suggestions, and curriculum requirements from 1934 -1935, 1938, 1943, and 1955 are arranged chronologically.

Sample issues of *The Apprentice*, *Hunter Highlights*, *Hunter Model Herald*, *Parents' Association Bulletin*, and the *Parents' Reporter* are arranged alphabetically by title and chronologically therein.

Materials stipulating enrollment requirements for students applying for admission to the school for the years 1941-1958 are arranged chronologically.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I - ADMINISTRATION

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1	1	Annual Reports, 1908, 1940 - 1944, 1946, 1949 - 1950
		Correspondence
	2	1929 - 1943
	3	1944 - 1945
	4	1945, 1947
	5	1948 - 1962
		General Reports and Studies
	6	1934 -1935, 1938, 1941 - 1944, 1946, 1948, 1951
	7	1953, 1957
2	1	History of the Hunter College Elementary School, Annual Reports, 1870 - 1874
	2	Miscellaneous Materials
	3	Model Primary School Visitor's Register, 1870 - 1906
		Photographs
	4	Class of 1934 and 1945 Hunter Model School, 1934
	5	Programs and Brochures
	6	Proposals, Suggestions, and Requirements, 1934 - 1935, 1938, 1943, 1955
		Publications
	7	<i>The Apprentice</i> , June 1944 <i>Hunter Highlights</i> , June 1943, June 1944
	8	<i>Hunter Model Herald</i> , 1933 - 1940
	9	<i>Parents' Association Bulletin</i> , 1951 - 1953 <i>Parents' Reporter</i> , May 1944
		<i>The Teacher Center for Teachers of the Gifted and Talented Newsletter</i> , 1979 -1980
		<i>Wise Writing</i> , Summer, 1992

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2	10	Registration Materials, 1941 - 1958
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