



Hynes Charter School Fact Sheet

According to the 2015 state testing results, Hynes Charter School is the #1 non-selective admissions public elementary school authorized by the Orleans Parish Public School Board.

Reference: http://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2015/12/best_worst_new_orleans_public.html

Special Programs

- Success for All – We use SFA, which is a research-based and research-proven literacy program developed at John Hopkins. Students are assessed quarterly and placed in their instructional reading level. The program incorporates the five pillars of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Teachers facilitate student learning through student goal setting and incorporation of cooperative learning strategies.
- Project Lead the Way – Grades K-5 implement PLTW Launch units during their science instruction. For example, these include units on light and sound, grids and game, programming patterns, input/output, and infection detection. Grades 6-8 are enrolled in PLTW Gateway electives including design and modeling, automation and robotics, coding, and computer science. PLTW lessons and materials follow the National Science Standards.
- French Immersion – Students enrolled in immersion are taught math, science, social studies and French grammar in their target language. They are also enrolled in English/Language Arts and reading. The content follows the Louisiana State Standards. Instructional staff are native-speaking, French certified teachers.
- KIDsmART – This partnership has two components. Students have the opportunity to enroll in the after school enrichment program in visual arts, theater, or dance. The school day program is a professional development, arts-integration initiative. An artist-in-residence collaborates with Hynes classroom teachers to integrate art into their regular core content.
- Playworks – This partnership brings the power of inclusive play to develop our students' social-emotional health. Playworks coaches and our staff have transformed recess time at our school to create many games and activities from which students can choose to play. The Junior Coach Leadership Program is for 4th and 5th graders to develop skills to lead games and assist their peers to mediate conflict.
- PBiS and Olweus Bully Prevention Program – School-wide structures, expectations, interventions, and rewards promote a positive climate to improve academic outcomes. PBiS is an evidence-based, data-driven framework to increase school safety and promote a positive climate.
- Journeys to Careers – This is a career awareness course for middle school.
- STARBASE – 5th graders explore STEM concepts at Jackson Barracks for a 5-day session off campus.
- Disney Youth Education Series Program at Walt Disney World – 8th graders take a trip to mark the end of their time at Hynes and to enrich student leadership skills and career choices.
- We offer classes in special education, gifted and talented, talented in visual arts and theater, and speech.
- In addition to our core instructional staff, Hynes employs three Physical Education teachers, two music teachers, a computer teacher, a librarian, an interventionist, and assistants in PreK-1st grade classes. We also employ full-time staff for social work and nursing services.

Partnerships and Extra Curricular

- The Hynes PTO supports school-wide goals and initiatives through providing volunteers and coordinating fundraising.
- A's and Aces – Tennis and tutoring programs to promote success on and off the court.
- Metro Middle School League – Students in grades 5-8 may try out for the volleyball, flag football, cross country, basketball, soccer, softball, and baseball.
- Whitney Bank at School Program – Students are encouraged to save their money on a monthly basis by making deposits when the Whitney bankers come to school. This enhances student knowledge of financial literacy.
- Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole – GOTR hosts a 5K in the fall and spring to encourage girls in grades 3-5 and 6-8 to set goals and achieve them.
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops are organized at most grade levels.
- Junior Achievement – All JA programs for elementary students are used at Hynes. They include Finance Park, Financial Literacy Day, and BizTown. The JA curriculum inspires young people to succeed in a global economy.
- New Orleans Academic Games League – Students in grades 4 and higher schools and colleges.
- Recycle Rangers are 3rd graders who encourage recycling of paper and plastic on campus.
- Student Council schedules service projects throughout the school year. This year students will facilitate the following: Boo at the Zoo Candy Drive, Think Pink fundraiser for American Cancer Society, a food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank, Mardi Gras bead drive for St. Michael's, Pennies for Patients, and a blood drive.
- Hynes students display their talents in the school chorus, theater troupe, cheer squad, pep squad, city-wide spelling bee, and band.

At Hynes:

We believe in a goal-focused, cooperative teaching model that creates opportunities for all students to become critical thinkers and problem-solvers.

We believe in educating and supporting all children academically, socially, and emotionally to prepare them for a changing world.

We believe teachers and staff should be reflective, goal-oriented, and committed to lifelong improvement through continuous professional development.

We believe in establishing a collaborative culture in which all stakeholders feel accountable for student success.

We believe in celebrating diversity and uniqueness while providing a safe environment for social, emotional, and academic growth.

We believe in governance structure that ensures compliance with Local, State, and Federal laws and guidelines.

Our Mission: Hynes...quality education shaping leaders for a changing world.