

Comp Sci High

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Leveling the Field

Located in the South Bronx, Comp Sci High seeks to provide its students with learning opportunities for professional success that they would not otherwise have, including resume preparation and mock interviews. For Angel Morales, growing up in a neighborhood nearby gave him a profound connection to the community and understanding of the disadvantages its members experience.

“As a matter of equity, we’re trying to level the playing field as much as we can.”

A Needed Partner

Comp Sci High outgrew its space quickly, forcing the school to split up between two separate sites which left students and staff feeling isolated. The need for a new building to house their entire school was urgent. After an extensive search, Comp Sci connected with Civic Builders, through which the school was able to receive the guidance they needed to start making their vision a reality.

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“Civic was the partner we immediately realized we had needed all along. None of our staff are real estate experts, we’re educators. With Civic, we found a partner that knew everything that needed to be done and how to work with schools.”

Through their real estate development services, Civic Builders provided guidance on each stage of the process, from identifying the space, to hiring the right architects and ultimately, managing the construction.

Mission Momentum

The new building, which opens in summer 2024, will allow Comp Sci to operate on one, united site, and will further enable the school to execute on its mission to serve the entire community.

“The floorplan will benefit us tremendously because it’s custom made for us. Not only will we have more space, but we’ll finally have the ability to be in control of our space. We have always envisioned ourselves as being a community school and this will allow us to reach even more of the community. This is going to be a real game changer for us.”

Throughout the entire process, Comp Sci High has felt positioned for success through the guidance they received from Civic Builders.

“Even when we were negotiating a term sheet, it felt like we were negotiating with someone who wanted us to be successful. We also learned a lot along the way because it was a very transparent process. From the very beginning, Civic has understood our needs and it has always felt like they are on our side.”