



**WHO'S WHO IN GOVERNMENT:  
THE I.S. 59  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT HANDBOOK  
2023 - 2024**

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



**KIMLYN GREIG**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## **What We Believe About How Students Learn Best**

At I.S. 59, we believe that students learn best through culturally sensitive curricula with rich discussions, and writing for a variety of purposes.

## **The Principal's Equity Statement**

I commit to supporting every educator at I.S. 59 in providing data-informed instruction (DII) and SEL supports that allow access to content for all learners.

# I.S. 59 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



**Mrs. Dunson**  
Assistant Principal



**Mr. Darby**  
Assistant Principal. I.A.



**Mr. Bozza**  
Dean



**Ms. Blackman**  
Guidance Counselor



**Ms. Kenyon-Woods**  
Social Worker



**Mrs. Grant**  
Principal's Secretary



**Mrs. Leverett**  
Parent Coordinator



**Ms. Tate**  
Pupil Accounting  
Secretary



# I.S. 59 VISION STATEMENT

Scholars at Intermediate School 59 Queens are literate and agentic problem solvers who use their natural talents, gifts and abilities as springboards to high levels of academic achievement. Scholars leave I.S. 59 with a balance of grade-appropriate academic and social emotional skills they will need to access college, careers and beyond.

# I.S. 59 MISSION STATEMENT

Our teachers will collaborate to provide access to engaging and challenging curricula that acknowledges all our students' strengths, their cultures, and promote 21st century skills. When planning for the needs of all students, our teachers will promote choice and student voice that builds student agency.

To support the whole child, we will develop trusting and respectful relationships with our families and the broader community that help us nurture our students' natural gifts, talents and abilities as well as their social and emotional growth.

Our scholars will demonstrate complex thinking and reasoning through rich discussions and writing for a wide variety of purposes in preparation for the demands of college, careers, and real world challenges.

# EDUCATOR PLEDGE

We the educators at I.S. 59 promise to show respect for our all our students through a focus on social-emotional learning, careful and deliberate planning, and ongoing partnerships with families that support a strong instructional core. We will help every student become the world's greatest by providing a culturally inclusive curriculum and a supportive environment. There will be no stopping our I.S. 59 Family!

## STUDENT AFFIRMATION

### Seizing Opportunities through Academic Rigor

**I am an I.S. 59 Scholar!**

**I am calm, cool, and collected.**

**I know my strengths and I use them as springboards to achieving high academic standards.**

**I know when to ask for help.**

**I know the people (and resources) at home, at school, and in my community who will help me.**

**I am respectful and I treat others the way I want to be treated.**

**I understand that I am strong, but when I collaborate, I can become stronger.**

**I am resilient, reflective, and open to revising my goals.**

**I will make each day count.**

**I AM AN I.S. 59 SCHOLAR,**

**and I will S.O.A.R. to my highest potential!**

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# **INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS 2023 - 2024**

**Across all content areas, teachers will utilize an established school wide system to check for understanding, and an established schoolwide feedback protocol that will allow students to make their thinking visible, revise their thinking and improve their work products.**

# I.S. 59 SCHOLAR SEL GOAL

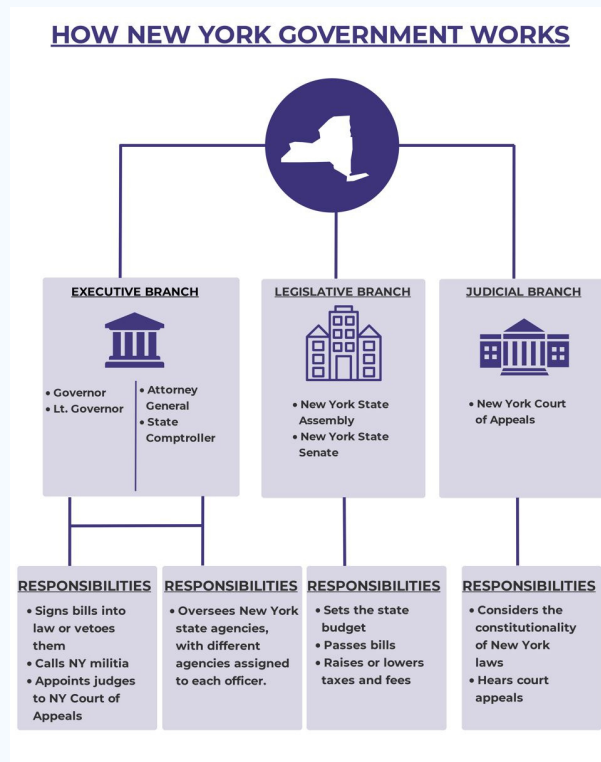
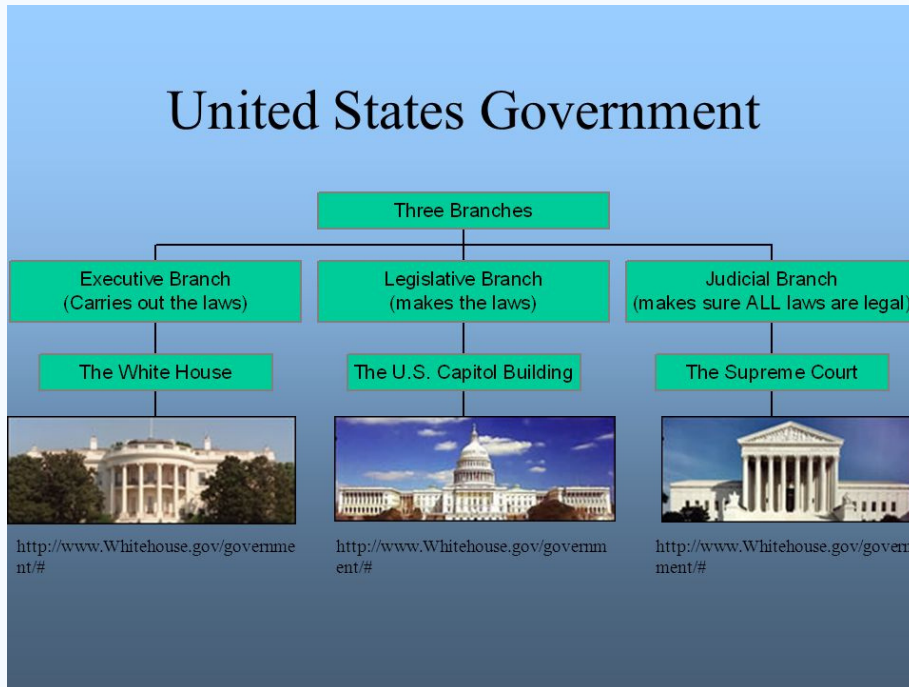
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Scholars, educators and parents at I.S. 59 will participate in a variety of clubs and other activities that will capitalize on our strengths, talents and interests, while we engage in restorative practices to help us succeed in our academic and social life.



# HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS



How a bill becomes a Law: <https://www.nysenate.gov/how-bill-becomes-law>

# GOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## NATIONAL

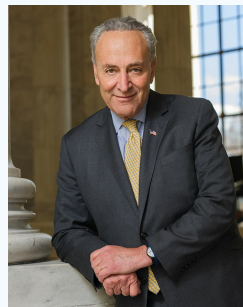
**President: Joseph Biden, Jr.**



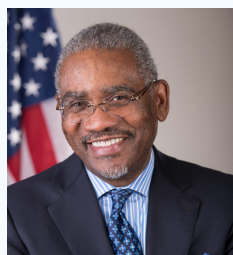
**Vice President: Kamala Harris:**



**U.S. Senate: Kristen E. Gillibrand  
& Charles (Chuck) Schumer**



**U.S. Congress: Gregory W. Meeks, D5**



# GOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## STATE

**Governor: Kathy Hochul**



**Lt. Governor: Antonio Delgado**



**Attorney General: Leticia A. James**



**State Comptroller: Thomas DiNapoli**



**NY State Senate: Leroy Comrie, D14**



**NY State Assembly: Alicia Hyndman, D29**



# GOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## CITY & LOCAL

Mayor: Eric Adams



Queens Borough President:  
Donovan Richards, Jr.



NYC Council: Nantasha Williams, D27



113th Precinct Commanding Officer:  
Deputy Inspector Ray A. Jenkins



Community Board 12 Chairperson:  
Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs



NYC DOE Chancellor: David C. Banks &  
NYCDOE/D29 Community Superintendent:  
Dr. Crystal Bonds





# I.S. 59 2023 - 2024 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



**Zoe Gumbs  
President**



**Nathaniel Williams  
Vice President**



**Aaliyah Webb  
Secretary**



**Lauren Brister  
Treasurer**



**Nick Ladsen  
Historian**



**Jolie White  
Class 851 Rep**

# **I.S. 59 STUDENT GOVERNMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

**As the I.S. 59 Student Government, our mission is to promote a sense of community and positive climate within our school. Our goal is to act as a voice for our peers and inspire them to be leaders. Furthermore, Student Government members will help create a safe and fun learning environment that is inclusive to all.**

**As a community, we will work toward positive and effective student advocacy, as well as accountability. We will also encourage our peers to know and confide in the adults around them and ask for help when faced with challenges or a crisis. Our main goal is to continue to strive and SOAR like the scholars we are trained to be.**

**Lastly, Student Government will engage in community service which will consist of raising funds for charitable causes, school events, and environmental improvement.**

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