



LÉMAN MANHATTAN

PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Each student,
future prepared.





We are thinkers and inquirers.
We are creators and communicators.
We are caring and compassionate.
We are open-minded and culturally aware.
We are principled and balanced.
We are knowledgeable and reflective.
We are resilient risk-takers.
We are collaborators and global citizens.

We are Léman.

Mission

Léman Manhattan is an International Baccalaureate World School that delivers an academically rigorous program and sets high expectations for students from early childhood through 12th grade. Serving our local neighborhoods and a diverse international community, we prepare students with the knowledge, confidence and fluency they need to engage in a rapidly changing world.

Léman challenges students' intellect and inspires their creativity. We encourage them to think critically and work collaboratively. Celebrating each student's individuality, we foster the skills they need to grow in mind, body and spirit. Our unifying mission is to instill a positive outlook in each of our students and a certainty for all they can achieve in life.

Vision

The greatest lasting impact of a Léman education will be the achievement of our students and the contributions they make to their communities and to the world.

Preparing each student for a future filled with personal growth, fulfillment and success defines, unifies and inspires everyone and everything we do at Léman Manhattan.

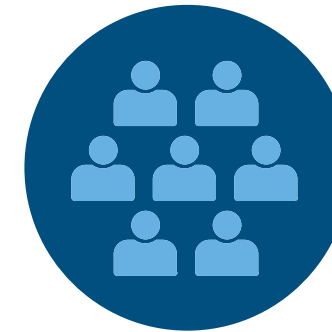
Inclusion Statement

Léman Manhattan Preparatory School is a community of diverse cultures, languages and countries of origin, which draws unity through the acknowledgment and celebration of our differences. As a mosaic of individuals who believe everyone should feel safe and respected, we strive to facilitate opportunities for meaningful engagement with openness and empathy. This process of communication is integral to fostering a just and harmonious place of learning.

Ours is an inclusive school where students, families, caregivers, faculty and staff are supported equally and where each unique identity, voice, ideological viewpoint and experience is valued. We honor all members of our community, diverse in: ability, age, appearance, belief system, citizenship, culture, family structure, gender, gender identity, language, learning style, national origin, political view, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic level and all other protected characteristics.

Committed to sustaining an environment free of harassment in any form, including bullying and discrimination, we maintain that the work of inclusion is a responsibility held by all and done for all, person to person. We embrace this challenging, yet rewarding opportunity and understand that this is an evolving work which enriches our lives.





18
STUDENTS AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



SERVING STUDENTS FROM
16 MONTHS-12TH GRADE



INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
WORLD SCHOOL



80%
GRADUATES ACCEPTED TO
HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES*



NYC'S ONLY
BOARDING PROGRAM



80%
FACULTY WITH
ADVANCED DEGREES



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH
NYC'S TOP BUSINESSES



70+
NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED



45
COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC TEAMS



LOCATED IN
NEW YORK CITY'S MOST
HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

*Schools categorized as more and most selective by U.S. News & World Report



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WORLD VIEWS FROM EVERY CLASSROOM

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WELCOME FROM THE **HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Dear Families,

Welcome to Léman Manhattan, a global learning community building the next generation of critical thinkers, stewards of the planet, and international peacemakers.

Selecting a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. I invite you to explore Léman, located in the heart of New York City's most historic district, where we deliver academic rigor in a nurturing environment, and celebrate the interests and accomplishments of every student.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, our academic program fosters the critical thinking skills that prepare students for success at top-tier universities and beyond. IB students are 20% more likely to be accepted to the most selective colleges and universities in the U.S., and 80% percent of Léman graduates are accepted to highly selective colleges and universities.

Our academic program provides students with opportunities to innovate and collaborate, helping them to become informed and engaged citizens of the world. We graduate students who are inquiring, open-minded, and resilient risk-takers, with the competencies that enable them to meet their future academic and career pursuits with success. In our truly international school, with a globally minded curriculum and students representing 70 different nationalities, we encourage students to share their viewpoints and develop their own values, while respecting those of others.

Léman couples the history of our namesake sister school Collège du Léman in Switzerland, one of the world's premier international schools, with the innovation and energy of an institution unencumbered by the dictates of convention. Enrolling students from 16 months-12th Grade, Léman is one of the only independent schools in New York City to serve children at each stage of their educational journey. Léman is a top school of choice for local families as well as those recently relocated to New York City.

There has never been a more exciting time to be part of Léman. We look forward to getting to know your family.

Sincerely,

Maria Castelluccio
Head of School



Igniting Passion for Learning Through Superior Teaching

Instructional excellence is a foundational pillar of the Léman Manhattan experience. Through one-on-one, small group, and differentiated instruction, our faculty members know and appreciate each child's unique interests, strengths, goals, and learning styles.

Our international network and reputation as a student-focused, rigorous program allows Léman Manhattan to attract and retain top teachers from across the globe. The Léman faculty is a diverse group of educators who bring a variety of professional and life experiences to our school, including working in international schools outside of the U.S., in other independent schools in New York City, or in other fields prior to teaching. They approach their practice at Léman with a shared mission: to help every child grow and succeed, and to build a community of teaching excellence.

We place intense focus on every child's learning experience, encouraging curiosity, accomplishment, and growth. Teachers at every grade level ensure that students engage deeply in content, build critical thinking skills, make connections between their work and the world, and enhance their skills to the greatest extent of their aptitudes and abilities.

Our team of educators is highly collaborative, working in grade level, department, and cross-curricular teams to cultivate best practice teaching methodologies and ensure curriculum is vertically articulated across grades to support each student's continuous growth. Léman teachers create nurturing, inclusive learning environments and teach to each child's interest and ability level every day, in each lesson, to achieve progress benchmarked to individual goals.

Léman teachers are energetic professionals who care deeply about their students and their own professional growth. They participate in professional development opportunities and are committed to honing their craft to enable our students to benefit from innovative educational practices. Léman teachers do not simply provide superior instruction, they lead and inspire students in a caring, supportive manner to help them realize their full potential.



Harnessing Wonder in Our Youngest Learners

The Center for Early Childhood Education at Léman is a joyful, nurturing place that sets the foundation for each child's academic, social, and emotional success. Through our play-based program and hands-on learning experiences, children ignite their curiosity and build a sense of belonging during the most influential time in their development.

Our Early Childhood program engages students in their learning to build confidence, independence and the flexibility to take risks. Through an inquiry-based program, we build literacy, mathematics, music, and world language fluency in a community that values family and service to others.

Starting with Léman Explorers, an engaging and enriching toddler program, the Center for Early Childhood Education prepares children for the routines of preschool and contributing to a classroom community. All Léman students take Mandarin or Spanish starting at age three, in addition to music education, which builds towards the school's signature Strings Program. Each child in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade at Léman plays the violin as part of a robust arts education program.

The Center for Early Childhood Education at Léman is housed in a dedicated, newly renovated space at 41 Broad Street, creating a vibrant environment focused exclusively on the learning needs of young children. Our interactive WonderLab offers state-of-the-art stations designed to inspire children to explore, innovate, plan, problem solve, and learn how to learn. The WonderLab's blocks and building materials, iPads, 3D printers, and tinker kits foster critical thinking, science, mathematics, coding, and engineering skills—the tangible “building blocks” of the future. Classrooms are designed for a multi-sensory approach to learning, with games, puzzles, and visual arts, and feature a literacy-rich environment to cultivate reading and comprehension skills.

We foster successful partnerships with parents through ongoing and open communication with teachers and educational programming for families throughout the year. The environment at Léman provides parents with opportunities to make connections, be part of a strong community, and build the foundation for their child's future growth throughout Léman's PK-12 academic program.



Developing Mastery Across Interests and Strengths

In addition to emphasizing proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics, our Lower School program focuses on the humanities, science, world languages, and physical education. Music and visual arts are an integral part of our curriculum as they help to develop creativity, open-ended thinking, and collaboration.

Using the Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop as the backbone of our literacy curriculum, students in the Lower School gain the skills needed to read, write, analyze, compare, and discuss text across a variety of genres.


Our rigorous math curriculum, grounded in the University of Chicago's Everyday Mathematics program, builds conceptual understanding utilizing varied instructional practices such as hands-on activities, games, fact practice, and daily routines. Students connect mathematical concepts to everyday situations with an emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking, and exploration of multiple strategies. The curriculum provides repeated exposure to mathematical concepts to build skills.

Students engage in the scientific process through observation and hypothesis, doing the work of real scientists in the lab and the outside world. They develop an analytical mindset through inquiry, and test their understandings through designing, conducting, and reflecting on experimental investigations.

A cornerstone of arts education in the Lower School is our signature Strings Program, which introduces the violin in Kindergarten and continues through the 3rd Grade. In the 4th Grade, students apply their musical knowledge to new concepts through performance-based ensembles in Band or Chorus. They develop musical literacy, hone musicianship skills, and work together to achieve the common goal of performing as an ensemble.

We have high expectations of our students' work, and Léman teachers are skilled at challenging children to consistently set and reach new goals. Faculty confer with students individually and in small groups, helping them to find their voice and advocate for themselves as they prepare for the transition to Middle School.

Our teachers provide thoughtful attention to each child's academic, social, and emotional development, and focus on building classroom communities in which children are inspired to explore, create, and grow as learners and young citizens of the world.



Building Strong Character During Their Most Formative Years

The Middle School at Léman offers academically challenging and engaging coursework that enables students to problem solve, think critically, develop leadership skills, and flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

The 6th through 8th Grades at Léman represent a shift from a homeroom-based learning environment to a departmental structure, where subject experts deliver instruction across a range of disciplines. In addition, the Middle School program presents students with opportunities to reach beyond the school walls through cultural and travel learning excursions. These horizon-changing experiences enable students to build increased independence and foster a sense of community.

Each Middle School student is part of a small advisory group that provides a supportive discussion forum. Advisory meets five days a week to foster personal and academic growth. The Middle School Advisory Program emphasizes six character-centered pillars that include respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Advisory groups focus on issues that relate to students in their roles as people, as learners, and as members of the community. The ultimate goal of Léman's Advisory Program is for students to understand themselves better in each of these roles. Throughout the year, students explore topics as varied as building strong character, diversity, resiliency, conflict resolution, developing personal goals, celebrating accomplishments within and outside of school, and examining factors that enhance or interfere with their learning.

Middle School students focus on developing critical thinking to lay the foundation for evaluating sources and information to make educated choices, and to acquire the building blocks they need to achieve success in future academics and in life. We teach life skills such as strong communication, leadership, time management, and an open mindset toward learning.

Co-curricular offerings such as athletics, fine arts, and clubs and activities are an essential part of Middle School, as students discover new passions and interests. Advisors meet with parents and students several times a year to review each child's goals and progress. Conferences are led by the student with support from his or her advisor. Working together, families, teachers, and students partner to foster academic success and personal growth in every child in preparation for continued achievement in Léman's High School.

Preparing for College Admissions and Beyond

In Léman's High School, students immerse themselves in rigorous coursework and a range of extracurricular activities, including international opportunities that broaden their horizons and offer engaging and thought-provoking academic and cultural learning experiences.

Léman Manhattan offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, recognized as the worldwide gold standard for academic excellence and a sought-after credential by top colleges and universities. Through the IB approach to learning, the High School curriculum cultivates globally minded, principled thinkers who are agents of change and demonstrate a commitment to service in their communities and beyond.

High School students have the option to earn an IB diploma by completing a two-year advanced program during 11th and 12th Grades. Focusing on depth and breadth of knowledge, the IB consists of six foundational courses; a broad-based independent research essay; a creativity, activity, and service requirement; and a Theory of Knowledge course. The IB focuses on building knowledge, skills, and independent, critical, and creative thought to help students make connections between areas of study.

Léman also provides comprehensive college advisory services through the Office of College Counseling. With three dedicated college counselors on staff, our students benefit from a tremendous wealth of resources to help them achieve their desired outcome. Our graduating seniors have gained acceptance to top institutions, including Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Davidson, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Oberlin, Princeton, University of California Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale, among many others.

In the High School, Advisory focuses on five primary areas: academic support, college counseling, internal and external community building and community service, current events, and important social topics relevant to students in the 9th through 12th Grades.

In addition to our core academic curriculum, our students are offered numerous co-curricular experiences including varsity sports, clubs, theater, music, and internships that take advantage of the tremendous diversity of opportunities in Manhattan. Students perform in Léman Main Stage theatrical productions, hold positions in Student Government, compete on the athletic field or court, volunteer as tutors in their native language, and serve as Student Ambassadors. Utilizing the city as our campus, Léman students gain real-world experience with internships, externships, and in-residence programs at such institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and the Julliard Pre-College Division.

Our High School is an innovative and dynamic place where young adults are challenged to participate in leadership-building activities across the school and in their communities to prepare them to be global citizens of the 21st century.





Inspiring Each Child to Find an Artistic Voice

Léman Manhattan features a vibrant Fine Arts program in music, theater, and visual art. We believe artistic experiences enrich students' lives, cultivate creative and inventive thought, and provide unique opportunities for self-discovery and reflection.

At Léman, students are consistently involved in the arts from Pre-K through High School, which supports children in refining skills, appreciating various art forms, and enhancing creativity. Our signature programs demonstrate our commitment to the arts as an integral part of a Léman education.

LOWER SCHOOL STRINGS PROGRAM

A unique hybrid of general music and instrumental violin instruction, which provides a comprehensive musical foundation for all Kindergarten through 3rd Grade students.

LÉMAN MAIN STAGE

Our premier theatrical organization, delivering exceptional educational experiences and productions.

LÉMAN CONSERVATORY

An after-school private lesson program which allows students to study with world-class professionals affiliated with prestigious institutions such as Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Broadway, and New York City jazz clubs.

MORRIS GALLERY

Student and visiting artist work is showcased in our 2,000-square-foot gallery, which includes a state-of-the-art digital media lab, and which boasts sweeping views of New York Harbor.

LÉMAN FILM FESTIVAL

An annual festival featuring the screening of student films, a keynote speaker, and an awards presentation. The films are judged by industry professionals who give educational feedback and provide unique awards such as a film set visit, observing a professional editing session, or lunch with a director/filmmaker.

In addition to these signature programs, we are proud of our vast array of Fine Arts offerings. From woodworking in the Lower School to ceramics, digital music and film classes in the Upper School, the arts flourish at Léman Manhattan. Through the study of Fine Arts in an internationally-minded school with access to the rich culture of New York City, our students have a deeper understanding of the human experience and the greater world. Whether in the classroom, in the studio, or on the stage, our artists, musicians, and actors are challenged to achieve their best work as they develop both artistic and life skills.

With excellent performance spaces at both of our campuses, our facilities reflect our dedication to foster students' creativity and sense of self-expression. Lower School performances take place in the historic Léman Ballroom, and our Upper School campus features a 400-seat theater as well as art studios and a band room that overlook the harbor and the Statue of Liberty to inspire our students.





Building Confidence and Community Through Sports

The goal of the Léman Manhattan Athletic Program is to provide students with opportunities that build confidence, inspire teamwork, foster good health, and bring together our community. We encourage students to embrace physical activity that enhances lifelong health and wellness.

Léman offers a robust athletic program that challenges students to perform their personal best, both as individuals and as part of a team. Through organized and individual activities, students learn to set goals, develop the discipline required to meet them, and celebrate their achievements.

We incorporate physical activity from an early age in Early Childhood and Lower School through physical education classes, swim instruction, and recess on our rooftop playground. We introduce team sports starting in 5th Grade, which provide opportunities for collaboration with students in Middle School.

At the Junior Varsity and Varsity level, student athletes are expected to commit themselves to the team and to continued self-improvement. High School athletics include increased emphasis on physical conditioning, fundamental skills, strategy, and teamwork.

Our outstanding coaches emphasize the character benefits of participating in team sports. All coaches work with administrators, school counselors, and teachers to ensure the educational well-being of our student athletes.

Each of our campuses features a full-sized gym with a rock-climbing wall and multi-lane swimming pool. Athletic offerings include baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track, and volleyball.

The Léman Bulls, our athletic team, are the proud winners of the ACIS Playoff Championships and League Champions in both Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball. Boys Varsity Baseball recently made the ACIS league playoff championship.

A number of our students continue their competitive athletic careers in college. Proud Léman graduates have been student athletes at a number of Division I, II and III schools, including Haverford, Duke, and Texas A&M.

Léman Manhattan is a member of the PSAA (Private School Athletic Association) and ISAL (Independent School Athletic League) as well as the NYSAIS Athletic Association.



Providing an Unparalleled Experience in New York City

Léman offers Manhattan's only high school boarding program, enrolling more than 100 full-time and five-day residential students. We bring together talented students from across the U.S. and the world to enrich our student community and be part of a one-of-a-kind high school experience that takes full advantage of the city's tremendous cultural resources.

In this unique urban boarding school setting, Léman students are exposed to a vibrant city environment, where a new learning opportunity exists at every turn to enrich the high school experience.

A DIVERSE, COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

Residential students are fully integrated into the daily life of the Léman Manhattan high school community, collaborating with day students in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in a myriad of activities and school initiatives. Our residential students represent more than 20 countries and speak dozens of languages, adding to the diversity of the Léman community and helping to prepare all students for an increasingly borderless world.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Our dormitories are housed at 37 Wall Street, a luxury apartment building just a short walk from the Upper School campus. This prime location, steps from the New York Stock Exchange and Federal Hall, offers convenient access to all of New York City's major attractions. Students live in newly renovated apartments, with rooms accommodating two to four people, and every suite is complete with its own kitchen, bathroom, study area, Wi-Fi, and hi-tech security system.

Student housing is located in one of the most secure neighborhoods in Manhattan. During fall orientation, all students take a series of classes designed to help them become safe and capable residents of New York City.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided by Léman Manhattan's professional culinary team at our Upper School Café. Our dedicated and experienced Residential Life team cares for the everyday life of boarding students, and strives to create an engaging environment to provide students with everything they need to succeed academically and socially.

ENRICHING ACTIVITIES

Students take full advantage of their unique position in the heart of history in Lower Manhattan, with access to New York City's most enriching cultural institutions. The list of weekend activities available to students is endless and includes NBA games; Broadway shows; guided bicycle tours of Central Park; day trips to Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park; visits to the great museums of New York City; nights out at the movie theater; and gym time for sports and fitness.





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GEORGE WASHINGTON
TOOK THE OATH AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA



RESILIENT AND REFLECTIVE

With our distinctive approach to personalized instruction, Léman students are flexible, adaptable and committed to continuous learning. They challenge themselves in the pursuit of excellence.

CULTURALLY AWARE AND OPEN-MINDED

Ongoing collaboration with students from across the globe fosters cultural understanding and prepares Léman students to thrive in today's borderless world.

PRINCIPLED AND BALANCED

Self-reliant, with respect for self and others, Léman students graduate with a sense of purpose, empowered to make an impact in their local and global communities.

PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

With valuable critical thinking skills and a creative approach to problem solving, Léman students stand out to top universities with an exceptional academic foundation and enthusiasm for learning.



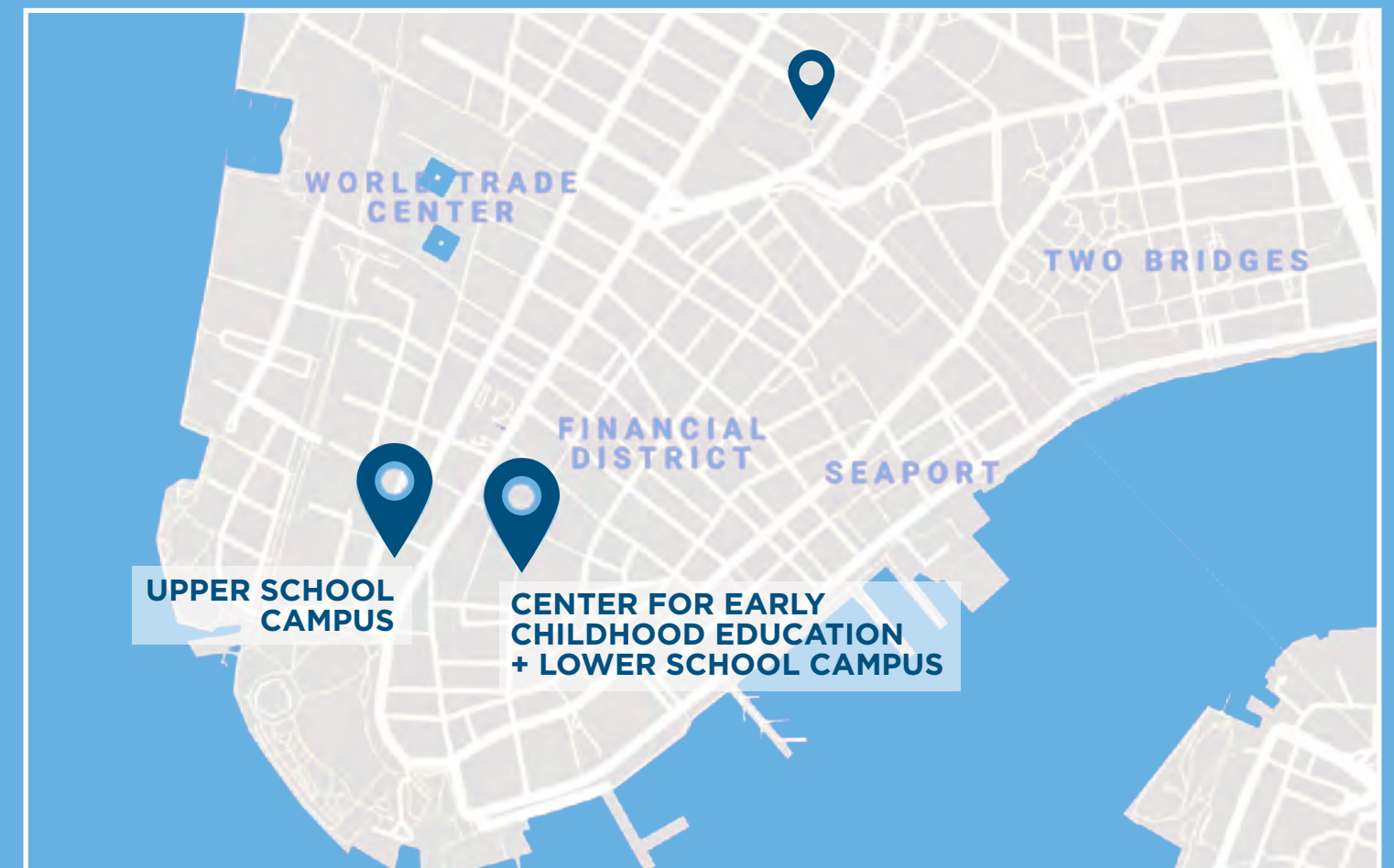


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Léman is located in New York City's most historic neighborhood and fastest-growing residential area, the Financial District. Just steps from landmarks including the New York Stock Exchange and Federal Hall, and only a short walk from family destinations such as Brookfield Place and the Seaport District, Léman is situated at the crossroads of American history and 21st century culture and innovation.

Our proximity to Lower Manhattan's extensive resources broaden learning beyond the classroom. Our campuses, housed in two historic buildings, offer unrivaled facilities with world-class academic, athletics, arts, performance, and culinary spaces.

To apply visit lemanmanhattan.org or email admissions@lemanmanhattan.org



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