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Brooklyn Children's Museum Receives \$420,000 in City Council Funding to Expand Free Field Trips

— Funding will enable an estimated 42,000 students from Title I schools across New York City to visit the Museum during the 2026–27 school year —



Field Trip at Brooklyn Children's Museum (Photo Credit: Winston Williams)

(Brooklyn, NY) — [Brooklyn Children's Museum \(BCM\)](#) will expand access to free field trips for an estimated 42,000 students from Title I schools across New York City during the 2026–27 school year, supported by \$420,000 in funding from the New York City Council.

The funding includes \$350,000 from New York City Council Speaker Julie Menin and Council Member Crystal Hudson to support free field trips for Title I schools citywide. Council Member Hudson provided an additional \$20,000 for schools in Council District 35, and Council Member Darlene Mealy provided \$50,000 for schools in Council District 41.

Field trips extend learning beyond the classroom, giving students opportunities to encounter new ideas, environments, and ways of learning. At Brooklyn Children's Museum, students explore hands-on exhibits and programs in visual arts, STEM, world cultures, and civic engagement. Designed to align with New York State learning standards and complement classroom instruction, these experiences invite students to create, collaborate, and learn through play. By offering visits free of charge, the initiative helps more New York City schools access the Museum.

"The hands-on learning this program enables boosts academic performance, but it also helps students build real connections to their city's cultural resources and develop important social skills," said **New York City Council Speaker Julie Menin**. "Brooklyn Children's Museum gives public school students direct access to STEM, cultural, and nature programming they might not otherwise experience, and I'm proud the Council can continue to help make that possible. Education works best when it's fun and rooted in community, and this program delivers both for kids across the city."

"As the nation's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum has been a cornerstone of our community for more than 125 years, creating opportunities for young people to learn, explore, and discover," said **New York City Council Member Crystal Hudson**. "Field trips for students across my district — especially free school visits for Title I schools — ensure that more children have access to this incredible institution and can explore the many educational and cultural benefits it provides. I am always proud to support cultural institutions like Brooklyn Children's Museum, which leave an indelible mark on our city's youngest residents."

"For many students, a field trip is the first time they see themselves as an artist, a scientist, or as someone who belongs in a cultural institution," said **Atiba T. Edwards, President and CEO of Brooklyn Children's Museum**. "Thanks to funding from Speaker Julie Menin and Council Members Crystal Hudson and Darlene Mealy, the cost of a field trip will not stand between New York City students and valuable lifelong learning experiences."

Title I schools interested in requesting a free field trip can learn more and submit a request at www.brooklynkids.org/school-visits. Schools are encouraged to submit requests at least one month before their preferred visit date. Due to the volume of inquiries, responses may take up to 10 business days. Questions may be directed to fieldtrips@brooklynkids.org.

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity, and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and

programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures.
For more information, visit www.brooklynkids.org.

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