

About Rensizzle

From our mission: Renaissance is based on the conviction that a change in the destiny of a single individual can lead to a change in the destiny of a community, nation, and ultimately humankind. Its mission as a PK-12 school is to foster educated, responsible, humanistic young leaders who will through their own personal growth spark a renaissance in New York. Its graduates will be global citizens with an abiding respect for peace, human rights, the environment, and sustainable development.

One School, One Week, One BIG IMPACT!

“Rensizzle Week” – a unique opportunity for students and staff alike to suspend traditional teaching and learning for 5 days and learn by doing. Regular classes are cancelled, and 6th-12 grade students come in at 9:00 AM for Rensizzle activities.

The purpose of our ‘unique to Renaissance’ Rensizzle program is to let students learn as much as they can about their chosen area of study by doing interdisciplinary and multi-sensory work. The Rensizzle clusters are suggested by students and staff alike, and students are placed in one of their top 5 choices, to the best of our ability. The clusters include historical, cultural, culinary, scientific, artistic and technological areas of study. In keeping with our mission statement we are asking you to look at your group’s experiences through a Social Justice lens.

Passions are translated into action during Rensizzle: there are students who love to cook, to sew, to design—clothes, buildings, furniture; there are students who want to build things, learn about architecture and engineering; learn all kinds of dance styles, create social justice documentaries. As we tell you when we survey you for your interests, “there is bound to be something you DO and want to share, are curious about and want to learn more, or have never done and want the challenge!”