

Bank Street's Mission

The goal of Bank Street College is to improve the education of children and their teachers by applying to the educational process all available knowledge about learning and growth, and by connecting teaching and learning meaningfully to the outside world. In so doing, we seek to strengthen not only individuals, but the community as well, including family, school, and the larger society in which people, whether adults or children, in all their diversity interact and learn. We see in schools the opportunity to build a better society.

In carrying out this mission, often in collaboration with social and cultural institutions, Bank Street develops programs for professionals, children, and parents, and creates tools for use in the educational process:

- The Graduate School prepares teachers, administrators, and others who work directly or indirectly with children in a variety of school and community settings.
- The School for Children and Family Center educate and care for children in collaboration with their families; provide in-service and pre-service staff development; and, as laboratory / demonstration settings, reflect and test Bank Street's approach to teaching and learning.
- The Division of Continuing Education provides opportunities to enhance skills and support the growth of children and families, professionals and communities through workshops, courses, and programs designed to meet specific needs.
- The Publications & Media Group creates books and other materials, cassettes, and videotapes for parents, children, and professionals that reflect Bank Street's commitment to a developmental approach to teaching, parenting, child rearing, and learning.

Education, research, and outreach are carried out to some degree in all divisions, resulting in institutional collaboration and cross-fertilization.

Goals and Directions

- act as a catalyst for progressive reform within the schools;
- develop and strengthen Bank Street's leadership in the field of education through research, scholarship, practice, and dissemination;
- promote and reflect diversity and inclusiveness;
- focus on the issues and challenges of urban education;
- achieve financial stability and resources for continued growth; and
- achieve a productive climate for the College as a working community.

