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City inks major lease for new school in Eastern Bronx



The Bronx STEAM Center will open in an approximately 54,200-square-foot space at the Hutchinson Metro Center Atrium. (Simone Development Companies)



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The city has partnered with a major New York-area developer to bring a new educational facility to the Bronx.

The New York City School Construction Authority has signed a long-term lease with Simone Development for approximately 54,200 square feet of space at Hutchinson Metro Center Atrium in the eastern part of the borough. The deal is for the new Bronx

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Center, which will span two floors of the three-story, approximately 362,000-square-foot building at 1776 Eastchester Road.

The new education center is still under development, and an opening date has yet to be announced. Once completed, it will serve more than 700 students from around the borough and offer courses geared toward careers in fields such as nursing and cybersecurity.

The school currently operates out of a temporary site in the Hutchinson Metro Center at 1200 Waters Place within Mercy University's Bronx campus, where it serves 100 students. The Brooklyn STEAM Center opened at the **Brooklyn Navy Yard** for the 2025-2026 school year.

The **School Construction Authority** negotiated this deal directly with landlord Simone Development, who was represented in-house by its leasing and legal teams, along with the law firm Adler & Stachenfeld. A spokesman for Simone Development declined to share the specific lease length or asking rent.

Simone Development President Joe Simone said in a statement that the school "reflects the power of public-private collaboration to create long-term opportunity in the Bronx." The city's Department of Education had no immediate comment.

The new school will join a roster of tenants at the Hutchinson Metro Center campus that includes more than 80 healthcare providers, businesses, government agencies and educational institutions.