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City to premiere first HS of film & TV

Lights! Camera! Academics!

Film editing and set building will be among the skills taught at a new high school set to open this fall in Queens.

The Academy for Careers in Television and Film is one of 19 new small high schools accepting students for September.

A co-production of New Visions for Public Schools and the New York Production Alliance, it will teach skills needed for jobs in the city's \$5 billion film and television industry.

Students will also get hands-on experience at the Silvercup Studios in Long Island City.

"I will say that every

high-school student we tell about this is angry that they didn't have the opportunity to apply to this school," said Principal Mark Dunetz, 33.

"And there wasn't a person in the industry we talked to that didn't say, 'What a great idea. Why haven't we done this yet?'"

Department of Education officials are still seeking sites for the TV and film academy, as well as for three of the other new schools.

That's in part because of opposition from schools unwilling to give up space in their buildings.

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