# School Creation: HTH MOOC

#### **Overview:**

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#### **Location-Houston, Texas**



## **Location-Neighborhood**



### Location- Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church



## **Faculty/Hiring Process**

Bodhi Academy, a charter school in Philadelphia, is a value-based high school that focuses on developing an intellectual and physical foundation for emerging world citizens. Core subjects (Math & Science, English & Humanities) are "chunked" and taught collaboratively. Math teachers at Bodhi Academy have a functional knowledge of basic secondary school Science material and are comfortable breaking down pre-existing curricular barriers between the two subjects. Dual certification is optimal but not required.

A potential applicant must be a lifelong learner willing to expand his or her boundaries. He or she should value experimentation, innovation, collaboration, mindfulness, and reflective practice. An applicant is preferably a world traveler, or aspiring world traveler, who values the ideas, customs, and worldviews of other cultures.

An applicant must also be willing to engage in student mentorship. All teachers mentor groups of students through advisory periods to track academic progress, facilitate world cultural exploration by connecting with student groups from other countries, and curate student democratic government processes. Teachers will also oversee and facilitate year-long student-led inquiry projects that make up the majority of our Friday schedule.

### Neighborhood





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Bodhi Academy's neighborhood location, as shown in the Google Map link above, is in Philadelphia's Naval Shipyard. After over 200 years of shipbuilding for the United States Navy, the Navy Yard was shut down in the late 1990s, and taken over by the City of Philadelphia for redevelopment. The 1,200 acre space is now zoned for mixed use and is home to a wide variety of businesses and organizations. This is an ideal choice for Bodhi Academy because of the available natural facilities, access to transportation, and high level of safety. The Navy Yard has excellent access to both the Delaware River and access to FDR Park which offers abundant green space, a wide variety of athletic facilities, and some wooded areas. These open spaces can be utilized for a wide variety of curricular and extracurricular activities.

The Navy Yard also has excellent access to transportation. It is located at the end of the Broad Street Line, the major North-South subway line in the city, providing a manageable commute to students from a wide variety of neighborhoods. This will allow for a heterogeneous student population across all demographics. The Navy Yard is also located right off of I-95, the primary East Coast Interstate Highway, and 1-76, Philadelphia's biggest East-West artery. Finally, the Navy Yard is just minutes away from Philadelphia International Airport.

The Navy Yard is also one of the safest areas in the city. The small proportion of residences, large number of protected green spaces, and various natural and man-made barriers offers protection from a variety of potential threats. The high level of safety, easy access to transportation for large segments of students across all demographics, and access to green spaces and other facilities, a rarity for many urban schools, makes the Navy Yard an ideal location for Bodhi Academy.