

*UNDERSTANDING
THE
HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION PROCESS*

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Parent Information Night
"Making Informed Decisions"*

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CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1. Use the 2017 New York City High School Directory

- Read pages 1-20
- On-line access to the high school directory can be found at: www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Directory
- On-line access to check for the high school accountability data can be found at: www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability
- On-line access for Information Session and DOE Calendar can be found at: (www.schools.nyc.gov/choicesenrollment/calendar)

2. Interests, Goals and Talents

- Discuss with your child his/her interests, goals and talents
- Review specific extra-curricular activities that the school offers
- Take note of all special programs, collaborations, advanced placement courses and sporting activities that the school offers

3. Location

- Where is the school?
- How long will it take you to commute to and from school by public transportation?
- Are you willing to have your child travel that distance for the next 4 years?
- Check travel time and commuting options from your home to each high school at www.tripplanner.mta

Consider:

- - Before and after school programs (clubs/sports)
- - Late and early sessions
- - Winter conditions and hours

4. School Size

- What environment will your child thrive in?
- Small school or Large
- What are your high school expectations, based on size?

5. Eligibility & Priority

- Is the program open city-wide, borough wide, or only to specific districts?
- Is there a priority for admission?
- How are priorities applied in the selection process?
- Does the school have a zoned program?

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6. Admissions Method

- **Audition**—students ranked based on audition, grades, test scores and attendance
- **Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)**—half of students match randomly, the other half are matched from among candidates ranked by the school
- **Limited Unscreened**—priority goes to students who attend an Information Session or Open House
- **Screened**—students ranked based on grades, test scores, attendance and in some cases other criteria
- **Screened Language:** Students ranked based on language proficiency
- **Test**—Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) are required to attend:
 1. The Bronx High School of Science
 2. The Brooklyn Latin School
 3. Brooklyn Technical High School
 4. High School for Mathematics
 5. Science and Engineering at City College
 6. High School of American Studies at Lehman College
 7. Queens High School for the sciences at York College
 8. Staten Island Technical High School, Stuyvesant High School
- **Zoned**—priority to students who live in the geographic zone of the high school

7. Special Needs

Does your child require?

- Language Services
- Special Education Services
- Person with Disabilities Accessible Site?

8. Types of Schools

- Community High Schools
- New Small Schools
- Career and Technical High School
- Audition and Performing/Visual Arts HS
- Specialized High Schools
- Charter Schools

9. Citywide Choice Process

- List up to 12 programs (some schools have more than one program) in order of preference
- School programs employ different admissions methods to determine how candidates are considered
- Students are matched to their highest choice possible, subject to admissions methods, priorities & seat availability
- Every 8th grade NYC resident is guaranteed entrance into a New York City public high school

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APPLICATION TIPS

Do Your Research First!!!

- ***Complete the High School Application Research Worksheet***
 - List your choices in the order of your preference
 - List only those programs and schools that you will accept if matched
 - Discuss your application with your guidance counselor as needed
 - If you pre-registered for an audition make sure that you put it on your application
 - Keep a copy of your application for your records

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 18, 2016

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

High School Admissions	www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/high
Online High School Directory	www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/high/directory
Accountability and Achievement	www.nyc.gov/schools/Accountability
English Language Learners	www.nyc.gov/schools/academics/ELL
Public School Athletic League (PSAL) Locations	www.psal.org
MTA Website	www.mta.info
E-mail Updates	www.nyc.gov/schools/subscribe
Stay Connected	www.facebook.com/nycschools

**Special Alerts*

****If you DO NOT like a school, DO NOT include it as one of your choices, you may be accepted to that school.***

****Write your school choices in descending priority order.***

****Twelve choices are NOT MANDATORY!
(You do not have to select 12 choices if you have already chosen ALL the schools you like)***

****Please select MORE THAN 3 schools***

****All audition dates are listed in the high school directory***

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LET'S PRACTICE

ELEGIBILITY

What is the significance of each scenario?

1. Open to district 29 then to Queens's residents, then to NYC residents
2. Open to Queens students
3. Open to Queens residents
4. Open to NYC residents
5. Open to district 25 only

ADMISSION METHODS

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- **Test**—Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) required
- **Unscreened**—students selected randomly
- **Zoned**—priority to students who live in the geographic zone of the high school

Which Admission Method(s) would maximize the possibility of being accepted to a program considering each scenario?

1. Student # 1: Talented in art, has a portfolio, has average grades in English, Math Social Studies, and Science, absent 3 times, lateness 1
State Test: 2/3
2. Student # 2: English 65, Math 70, Social Studies 70, Science 75, State Tests: 1/2
3. Student # 3: English 95, Math 90, Social Studies 85, Science 90, State Tests 4/4, Absence 0, lateness 1
4. Student # 4: English 90, Math 70, Social Studies 85, Science 90, State Tests 2/4
Absence 12, lateness 1
5. Student # 5: Spanish speaking student has been in the U.S. for three years and is an ELL as per NYC guidelines

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The Selection Process...

- **Step 1.** Submit your high school application
- **Step 2.** The high schools that you selected on your application will not know how you prioritized your choices.
- **Step 3.** The enrollment office will submit a list to each high school of choice for every student.
- **Step 4.** Each high school will rank and submit a list of students that they wish to accept based on their admission methods, to the enrollment office.
- **Step 5.** The enrollment office will review the student's prioritized list and match them to the school that is closest to their first choice.
- **Step 6.** THAT PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED TO YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You Will Only Be Offered One Choice Unless You Are Offered A Seat In One Of The Specialized High Schools Based On Your SHSAT Scores And/Or LaGuardia Auditions

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Choice Order

1. Zone Program
2. Music
3. Engineering/Technology
4. Computer Technology
5. Energy Technology
6. Pan American International

Answer based on the Choice Order above

Choice number five is the program that you would like to be matched to. What do you think will happen if you live in the zoned area?

Choice number 6 is the program that you would like to be matched to. The enrollment matches you to choice number two. Why?

The enrollment office matches you to a specialized high school and choice number three. What do you do?

Your child is matched to choice number 3 and choice number 5; however, you really want choice number 5. What choice will the enrollment office offer you?