

## DREAM - The Specialized High Schools Institute (DREAM - SHSI)

DREAM-SHSI is an extracurricular program of rigorous coursework designed to assist eligible NYC students in preparing for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT). The SHSAT is used to determine admission to the following eight Specialized High Schools: The Bronx High School of Science; Brooklyn Technical High School; The Brooklyn Latin School; High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College; High School of American Studies at Lehman College; Queens High School for the Sciences at York College; Staten Island Technical High School and Stuyvesant High School. DREAM – SHSI coursework emphasizes verbal and math skills, problem-solving, critical analysis, time management, and test-taking strategies specific to the SHSAT.

The DREAM - SHSI program includes five components beginning when students are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

<b>Step D</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	January – June 2017 (16 sessions)	Saturdays (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
<b>Step R</b>	Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders	July – August 2017 (20 sessions)	Monday – Thursday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
<b>Step E</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Graders	October 2016 – June 2017 (32 sessions)	Wednesday (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM) Saturday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
<b>Step A</b>	Rising 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	July – August 2017 (20 sessions)	Monday – Thursday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
<b>Step M</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	September – October 2017 (18 sessions)	Tuesday & Thursday (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM) Saturday (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Participants progress through the program as cohorts beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who are selected to participate in DREAM-SHSI must make a commitment to the full 22-month program.

To be eligible to apply for **DREAM- SHSI**, a student must

- ◆ be a current **NYC resident**,
- ◆ be a current **6<sup>th</sup> grade** student,
- ◆ be economically disadvantaged as defined by **Title I Free Lunch** status,
- ◆ have reached a minimum score on the **grade 5 NYS ELA** exam,
- ◆ have reached a minimum score on the **grade 5 NYS math** exam, and
- ◆ have had a minimum attendance rate of **90% during grade 5**.

**STEP III and DREAM Intensive**

**September 2016**

- 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM-1<sup>st</sup> instructional day of the fall
- 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM
- 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM
- 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 3:30 -6:30 PM

**October 2016**

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM
- 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 8:30AM-2:00 PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday ) 3:30 -6:30 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 3:30 -6:30 PM

**\*\*Dates and times are subject to Change.**

**\*\*Saturday sessions will consist of 120 minutes of math and 120 minutes of verbal.**

**\*\*Make-up session days in the event of school closures will be determined by sites.**

**\*\*All parent meeting schedules will be determined by each site.**

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