

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

THINGS TO CONSIDER...

LOCATION

- What is the location of the High school I am applying?
- Am I willing to travel the distance for **4 years?**
(schools begin early and end late)

WHAT TO EXPECT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

- Intro to H.S. Admissions
- Specialized H.S. Admissions
- Citywide High School fair
- Borough High School fair
- Specialized High Schools Admissions Test
- Specialized High Schools Admissions Test for English language learner or student with IEP's or
- 504's

CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL

- New York City offers many types of programs for High School Students.
- Comprehensive High Schools: These schools offer a wide variety of programs with different themes and concentrations, many support services and extracurricular activities. Many of these are neighborhood High Schools.
- New Small Schools: These schools are theme based and have been created in partnership with colleges and universities, cultural institutions, businesses or community based organizations. The student population is usually under 500 students and many are located in larger schools that house several small schools.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Schools:
These schools offer academic programs integrated with skills, knowledge and career preparation required by high-tech industries and various career fields. They are state approved and your child will graduate with a diploma with a technical endorsement.

CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL (CONT'D)

- Performing/Visual Arts High School: These schools offer challenging academic programs along with intensive programs in visual and or performing arts. Auditions and/or portfolios are required. Your child must register for an audition ticket through the guidance counselor.
- Specialized High Schools: There are currently 8 Specialized High Schools. These schools accept students solely on the results of a comprehensive written test. This test is the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and consists of both Verbal and Math sections. This test is given in the fall and your child must register with the guidance counselor for an admissions ticket.
- Fiorello LaGuardia High School is a specialized High School, but does not require the written exam, it only requires an audition.

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

There are currently 8 Specialized High Schools these are:

- Bronx High School of Science
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- Stuyvesant High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College
- High School for American Studies at Lehman College
- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College
- Staten Island Technical High School
- The Brooklyn Latin School

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS TEST (SHSAT)?

I. ELA (57 Items)

- 20 revising/editing questions: 5-8 stand-alone questions and 2 passages w/ 6-8 questions
- 6 reading passages w/5-7 questions
- All questions are multiple choice

II. Mathematics (57 items)

- 5 grid –in questions
- 52 multiple Choice word problems and computational questions
- Total time: 3 hours (180 Minutes)

Scoring and Offers

- Score is based on the number of CORRECT responses.
- When in doubt, make educated guess.
- After all tests are scored, the scores are placed in order from highest to lowest.
- Offers are made based on the student's score and how he/she listed/prioritized the schools on the answer sheet.

WHEN SELECTING HIGH SCHOOLS KEEP IN MIND THESE ADMISSION PRIORITIES...

These priority factors determine your eligibility and effect your chances of matching to the high school(s)/program(s) to which you want to apply:

- Zone – based on home address ONLY
- Borough of residence
- Your middle school location
- Continuing 8th Grade School

Admission Methods

The method used by each of the programs to which you apply to determine your eligibility:

- Unscreened/Zoned, Limited Unscreened,
- Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)
- Screened , Audition

WHAT INFORMATION IS THE HIGH SCHOOL CONSIDERING FOR ADMISSION?

- **GRADES**- Your 7th Grade marks are the most important grades for entrance into high school. When high schools make their decisions, your 7th grade final grades and state test scores will be reviewed.
- **ATTENDANCE**- Good attendance is very important. High schools look at attendance as one criteria for choosing students.
- **PUNCTUALITY**- Getting to school and class on time is extremely important. When you are on time every day, you will not miss any work in your classes. Punctuality develops good habits. It is also another criteria used by the high schools to evaluate students.
- **Attend High School Fairs & Open Houses** – Citywide and Borough specific High School Fairs are held in the fall, while fairs for the New schools are held in February/March. Information Sessions and Open Houses are held throughout the year to help you learn about the high schools. Attend as many as you can when you are in 7th and 8th grade.

TIMELINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

Summer before 8th grade

- Attend HS Information Workshops
- Continue SHSAT prep
- Review HS interests
- Begin to plan Fall calendar, including fairs, open houses, auditions and school visits



8th Grade (Sept-Oct.)

- Review preprinted HS Application received from counselor
- Sign up for SHSAT & auditions for Performing Arts HS
- Citywide & Borough HS Fairs
- Open Houses
- School Visits



8th Grade (Oct-Dec)

- SHSAT
- Auditions
- School testing and interviews
- You may complete HS application and submit either online or via Ms. Russi, the Guidance counselor.

8th grade (December)

- Use *My Schools* (<https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>) and/or speak with Ms. Russi, our school counselor, to decide which 12 programs to include on your application. Applying to 12 programs, all of which you'd be happy to attend, makes it more likely that you'll get an offer to a program of your choice!
- Submit your application online or through the school counselor, Ms. Russi.

8th Grade - March

- When you get your high school offer, you'll also receive a list of programs where you've been waitlisted.
- You'll be automatically added to the waitlist of any program that you listed higher on your application than the program where you received an offer.

***NEW ***

Waitlists

This year, your offer letter will also include a list of programs where you've been waitlisted. You'll be automatically added to the waitlist of any program that you listed higher on your application than the program where you received an offer. *For example, if you get an offer to your third-choice program, you will also be waitlisted at your first-choice and second-choice programs.*

- Schools will be in touch directly if a seat opens up and they can make you an offer.
- Waitlist offers will be made based on seat availability, admissions priorities, and admissions methods.
- You'll be able to check your place on the waitlist for any school, in real time.
- You'll also be able to add yourself to waitlists. However, please note that your best chance of getting an offer to any program is to include it as a choice on your original application.

***Note: There will be no Round 2 application.** The specialized high schools will **not** have waitlists.

For more information on the High school process please visit the
New York City Department of Education website :

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school>