



# Bayside High School

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## FAQs for Students Applying for Admission for 2019-20

### General Information:

**Q: How big is your school?**

A: Approximately 300 staff members and 3,022 students; all of whom are CGL.

**Q: How long is the school day?**

A: 8:00AM- 3:36 PM; we also have a potential for 8:50 AM- 4:27 PM schedules next year, depending on enrollment.

**Q: How can students physically get to Bayside High School?**

A: **Subway:** 7 to Main Street – Flushing; E, J, Z to Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue; F to 169th Street

**Bus:** Q13, Q28, Q31, Q76

**Q: What is your graduation rate?**

A: Our 4 year graduation rate is 98.6 %, with over 900 students graduating in 2018.

**Q: Which colleges have accepted your most recent graduates?**

A: Over 100 colleges and universities.

**Q: Do you require a uniform?**

A: No, but our students are uniformly wonderful.

**Q: What colleges are you affiliated with? What college credits are being offered?**

A: City University of New York; St. John's University; Adelphi University; Rochester Institute of Technology; State University of New York at Farmingdale; Five Towns College; State University of New York; Molloy College. There are over 40 college accredited courses offered.

**Q: Are you a CTE school?**

A: Wall-2-Wall. Our Digital Art program received state approval in the spring of 2014, and our Computer Programming program received state approval in the spring of 2016. Our Sports Medicine and Engineering Programs received state approval in the spring of 2017. Our Music Performance & Production program received state approval in the spring of 2018. We expect our Humanities & Non-Profit Management Program to be certified in 2018-19.

**Q: Do you still have an Academy of Music?**

A: We have brought it into the 21st century and renamed it Music Performance & Production. In addition to playing an instrument or singing for 4 years, the students also take music theory and music production in our all-new recording studio and also can take the Music Regents.

**Q: Do you still have an Art Institute?**

A: We have brought it into the 21st century as Digital Art & Design because, in addition to 4 years of intensive art classes, students can take computer-based art classes, Adobe technical assessments, AP Studio Art and the Arts Regents.

**Q: How many students apply to Bayside?**

A: We had over 13,500 applications in 2016, 14,300 in 2017, and 14,650 in 2018. This is among the most of any non-specialized DOE High School which is why we advise you to rank your Bayside choices high on your application.

**Q: Where can I get more information about Bayside High School?**

A: Several sites describe us and provide reviews and data:

<http://www.baysidehighschool.org>

<http://www.insideschools.org>

<http://www.schools.nyc.gov>

<http://www.nysed.gov>

### Pre-Admission:

**Q If I am interested in Digital Art &/or Music, when do I audition? Do I need an Audition ticket?**

A: Check the High School Directory and [www.baysidehighschool.org](http://www.baysidehighschool.org) for our complete list of dates. No, you do not need an Audition ticket.

***Q: The Sports Medicine and Computer Programming programs are Educational Option programs. What does that mean?***

A: Educational Option programs are meant to serve a wide range of academic performers.

***Q: What does “Screened Program” mean?***

A: In Screened programs, students are ranked based on their final report card grades from the prior school year, as well as reading and math standardized test scores. Attendance and punctuality are also considered.

***Q: If I am zoned to Bayside High School, should I apply to the zoned program?***

A: Students admitted through the zone will be placed into a four-year CTE program of study based on seat availability. Isn't it better to choose for yourself? Zoned students may apply to one or more of our programs if you want those programs. If you apply to multiple programs and get accepted into one and prefer another, we will do our best to move you into that program. However, students that are ultimately accepted through the Zoned Program will be placed into a CTE program based on seat availability.

***Q: How many choices should I fill in on my application?***

A: It depends on which programs you like and would want to attend at the schools that you visit. Filling in only one or two program choices may be a big mistake if you are not matched to one of those programs. You may be left without an offer to a school and may be placed in the second round, where program choices are very few. On the other hand, be certain that you are willing to attend any choice that you list as you may be matched to any of your choices. Do not list a program just to fill in all 12 choices on the application. Investigate all your choices! Safety, Location and Academic Outcomes are key factors. Apply for schools that you would actually want to attend.

***Q If my child has over a 90 average, will they just get in?***

A: No. There are other criteria. Please check the High School Directory for details.

***Q: What if my grades do not meet the qualifications as noted in the High School Directory? Will this mean that I will not get in?***

A: Not all of our programs have grade-based entry methods.

***Q: I missed your two Open Houses, the two High School Fairs, and your visits to my Middle School. Can I request a tour of Bayside?***

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to give personal tours. With all that is involved in running a school of this size and everything that it entails, we are unable to accommodate individual visits. We host two Open Houses every year. Please also visit our website.

#### **After Admission:**

***Q: How does Bayside provide proper guidance and support in a school that has over 3,000 students?***

A: We have 14 guidance counselors who speak over 10 languages. Each guidance counselor has a case-load of approximately 200 students. Students generally have the same guidance counselor for all four years of school from their being frightened freshmen to successful seniors.

***Q: Am I allowed to request the periods in the school day for my schedule?***

A: No. You may be scheduled for any periods during the school day. Period requests cannot be honored. Students should leave the block of time from 8:00 AM to 3:36 (plus travel time) open for school scheduling.

***Q: Do you offer Honors classes?***

A: Every class can be an Honors class and every student can be an Honors Student. We offer every student the opportunity to receive Honors credit for every class they take. If they earn 90% or better in any class (except gym), they will receive “Honors credit” (5% extra weight in non-AP classes) factored into their Grade Point Average. Advanced Placement classes are weighted at 10% of any grade above 65%.

***Q: Which AP courses are offered at Bayside High School? Can you take AP courses that are not necessarily the focus of your program?***

A: AP courses are open to all students. Please see the High School Directory for a partial list as we are adding more for 2019. Additionally, we have numerous courses bearing college credit.

***Q: Am I allowed to make requests for course selection – ex. request a certain foreign language?***

A: No. Students entering with high school credits are individually programmed for subjects in which they are accelerated as are native speakers of languages we offer. Other students are placed based on availability of seats. **Students are expected to study a foreign language every year they attend Bayside, inclusive of passing the appropriate LOTE and Advanced Placement course (if available).**

***Q: Is a summer bridge program required?***

A: Yes (subject to budget). Our credit-bearing intensive five week summer courses are a valuable introduction to high school level coursework.

***Q: Will students be able to have more than one “major?”***

A: Due to the intense focus of each program, students will NOT have enough periods available in the day to complete more than one “major” course of study.

***Q: Can students switch “majors?” or CTE programs once they start at Bayside?***

A: No.

***Q: Can students drop out of their “majors?” or CTE programs once they start at Bayside?***

A: No.

***Q: Do you offer Special Education classes in the CTE programs? Can students with an IEP apply for any CTE?***

A: A full CTE sequence is available in self-contained and integrated co-teaching environments in our Art, Music, and Sports Medicine/Management programs.

***Q: Do you offer self-contained in all subjects?***

A: No, just in the four core subjects.

***Q: Will my child still receive their related service in High School? Will my child have the same Special Education teacher all day?***

A: All students receive all services as prescribed by their Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan. Students will have different teachers according to the teachers’ content license areas.

***Q: What are the Special Education class ratios?***

A: ICT is 12:1; SC is 15:1.

***Q: Do you have a reading/literacy program?***

A: No.

***Q: Will my child still receive testing modifications?***

A: If prescribed by an IEP or 504 Plan or as specified for English Language Learners.

***Q: Are there paraprofessionals/aides in the Cafeteria?***

A: Yes.

***Q: Do students with IEPs have to take Regents exams?***

A: Yes. Many qualify for a safety net passing grade of 55-64 on all Regents.

***Q: Do you have optional graduation timelines?***

A: Yes. Based on student and parent choice, a student may graduate in 3 or 3.5 or 4 years. However, it’s not about graduating high school- it’s about being prepared for college.

***Q: What would I expect Senior (4<sup>th</sup>) Year at Bayside?***

A: Most students complete all New York State requirements for graduation in 11<sup>th</sup> grade (3<sup>rd</sup> year). Students who return for the Fall semester of senior Year or for a full senior year take numerous college-accredited and AP courses; focus on their CTE major’s capstone courses; and engage in internships and/or work study opportunities.