





NYC PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHECKLIST

Period	Timeframe	✓	Action Step <sup>1</sup>
Summer before 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	July - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>*** Place this checklist on your refrigerator or bulletin board! ***</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start a fresh calendar &amp; notebook, dedicated to high school admissions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider self-assessment exercises <sup>2</sup></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider attending <i>Intro to HS</i> events held by Dept. of Ed (DOE); start to learn about key admissions concepts/terminology &amp; role of 7<sup>th</sup> grade record</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Set academic goals for 7<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan for fall events</li> </ul>
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7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sep - Dec	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider attending school fairs (DOE or other) to begin your exploration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin compiling portfolio of exemplary school work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin assessing various types of schools for interest &amp; fit (incl. non-public, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where possible, consider attending some school open houses <sup>3</sup></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get familiar with HS Directory, InsideSchools.org &amp; other key resources</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin jotting down school names &amp; initial thoughts into a spreadsheet/table</li> </ul>
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	Jan - March	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider starting some informal school visits - performances, events, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Track academic record vs. goals &amp; selection criteria for aspirational schools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider a test/audition prep plan (State tests, SHSAT, school-based tests, etc.)</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	April - June	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Test &amp; audition/portfolio prep, as necessary, based on individual school req'ts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Start to develop a formal written, prelim. list of schools (the more the better!)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take NY State (or other) standardized testing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider attending some spring open houses, where available</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get new HS publications from your school or from DOE (June)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin filling in fall calendar with key dates/deadlines, conflicts, etc. (June)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin to review updated school admissions selection criteria (June)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be on the lookout for your school's high school information session</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*** Suggested June Goal ***</b></p> <p><i>Working list of at least 15 public schools under consideration (+ specialized, if applicable)</i></p>
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Summer before 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	July - Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> With your child, further develop your school research &amp; list</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for SHSAT/LaGuardia HS registration in September</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop organized files for each school under consideration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue test &amp; audition/portfolio prep, as necessary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend summer admissions events held by DOE (<a href="http://nyc.gov/schools">nyc.gov/schools</a>)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider drafts for individual school written admissions assignments</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin to review school open house info on school websites and register, as nec.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan fall calendar of events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to return to school with a preliminary HS school list</li> </ul>
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sep - June	<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check your school's website or <a href="http://nyc.gov/schools">nyc.gov/schools</a> for details, or contact NYCAS to ask about a customized plan for your family.</li> </ul>

Ask us about a complimentary consultation and how we can help your family with a customized admissions plan.

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<sup>1</sup> NYCAS is not responsible for variations or changes in timeline or policies set by schools or the Dept. of Ed. This timeline is for general, informational purposes only; families are advised to verify all dates & consider a personalized plan based on your own circumstances.

<sup>2</sup> Self-assessment exercises can be an effective way to help define what constitutes school 'fit' for your child; some examples can be found at [edutopia.org](http://edutopia.org).

<sup>3</sup> Check with individual high schools for their policies on 7<sup>th</sup> grade visitation.