

Applying to Kindergarten

All New York City students turning five years old in 2019 should apply to Kindergarten in order to receive a school offer. Families should explore school options in the fall and apply to Kindergarten from November 28, 2018 until January 14, 2019. Kindergarten Admissions is separate from the Turning 5 process. **Students with disabilities should participate in the Kindergarten Admissions process and the Turning 5 process.** The Kindergarten Admissions process is explained below.

Kindergarten Admissions

Kindergarten offers are based on the admissions priorities at any given school. Most schools have an area around them called their zone. If you live within this zone, that school is your “zoned school.” To find your zoned school and district, call 311 or visit our website: schools.nyc.gov/find-a-school. Children are most likely to attend their zoned school for Kindergarten – this is also true for students with disabilities.

All families that submit an application by the deadline will receive an Offer Letter.

**Explore Your
Options**

Apply

**Receive Offer
Letter**

Pre-Register

Explore Your Options

Use the Kindergarten Directory (available in ten languages) to learn more about schools, the application process, and how offers are made. Directories are available online at schools.nyc.gov/kindergarten, and at elementary schools, pre-K programs, and Family Welcome Centers starting in November. You can also request to visit schools or attend open houses, which are listed on our website at schools.nyc.gov/kindergarten.

Apply

You can apply to your zoned school and any other schools of interest from November 28, 2018 through January 14, 2019. You should not wait for your child’s IEP to be completed before you apply, because Kindergarten Admissions decisions do not take IEPs into account.

There are three ways to submit the Kindergarten application:

- online, at schools.nyc.gov/kindergarten;
- over the phone, by calling 718-935-2400; or
- in person, at a Family Welcome Center, Monday through Thursday from 8am to 5pm and Friday from 8 am to 3 pm (call 311 or visit schools.nyc.gov/welcomecenters for locations).

The application is available online and in person, in ten languages. Over-the-phone interpretation is available in more than 200 languages. For more information about applying to Kindergarten, see schools.nyc.gov/kindergarten or call 718-935-2009. Sign up to receive email updates about Kindergarten Admissions at schools.nyc.gov/connect.