

High School and Middle School Waitlists

Frequently Asked Questions



Which waitlists is my child on now? Your child is automatically on the waitlist for any program listed higher on their application than the program where they got an offer. For example, if your child got an offer to their third choice, they are on the waitlist at their first- and second-choice programs. If your child got an offer to their first-choice program, they are not automatically on any waitlists.

Can I add my child to additional waitlists? Yes! You can add your child to additional waitlists, whether or not you listed these programs on their original application. You may only add your child to waitlists at programs they are eligible for.

How do I add my child to waitlists? You can add your child to waitlists online with MySchools ([↗ MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)), through your child's current school, or at a Family Welcome Center (schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters).

Can I remove my child from waitlists? Yes! If you no longer want to be on any waitlist, you can remove your child from that waitlist online with MySchools ([↗ MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)), through your child's current school, or at a Family Welcome Center (schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters).

How can I see which waitlists my child is on? If your child is automatically on any waitlists, your offer letter includes a list of these programs. At any time, you can look up which waitlists your child is on by logging in to MySchools ([↗ MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)) or contacting your child's current school.

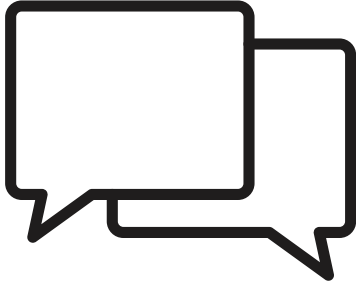
Can I see my child's position on a waitlist? Yes! You can see your child's position on any waitlist by logging in to MySchools ([↗ MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)) or contacting your child's current school.

Will all schools make waitlist offers? All schools except the nine Specialized High Schools have waitlists. Schools with more than one program will have a waitlist for each program. For every program, there are more offers made than there are seats available. This means that some schools may not make waitlist offers, even if some students decline their offer.

Could my child's position on a waitlist change? Yes. Your child's position on a waitlist will change if a program makes waitlist offers, or if students in a higher priority group join the waitlist.

How will I know if my child gets a waitlist offer? If a school makes your child a waitlist offer, they will contact you directly by phone. If you submitted your application online at [↗ MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov), you will also receive an email notification and be able to see this offer in MySchools.

How much time will I have to decide if I want to accept a waitlist offer? If your child receives a waitlist offer, the school will provide a deadline by which you must accept or decline the offer.



Who can I talk to if I have questions about waitlists?

- Speak with your child’s school counselor
- Visit a Family Welcome Center—find locations and hours at schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters

How do I accept or decline a waitlist offer? You can accept or decline a waitlist offer online in MySchools ([MySchools.nyc](https://schools.nyc.gov)) or directly with a program over the phone. Need help? Ask your school counselor or visit a Family Welcome Center.

If I accept a waitlist offer, will it replace my current offer? Yes. Your child can only have one current offer. If you choose to accept a waitlist offer, it will replace your child’s current offer.

Are there waitlists for students with disabilities? Yes. Each middle school and high school program has seats for general education students and seats for students with disabilities. There is a separate waitlist for each group of seats. This means that if your child is eligible for seats for students with disabilities, they will be on the waitlist for students with disabilities; if your child is not eligible, they will be on the waitlist for general education students. Your [MySchools.nyc](https://schools.nyc.gov) account will show which group of seats (and waitlist) your child is eligible for. This is not something you are able to choose or edit—learn more in the Middle School Admissions Guide or the High School Admissions Guide.

How is my child’s position on each waitlist determined?

- For waitlists your child was added to automatically: If a program admits students by priority group, it will make waitlist offers in priority group order. For any program that uses a screened admissions method, students’ positions on its waitlist will be based on how that program ranked them within their priority group; for all other programs, students will be randomly ordered within their priority group.
- For waitlists you add your child to: If you add your child to an additional waitlist, your child’s position will be behind any students in their same priority group who are already on that waitlist.

Can I add my child to a screened program’s waitlist? Yes. However, if you did not include this program on your child’s original application, the school did not rank them.

Learn more about waitlists.

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