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High School Application

**Due Wednesday February 10th,
2021**

MySchools Account

- ▶ Families must create a MySchools account with a code provided in the welcome letter from enrollment. (Letter was mailed to your residence from NYC enrollment)
- ▶ Families can create a MySchools account here:
<https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>
- ▶ How to create a MySchools account video here:
<https://vimeo.com/488986238>
- ▶ If you do not have a code email Kfinegan@schools.nyc.gov or Vreinhardt2@schools.nyc.gov with students name.

Video Series: High Schools

- ▶ MySchools Tutorial: <https://vimeo.com/500080605>
- ▶ Getting Started Part I: <https://vimeo.com/499265398>
- ▶ Getting Started Part II: <https://vimeo.com/499265866>
- ▶ Exploring High Schools: <https://vimeo.com/489822326>
- ▶ Applying to High School: <https://vimeo.com/431549435>

How to apply to High Schools:

- ▶ Families must apply to High Schools through their MySchools account: <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>
- ▶ Students will apply to programs in the High Schools they are interested in attending
- ▶ There are 700 available programs available.
- ▶ Families can add up to 12 programs to the student's High School Application.
- ▶ The 12 programs should be ordered in the preference the student has for the program. ***For example: Most desired program should be listed 1st***
- ▶ Only apply to schools that you want your child to attend. Results up to 1 offer.
- ▶ Students will be put on a waitlist for any program listed above the students matched program choice. ***For example, a student that matches with their 3rd choice program will be put on the waitlists for the programs the student put for their 1st and 2nd choices.***

English Language Learners (ELL)

- ▶ English Language Learners can apply to any high school in New York City.
- ▶ All high schools must provide services for students learning English.

Some high school programs are designed specifically for students who are learning English or new to this country

These programs admit students based on:

- *Home language*
- *Years in this country*
- *English proficiency*

Students with Disabilities (SWD)

- ▶ Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) may apply to any high school program in New York City
- ▶ All high schools must provide services for students with an IEP

In high school admissions, students are considered for offers in two seat groups:

1. Students with Disabilities (SWD)
2. General Education Students (GE)

Students with Accessibility Needs

- ▶ Learn about a school's accessibility:
 - ▶ By visiting or contacting the High School directly
 - ▶ In the High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-high-school-and-specialized-high-schools-admissions-guide----guide-to-the-shsat>
 - ▶ Online in MySchools: <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>

Eligibility Description:

Descriptions of program eligibility are on the *MySchools* program page:

- ▶ It will show which students can and cannot apply.
- ▶ This year most programs do not have eligibility requirements.

Eliminated this year: eligibility based on districts and catchment areas.

Unchanged this year: eligibility based on boroughs and other factors.

Priority Groups:

Priority Groups on MySchools program page:

- ▶ Priority groups list which groups of students have preference for consideration for offers, and in what order.
- ▶ Priority groups will change for different programs at different schools.
- ▶ Many programs do not have priority groups.

Eliminated this year: priority groups based on districts and catchment areas.

Unchanged this year: priority groups based on boroughs, zones, and other factors.

Diversity in Admissions

- ▶ More than 20 high schools have a Diversity in Admissions (DIA) initiative for 2021 admissions.
- ▶ Details: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/meeting-student-needs/diversity-in-admissions>
- ▶ You can find schools with DIA initiatives using the online high school directory in MySchools <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>

Which Students Get Priority to DIA Programs?

- ▶ Most DIA initiatives prioritize low-income applicants for admissions.
- ▶ All students get free lunch at NYC public schools, but **NOT ALL** students are low income.
- ▶ Students whose family income level is below the federal “free lunch” threshold receive admissions priority for any DIA program that gives
 - ▶ Priority to applicants eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (based on family income) **OR**
 - ▶ Priority to applicants eligible for Free Lunch (based on family income).

Students whose family income level is below the federal “reduced price lunch” threshold but above the federal “free lunch” threshold receive admissions priority for any DIA program that gives priority to applicants eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (based on family income).

Diversity in Admissions

- ▶ Families must report their income to get admissions priority for DIA programs that prioritize low-income applicants.
- ▶ Families whose income is below one of the federal income thresholds, but do not report their income to School Food, will not get admissions priority to the corresponding DIA programs.
- ▶ Families can report their income by submitting the **Family Income Inquiry Form** at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

Admissions Methods

Each program uses **one** of these admissions methods:

- ▶ Audition
- ▶ Educational Option (Ed. Opt)
- ▶ Open
- ▶ Screened
- ▶ Transfer
- ▶ Zoned

Learn more about admissions method at:

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

Audition Admissions Method

- ▶ List the program(s) on your high school application in MySchools.
- ▶ Submit your audition files through the Virtual Audition Submission Tool.
 - ▶ **Both** listing the program and submitting the audition must be done to apply to an audition program

Below is a link on how to prepare, what to submit and the Virtual Audition Submission Tool:

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

Screened Admissions Method

Admission may be based on:

- ▶ Course grades from 2018-2019 school year.
- ▶ Course grades from through February 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ▶ Standardized test scores from the 2018-2019 school year.
- ▶ Some programs evaluate additional items such as interviews or portfolios.

Students need to:

- ▶ List the program on your application in MySchools.
- ▶ Read the selection criteria section in MySchools. If an additional action is needed (such as submitting a portfolio or doing a virtual interview), the student **MUST** complete it following the instructions of what to do in the program description.

Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)

Admissions Method

- ▶ Students at a range of academic levels receive offers.
- ▶ Students need to list the program(s) on their application in MySchools.

Composite score based on:

- ▶ Course grades from 2018-2019 school year.
- ▶ Course grades from through February 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ▶ Standardized test scores from the 2018-2019 school year.

Based on composite score, students are assigned a category (high, middle, low).

Offers are made by category:

- High: top third of students citywide, one third of offers to each program.
- Middle: middle third of students citywide, one third of offers to each program.
- Low: bottom third of students citywide, one third of offers to each program.

Admissions Method on your application

- ▶ Each student's application should include programs with a mix of different types of admissions methods.
- ▶ Again, only apply to programs that you want your child to attend.
- ▶ Learn about each admissions method at:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school/nyc-high-school-admissions-guide>

What makes a balanced application?

- ▶ 12 programs you want to attend
- ▶ Not only high-demand programs
- ▶ Programs with a mix of admissions methods
- ▶ Programs where your child is in the first priority group for the program
- ▶ **Only apply to programs that you want your child to attend**

Why is a balanced application important?

- ▶ It gives you a better chance of getting an offer to a program from your application.
- ▶ 97% who listed 12 programs get an offer from a program on their application.

Preference Order of Programs

List programs in your true order of preference, starting with your top choice.

- ▶ High schools cannot see the order of programs on your child's application.
- ▶ Students are considered for offers in the order of the programs on their application.
- ▶ If you don't get into your first choice, then you are considered for the next choice.
- ▶ It's as though the next choice becomes your new first choice.
- ▶ **Submit your application in MySchools by Wednesday February 10th, 2021.**

High School Application Timeline

After the application opens, families can:

- ▶ Add programs to their “favorites” list.
- ▶ Add programs to the application and arrange the programs in their preferred order.
- ▶ Submit the application.
- ▶ Families may alter their application any time until **February 10th, 2021.**

High School Admissions Timeline

- ▶ Week of January 19, 2021: high school application opens
- ▶ **February 23, 2021:** high school application deadline for families, deadline to register for LaGuardia auditions
- ▶ Late spring / summer: high school offers are released, waitlists open
- ▶ Late summer / early fall: waitlists close

Resources for Families

- ▶ Admissions information and videos | www.schools.nyc.gov/High
- ▶ Specialized High Schools | www.schools.nyc.gov/SHS
- ▶ Auditions | www.schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions
- ▶ MySchools directory, registration, and application | www.MySchools.nyc
- ▶ 2021 NYC High School Admissions Guide | <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/2021-high-school-and-specialized-high-schools-admissions-guide----guide-to-the-shsat>
- ▶ Sign up for email updates | www.schools.nyc.gov/SignUp
- ▶ Call the Office of Student Enrollment | 718-935-2009
- ▶ Get personalized help | School counselor's: Kfinegan@schools.nyc.gov & Vreinhardt2@schools.nyc.gov

Check the Roy H. Mann HS Google Classroom

Please check Finegan & Reinhardt's 8th Grade High School Information Google Classroom for any updates and virtual open houses:

Code: **hsewnvu**

Questions or need help applying:

Email: Kfinegan@schools.nyc.gov & Vreinhardt2@schools.nyc.gov

Good Luck!