



High School Admissions

July 2020

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Current Changes

- Admissions Engagement:
 - Attendance and punctuality not considered for 2021 admissions
 - State tests (ELA and math) cancelled in spring 2020
 - Regents exams cancelled in June and August 2020
 - Course grades look very different in spring 2020



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- We understand you need updates so that you can support your students, and we thank you for your patience.
- As soon as we know, we will keep you updated.
 - Summer SHSAT and LaGuardia auditions
 - School buildings re-opening in fall 2020
 - Admissions Engagement events
 - Some admissions methods will change next year. *How* these will change has yet to be determined.
 - Screened, Audition
 - Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)

Upcoming Changes (details to be determined)

- Some information we know, and it is covered in this presentation.
- Some information hasn't been determined yet.



As soon as this information is determined, we will notify you.

Agenda for Today

- What We Know about Summer and Fall
- High School Admissions Overview
- The nine Specialized High Schools
- Next Steps for Summer and Fall
- Updates and Planning Ahead
- 2021 High School Admissions Guide
- Resources and Contacts for Families



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Students with Accessibility Needs

Learn about a school's accessibility:

- By visiting or contacting the school directly
- In the High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide
- Online in My Schools

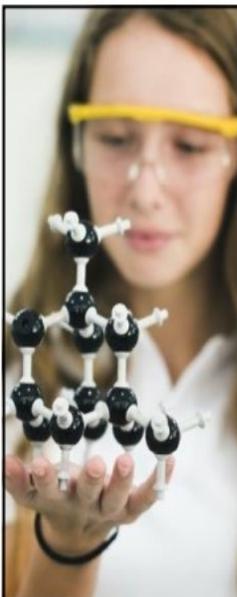
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Two Pathways to High School Admissions

- Required Path**
High School Application
700+ programs
- Optional Path**
Specialized High Schools
9 schools

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.
- English Language Learners are eligible for supports and accommodations on admissions-related tests and auditions.

Some high school programs are 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

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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. IEPs are also known as IESPs or Learning Programs
- On each school page in the online directory, you can find each program's SWD seat availability last year, and each school's accessibility category.

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



General Education Students (GE)

- Students who receive general education instructional programming
- Students who receive special education instructional programming for 20% or less of their academic program as indicated on their current IEP.



Students with Disabilities (SWD)

Students who receive special education instructional programming for more than 20% of their academic program as indicated on their current IEP.

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GE students are only considered alongside other GE students for seats in the application process. Students with disabilities are only considered alongside other students with disabilities for seats in the application process. Not every IEP student is a SWD student. If unclear about seat group (General Education or Students with Disabilities), consult with the school counselor or a FWC.



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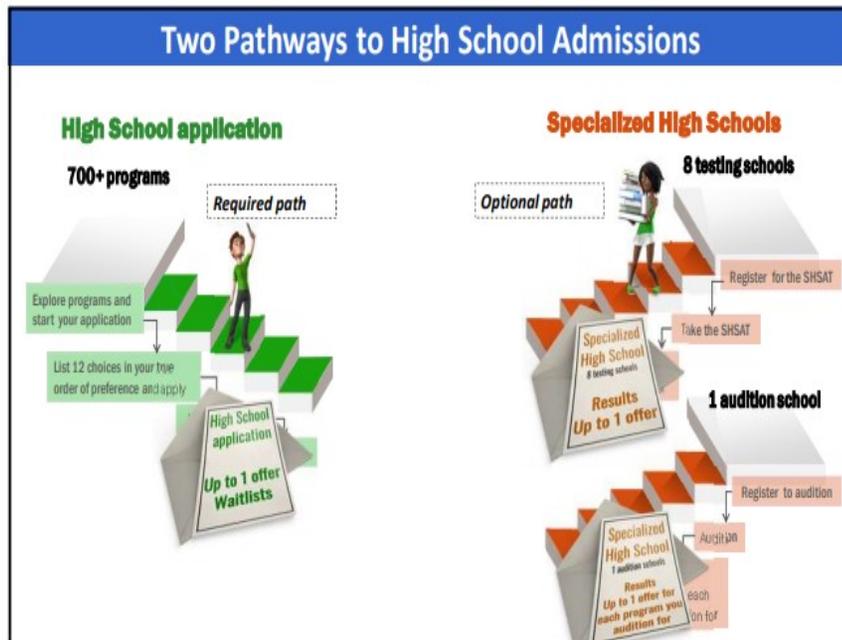



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There are two separate pathways through high school admissions. One pathway is submitting your personalized high school application: this is the way to apply to most of the city's 700-plus program options. The second pathway is testing and/or auditioning to apply to one or more of the nine specialized high schools. Both pathways begin in the fall of your eighth-grade year.



Who Can Participate in High School Admissions

Required Path?

8th grade students who live in New York City

- Public DOE or charter school students
- Private or parochial school students
- Homeschooled students

9th grade students who live in New York City and are not repeating 9th grade



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Two Pathways to High School Admissions: High School Admissions (required path and optional path) start in the fall of the 8th grade and run on different start dates and deadlines. **(Required Path)** Students have several months to explore high schools, start your application, and narrow your options to 12 programs you'd like to attend. The **Optional Path** is for the Specialized High Schools. There are 9 specialized high schools. In the spring, you will get **one** high school offer letter.

This letter will include up to one offer from the high school application and any information about any schools where you are waitlisted. If you took the S-H-S-A-T and/or auditioned for LaGuardia High School, this letter will also contain your Specialized High Schools results: these may include up to one offer from a testing school and/or up to one offer from each LaGuardia program you auditioned for. If you do get more than one offer, you will have a deadline to choose between them. Every high school program--except the nine Specialized High Schools—has a waitlist.



What to do Now

- Learn about high school admissions
- Explore Schools
- Keep a list of your favorite programs
- Get ready for admissions this year



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High School Application: Explore Schools and Programs

Two guides in one book

- High School and Specialized High Schools
- Admissions Guide
- Guide to the SHSAT

Available in 10 languages

- Online at schools.nyc.gov/High and school.nyc.gov/SHS
- At schools (when schools reopen)



SIDE B | Guide to the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test

SIDE A | High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide



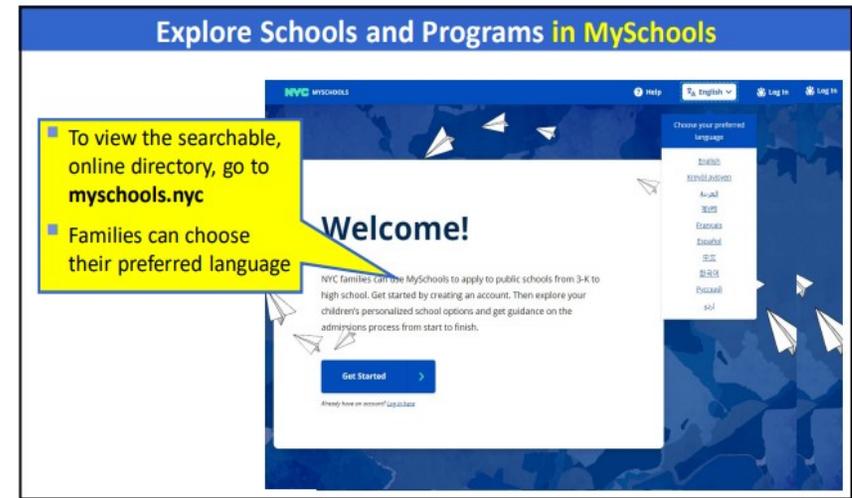
- Learn about more than 700 programs at over 400 schools.
- Explore programs online in MySchools ([MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc)).
- Use the online/printed **2021 NYC High School Admissions Guide** for information about the application process and high school programs and Specialized High Schools.
- Choose 20-30 programs that interest you.
- Narrow your list down to 12 program choices.



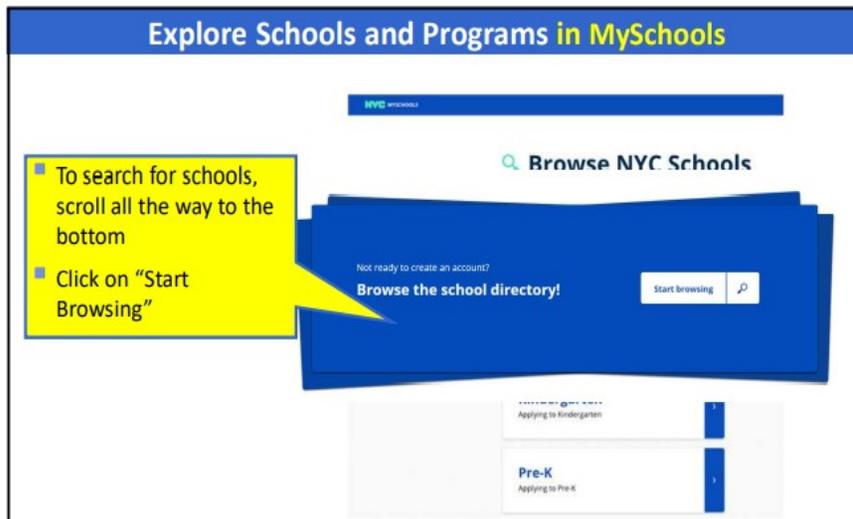
Start your journey to high school with the newest High School Admissions Guide, available online and in print! This book is really two guides in one: When you receive your print copy, flip the book over and note that it has two covers. Here is the link to the online version of the handbook: <https://on.nyc.gov/39E6kGP> This summer is a good time to choose 20 – 30 programs that interest you, and then you'll narrow this down to 12 choices in the fall. Don't list the Specialized High Schools on your application. Your school counselor is your main point of contact through this entire process. Get to know them!



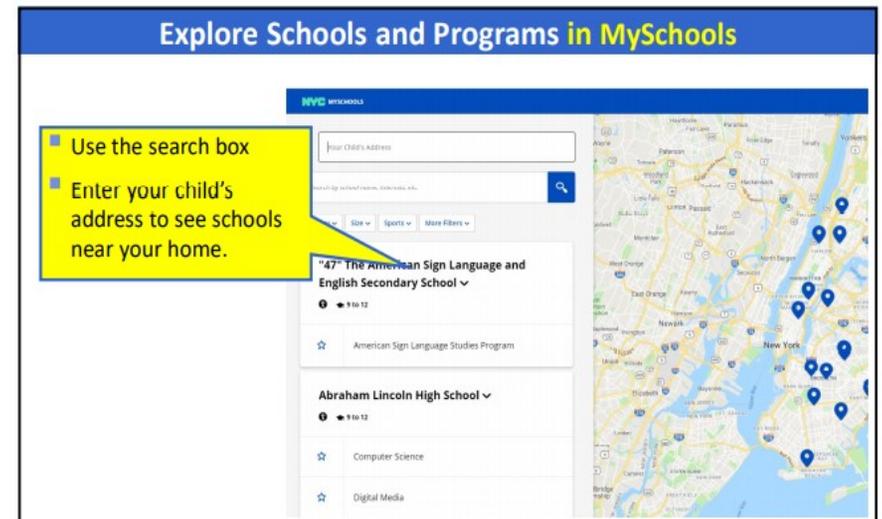
MySchools is the online high school directory and application. Go to myschools.nyc. This is what it looks like. You will find the most up-to-date, detailed information on all schools and programs. When the high school application opens, you'll also use MySchools to build and submit your application.



In the upper right hand corner, you can choose your preferred language.



To start searching for schools, scroll all the way down to the very bottom of the page, and click the button that says, "Start Browsing" to the next screen and select "High School."



This is the searchable online directory. At the top is a box where you can enter your home address to see schools close to home. Below that is the search box. You can search for anything such as the name of a school, or search for things you want in a school - location, size, courses offered, sports, and more.

Explore Schools and Programs in MySchools – “Narrow Your Search”

The screenshot shows the MySchools search interface. A yellow callout box on the left lists the following filters: Subway, Size, Sports, Career and Technical Programs (CTE), and More Filters. The main interface shows a search bar, a map, and a list of schools. A 'More Filters' dropdown menu is open, showing options for 'SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY' (Remove Students Only, New Students Only, School for New Arrivals, Transfer School) and 'SCHOOL TYPE' (Basic, Apply).

Below the search box, you'll see some buttons. You can use these to narrow down your search. Click the **Subway** button to choose subway lines to see schools near the subway lines you chose. Click the **Size** button to choose your desired school size. Click on **More Filters** to explore other options. More information is in the High School Guide starting on page 10.

Explore Schools and Programs in MySchools – “Learn About Schools”

The screenshot shows the Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School page. A yellow callout box points to the school name with the text: 'Click the name of a school to read about it.' The page displays school information (address, phone, website, subway lines, bus routes, hours) and a map. On the left, there are sections for Location, Size and Schedule, School Performance, Academics, Activities, Other features, and Accessibility. On the right, there is an Overview section with a plus sign next to Performance, Academics, Activities, Other Features, and Accessibility.

To read more about a school, just click the name of a school. Then you'll see this, the school page. On the left is all the information about the school, and the map showing where the school is located appears on the right.

Explore Schools and Programs – “Type of Schools to Consider”

- Performing and Visual Arts
- Career and Technical Education – *earn industry-related credentials*
- Schools for newly – arrived students who are learning English
- Performance Assessment Schools – *Extensive Research project and defense of work and does not require students pass certain Regents exams*
- Early College – *earn associate degree while in high school for free*
- NYC P-Schools with grades 9–14 – *associate's degree + workplace skills*
- Community Schools – *brings schools, families, and community partners together*

Information about these school types is in the High School Admissions Guide on pages 9–11.



This is just a partial list of all the different types of schools there are in New York City. Information about these school types is the High School Admissions Guide on pages 9–11.

Explore Schools and Programs such as Career and Technical Education schools

The image features the NYC CTE logo with the tagline 'Preparing Students for Life'. Below the logo are three yellow boxes: 'Rigorous Academics + Industry Certifications', 'Work-Based Learning', and 'Postsecondary Institutional Articulations'. At the bottom, it states: 'There are +64,000 student enrolled at +300 CTE programs with an 82.9% graduation rate (as compared to citywide graduation rate of 72.9%).' The NYC Department of Education logo is in the bottom right corner.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is one type of schools mentioned. Students in CTE high schools graduation at a higher rate compared to citywide graduation rates. Here is the link to a video to learn more these schools. https://youtu.be/KqZvbLMB_j4

Explore Schools and Programs – “Learn More About Programs”

Like “doorways” to get into the school.

List programs on the high school application.

Programs at this school

When you scroll down on the school page in MySchools, you’ll see programs at the school. Think of programs like doorways to get into the school through the application process. When you complete your application in the fall, you will list programs on the application, not schools. Some schools have one program. Some schools have many programs. Each program is a choice on your application. Click on the name of a program to read more about the program.

Program Factors that Affect Your Chances of Getting an Offer

Example program:

ADMISSIONS METHOD
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Seats are reserved by ELA category (16% Low, 68% Mid, 16% High)
50% of offers to students ranked by school, 50% of offers are random

PRIORITY GROUPS

1. Priority to Brooklyn students or residents (97% of offers went to this group)
2. Then to New York City residents (3% of offers went to this group)

DEMAND LAST YEAR

Category	Applications Per Seat	Seats	Applicants
General Education	4	89	362
Students With Disabilities	4	19	71

Not All Seats Filled

Priority Groups show the order in which applicants are considered for offers.

Demand last year: More applicants per seat means a lower chance of getting an offer.

Admissions Methods show what students need to do to be considered for the program, but remember that some admissions methods will change this fall. Details have yet to be determined. Demand last year: this section shows the number of applicants and the number of seats show the demand for the program was last year. More applicants per seat means a lower chance of getting an offer.

Explore Schools and Programs – “Learn More About Programs”

Program name and description

STEAM-Environmental Studies

Program Code: K16C
This is an interdisciplinary program for students interested in understanding the natural and urban environment and environmental ethics through hands-on and project-based learning. Students will develop analytical and process skills that will prepare them for college and a career in environmental science and emerging green industries. In addition, students will explore the real-world use of hydroponics and the importance of green living. This culminates in a Capstone Project for Seniors.

Reminder
Eligibility shows who can apply to the program

Additional Information shows the program’s interest area, and if there are 10th grade seats available.

+ Eligibility Description

+ ADMISSIONS METHOD Ed. Opt.

+ Additional Information

In the admissions method section, you will see important information that will help figure out a student’s chance of getting an offer to each program. Admissions Methods show what students need to do to be considered for the program. Priority Groups show the order in which applicants are considered for offers. Priority groups are different at different programs, and some programs don’t have these. at all.

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Academy for Language and Technology (09X365)

📍 9 to 12

📍 1700 MACOMBS ROAD, BRONX, NY 10453

🌐 <http://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/09X365>

✉ 09x365@schools.nyc.gov

☎ 718-731-0210

🕒 9 to 12

Subway
4 to 176th St, B, D to 174-179th Sts

Bus
Bx1, Bx18, Bx2

Button to download and print a PDF of the school page

You can now download and print each school page as a PDF.

Program Factors: Admissions Methods

Programs that do not see an applicant's school record:

Programs that do see an applicant's school record: (Subject to change in fall 2020 due to COVID-19)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened for language <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Test (SHSAT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)
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Shows what a student needs to do to be considered for admissions.

Learn more about Admissions Methods on page 26 in the High School Admissions Guide.

Program Factors: Diversity in Admissions

- 20 high schools participating
- Pilot initiative to increase diversity within their schools
- Participating high schools give a certain percentage of applicants an admissions priority. Applicants who qualify as economically disadvantaged, based on federal income guidelines, have this priority.
- Different schools give different students priority:
 - Free Lunch
 - Free or Reduce Price Lunch
 - English Language Learners (one school)
 - Top ranked applicants' admissions by zip code (one school)
- To see the list of schools: schools.nyc.gov/diversityadmissions



What makes a balanced application?

- 12 programs
- Not just high-demand programs
- Your child is in the first priority group for some programs



Only apply to programs that you *want* your child to attend.



If you apply to any high-demand programs (10 or more applicants per seat), find programs that have fewer than 10 applicants per seat. More applicants per seat mean a lower chance of getting an offer.



Remember, your goal is to build a balanced application in the fall. And this is what we mean: **12 programs:** Your child's application has 12 program choices that you want. **Not just high-demand programs:** These programs have many more applicants than available seats. More applicants per seat lower the chance of getting an offer. If you apply to any high-demand programs (10 or more applicants per seat), A student **is in the first priority group for at least some programs:** Not in the first priority group means a lower chance of getting an offer.

Program Choice on the Application

- 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 is your new first choice.

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



If your child does get into their first choice, then that's it! They're not considered for any of the other choices on their application. Therefore, your first choice should be your real first choice, even if it's a competitive program.



One of the most important things is the order of choices on a student's application. High schools cannot see the order of programs on a student's application. Also, if a student gets into their first choice, then that's it! One is not considered for any of the other choices on their application.

So a student's first choice should be their real first choice, even if it's a competitive program.

Program Choices on the Application



Fun Fact:

97% of students who listed 12 programs received an offer to a choice on their application.

Listing 12 programs means you will have a better chance of getting an offer to one of your choices.

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A very important student factor is the number of choices on the Application. 97% of students who listed 12 programs on their Applications received an offer to a program of choice in Round 1 last year. If students list 12 programs on an application, they will have a better chance of getting an offer from one of your choices.

Next Steps: Offer Letters in Spring

- Results from the high school application
- Results from the SHSAT and LaGuardia auditions (if applicable)
- A list of programs where your child is **waitlisted**. Your child will automatically be added to the waitlist for any program you listed higher on the application than the program where you received an offer.



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Waitlists: What changed, and what won't?

What is staying the same?

- The high school application will remain the same:
 - Opens in early October.
 - 12 choices in preference order.
 - Offer letters in March.

What changed?

- No Round 2 application as of spring of 2020
- Instead, all programs will have **waitlists**. Waitlists will open in March immediately after offer letters.
- **Specialized High Schools will NOT have waitlists**, just like they did not have Round 2 or Appeals in the past.

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Who Can Participate in High School Admissions Optional Path – Specialized High Schools ?

8th grade students who live in New York City

- Public DOE or charter school students
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- Homeschooled students

9th grade students who live in New York City and are not repeating 9th grade



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The **optional pathway** is for the Specialized High Schools. There are 9 specialized high schools. If you want to apply to any of these, you can take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and/or audition for LaGuardia high school in the fall of 8th grade. Then in March, you'll get your results if you chose to do this path.

 <p>Bronx HS of Science ~3,000 Students 30 AP and post-AP course 43 athletic teams Fun Fact: There is a planetarium in the school</p>	 <p>Brooklyn Technical HS ~6,000 Students Students choose from 18 academic majors Fun Fact: There is a full court room for Law and Society majors</p>	 <p>Brooklyn Latin ~750 Students International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Fun Fact: Latin and Greek are offered as a foreign language</p>	 <p>HS of American Studies at Lehman College ~400 Students (Location: Manhattan) Access to advance college course and facilities through Lehman College Fun Fact: 100% graduation rate since the establishment of the school</p>	
 <p>HS of Mathematics, Science & Engineering at City College ~400 Students (Location: Manhattan) Access to advance college course & facilities through Lehman College Fun Fact: 100% graduation rate since the establishment of the school</p>	 <p>Fiorello H. LaGuardia HS of Music & Art & Performing Arts ~2,700 Students (Location: Manhattan) Students may audition for six studios Fun Fact: First school in the nation to provide free public funded programs for students with unique talents in the arts</p>	 <p>Queens HS for the Sciences at York College ~450 Students (Location: Queens) College Now coursework through York College Fun Fact: Students are dismissed early on Fridays to participate in club activities</p>	 <p>Staten Island Technical HS ~1,300 Students 15-30-60 Program Fun Fact: There are 17 AP courses, numerous college extension courses and a College Now program.</p>	 <p>Stuyvesant ~3,300 Students 112 electives, 42 sports teams, and over 200 after school clubs Fun Fact: There are 8 computer science classes & numerous clubs.</p>

What are the Specialized High School (SHS)?

There are nine Specialized High Schools (SHS). Learn more about them in the SHS Student Handbook, NYC High School Guide, and MySchools. There are eight schools that require students to take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test, also called the SHSAT: Bronx Science, Brooklyn Tech, Brooklyn Latin, HS of American Studies at Lehman College, HSMSE at City College, Queens HS for Sciences at York College, Staten Island Tech, and Stuyvesant. These schools do not review students' academic record for admissions. The ninth is LaGuardia High School which the only SHS that requires an audition.



Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts is the one audition SHS.

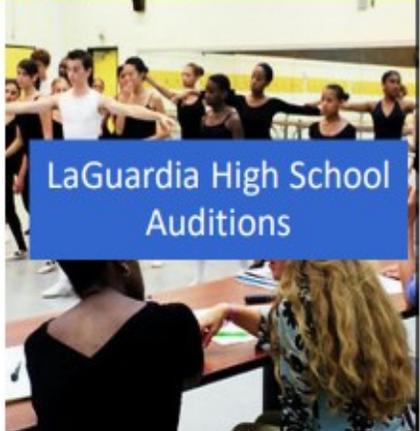
Apply by auditioning for one or more studios:

<p>Dance</p> 	<p>Drama</p> 	<p>Fine and Virtual Arts</p> 	<p>Instrumental Music</p> 	<p>Technical Theater</p> 	<p>Vocal Music</p> 
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LaGuardia High School is the only Specialized High School that requires an audition and review of previous year's academic achievements. For 8th grade students who audition, LaGuardia reviews their 7th grade school record. Students *do not* have to take the SHSAT for admission to LaGuardia; the SHSAT is not used at all for admission to LaGuardia High School. There are six studios at LaGuardia that students can audition for: Dance, Drama, Fine and Visual Arts, Instrumental Music, Technical Theater, Vocal Music.

Your Specialized High Schools Path

- Practice! Auditions are different for each studio:
 - Specialized High Schools Student Handbook
 - LaGuardiaHS.org
- English Language Learners and students with an IEP or 504 Plan: Work with your school counselor to review accommodations.

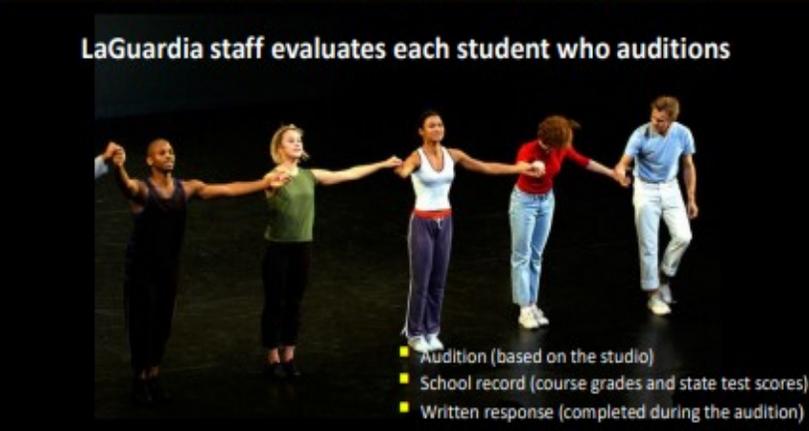


LaGuardia High School Auditions

Start preparing for LaGuardia High School auditions now. The Specialized High Schools Student Handbook has audition requirements for each studio and LaGuardia's website. Audition dates and times are in the SHS Student Handbook on page 7. Work with your school counselor in September to review any accommodations needed.

What happens after auditioning for LaGuardia?

LaGuardia staff evaluates each student who auditions



- Audition (based on the studio)
- School record (course grades and state test scores)
- Written response (completed during the audition)

Auditioning for LaGuardia High School is your application to this school. You don't list LaGuardia High School on your high school application.

Your Specialized High Schools Path

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Prepare for the SHSAT

- Read the Guide to the Specialized High Schools Admissions Tests for 2021 Admissions
- SHSAT practice tests

Get to know the Specialized High Schools

Get Started Early

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Read the Guide to the Specialized High Schools Admissions Tests for 2021 Admissions. It has two practice tests. Right now you can also get to know the schools.

Your Specialized High Schools Path

During the SHSAT

- Plan your time:
 - Test is 180 minutes—no breaks.
 - Students with an extended time accommodation: test is 360 minutes —two 15-minute breaks.
- Put final answers on the answer sheet, not the test booklet.
- Transfer your school preference order from your test ticket to the answer sheet. The choices you put on the answer sheet are FINAL.

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Testing and Audition Accommodations

Supports and accommodations are available for ...

- Students with disabilities who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) that have testing accommodations.
- Students who have existing, approved 504 Accommodation Plans that have testing accommodations.
- English Language Learners (ELLs) and eligible former ELLs.

Learn more at MySchools.nyc

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If a student or parent has accessibility needs, we recommend learning about a school's accessibility by planning to visit or by contacting the school directly to confirm that it would be a good fit for the student and the family. General information about a school's accessibility in the High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide, or online in MySchools.

Your Specialized High Schools Path

EXAMPLES OF CORRECT GRID 5

Example 1:
All testing Specialized High Schools chosen

Example 2:
Two testing Specialized High Schools chosen

SCHOOLS	CHOICES							
	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	6th choice	7th choice	8th choice
Bronx Science	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Brooklyn Latin	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Brooklyn Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>							
HS Math, Sci., & Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>							
HS American Studies/Lehman	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Queens Sci./York	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Staten Island Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Stuyvesant	<input type="checkbox"/>							

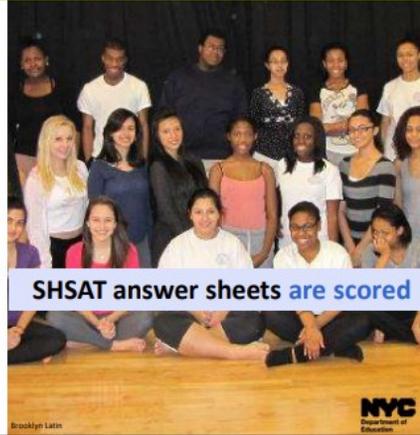
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	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	6th choice	7th choice	8th choice
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Brooklyn Latin	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Brooklyn Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>							
HS Math, Sci., & Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>							
HS American Studies/Lehman	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Queens Sci./York	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Staten Island Tech	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Stuyvesant	<input type="checkbox"/>							

You MUST fill in a first choice school.

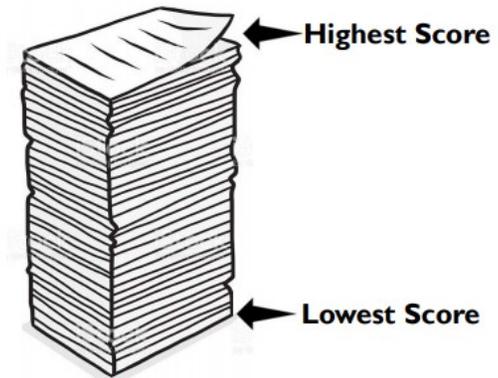
Here are examples of how to bubble in your school choices in preference order on your test ticket and answer sheet. You can also find these examples on page 20 of the Handbook. **Example 1:** This is a student who is interested in all the Specialized High Schools, and so has bubbled in one high school for each choice. This student will be considered for all 8 schools. **Example 2:** This is a student who is interested in only two of the Specialized High Schools, and so has bubbled in one high school for choice number 1, and one high school for choice number 2. This student will only be considered for these two schools.

What happens after the test is taken?

- Offers are determined by:
 - Student's SHSAT score
 - Student's preference order of schools on the answer sheet
 - Seat availability
- Testing Specialized High Schools DO NOT review students' state test scores, grades, or attendance.



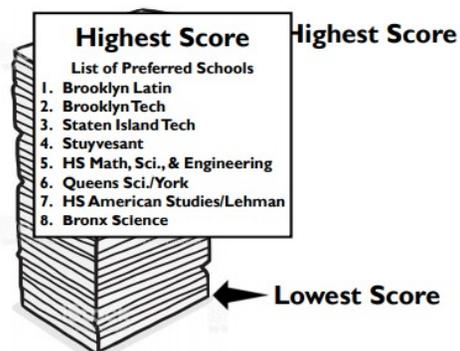
SHSAT answer sheets are scored, then ordered from highest to lowest



Taking the SHSAT is your application to the testing Specialized High Schools. You don't list any of the Specialized High Schools on your high school application. After the SHSAT, answer sheets (not the test booklets) are then scored. Students must make sure they indicate their answers on the answer sheet. Students' test scores are placed in order from the highest score to the lowest score. Students' SHSAT scores, their priority order of all schools, and seat availability determine which students receive offers.

To understand how offers to the testing high schools are determined, imagine all the students' answer sheets are in a big pile, with the answer sheet for the student with the highest score on top, and the next highest score after, and so on. This score order (from highest to lowest) is used to determine which students receive offers.

Score order (highest to lowest) determines which students receive offers



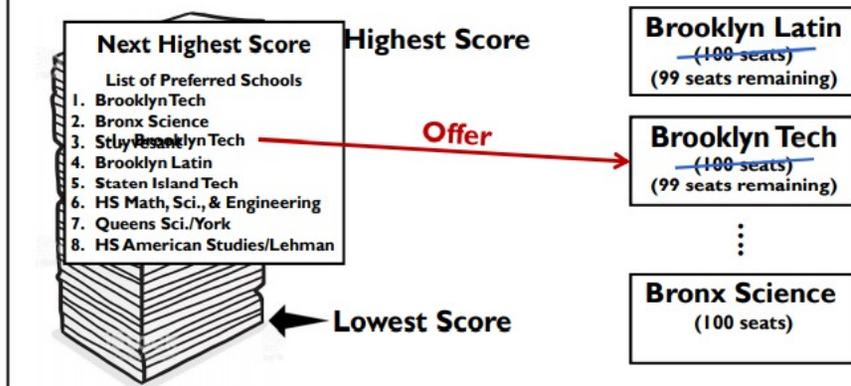
This is an made up example of an answer sheet for the student with the highest score on the SHSAT. Please note that none of these examples imply actual seat counts or actual student choices. The names of the schools are real! The student's first choice school is Brooklyn Latin, second choice school is Brooklyn Tech, etc. The student listed all of the SHS in preference order; the student's last choice is Bronx Science.

Offers are made to each student's most preferred school, as long as seats are available



This top scoring student will be offered their first choice school from this list of schools they bubbled on the answer sheet. Since the first choice is Brooklyn Latin, and Brooklyn Latin has 100 seats available, the student will get an offer. Now there are 99 seats remaining in Brooklyn Latin.

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Then the student with the next highest score will receive an offer to their first choice school, if there are seats available. This student preferred Brooklyn Tech as their first choice. Brooklyn Tech still has 100 seats available and will receive an offer to Brooklyn Tech. Now there are 99 seats left at Brooklyn Tech.

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Let's look at the student with the 500th highest score. This student's first choice, Brooklyn Latin, no longer has seats available. The student's second choice, Brooklyn Tech, also no longer has seats available. The student's third choice, Bronx Science, has 10 seats available and receives an offer there. Now there are 9 remaining left at Bronx Science.

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Finally, let's look at the answer sheet for the student with the 501st highest score. This student's top choice is Brooklyn Latin, but Brooklyn Latin does not have any seats left. The student's next choice is Brooklyn Tech but Brooklyn Tech also has no seats left. The student has no other choices, so does not receive an offer. Had the student listed Bronx Science, the student would have received an offer to Bronx Science. We recommend you list all 8 choices on the answer sheet. You can always decline the offer.

Next Steps: What Can Families Do This Summer?

- Continue learning about high school admissions.
- Explore schools and programs.
- Make a list of favorite programs, and programs they want to learn more about.
- Stay engaged with admissions at schools.nyc.gov/SignUp for admissions tips, key date reminders, information about events, and any changes to the process or timeline
- Watch videos on high school admissions (available instead of summer workshops for families) at schools.nyc.gov/HSVideos. Posted throughout the summer.

Next Steps: When your Child is in 8th Grade

- Create an account in **MySchools (MySchools.nyc)** and add your child. DC2 DM2 LPHL
- You will receive instructions in the mail and from your school counselor – your **“Welcome Letter”** in the fall.
- Private or parochial school students—work with your school counselor or contact a Family Welcome Center.
- Your **Welcome Letter** has:
 - Account creation code
 - Instructions for getting started in MySchools
 - General information
- Register for the SHSAT and/or LaGuardia auditions in MySchools (**MySchools.nyc**).



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This is a good time to make sure your home address is correct in ATS. In September, the Office of Student Enrollment sends a printed Welcome Letter to each public school 8th grade student at their home address. School counselors can also provide you with this letter. Students, who attend a private or parochial school, can get their letter from their current school counselor or at a Family Welcome Center.

Resources and Contacts for Families

- ✓ High School admissions guide, videos, and more | schools.nyc.gov/High
- ✓ Waitlists | schools.nyc.gov/waitlists
- ✓ Diversity in Admissions | schools.nyc.gov/DiversityAdmissions
- ✓ MySchools directory and application | MySchools.nyc
- ✓ High School Admissions Email List | schools.nyc.gov/sign-up
- ✓ Call the Office of Student Enrollment | **718-935-2009**
- ✓ Get personalized help | **your child’s school counselor**

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Here are resources for you to use, and remember, your main point of contact is your child’s school counselor.

Next Steps: Cont'd

High School Application

- Complete auditions and program-specific assessments for any programs your child will apply to.
- Submit your child’s high school application in **MySchools (MySchools.nyc)**

Specialized High Schools testing and auditions (optional)

- Get your test and/or audition ticket
- Take the SHSAT and/or audition for LaGuardia High School



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Reminder - Your Welcome Letter has:
Account creation code
Instructions for getting started in MySchools
Only after that, you can add your child in MySchools and start your application.



Here are some notable alumni from NYC public high schools.