

Welcome to High School Admissions!



Presentation begins at 6:00 pm
Participants are muted to reduce background noise.

For families of students entering high school in September 2025!

Agenda

- **Basics**
- **Exploring High School Options**
- **Admissions**
- **Building Your Application**
- **Specialized High Schools**
- **Assorted Details**
- **Resources followed by Q & A**





Basics

Who Can Participate?

8th grade students who live in New York City

- NYC public school or charter school students
- Private school students
- Homeschooled students

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

We Welcome and Serve All Students!

- Students Learning English
- Immigrant Families
- Students with Disabilities
- Students with Accessibility Needs
- Students in Temporary Housing
- LGBTQ+ Students

Three Pathways

High School Application

700+ programs

Explore programs and start your application

List 12 or more choices in your true order of preference and apply **by Dec 4!**

Results
Up to 1 offer

Waitlists

SHSAT

8 testing schools

Register for the SHSAT
by October 18!

Take the SHSAT

Results
Up to 1 offer

LaGuardia

1 audition school

Apply and submit audition materials online **by Dec 4!**

Results
Up to 1 offer for each audition submitted

Admissions Timeline

- **October 1:** High School Admissions Opens
 - High School Application
 - Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School Application
 - Registration for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)
- **October 18:** Deadline to register for the SHSAT
- **December 4:**
 - Deadline to submit a high school application and LaGuardia application
 - Deadline to submit assessments and auditions
- **March 6:**
 - High School Offers and SHSAT/LGA results become available
 - Waitlists open





Explore High School Options





This is the admissions portal where you can learn about every NYC public high school



This is also where you will

- **Submit applications**
- **Register for the SHSAT**
- **Upload auditions and some assessments**
- **Get your high school offer**

Your MySchools Account

MySchools.nyc

Already have an account?

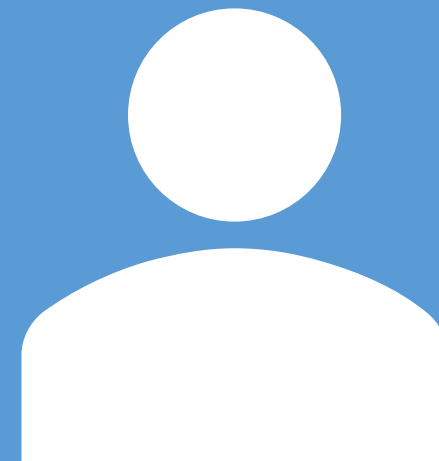
Just log in! Reset your password if needed.

Don't have an account yet?

- All you need to set it up is:
 - Your child's account creation code from their welcome letter
 - Your child's student ID

Need a copy of your welcome letter?

- Ask your school counselor
- **Private school families** can also ask their local Family Welcome Center
schools.nyc.gov/FWC



Use Filters to Narrow Your Search

- **College and Career Pathways**
- **Building Features**
- **Admissions Methods**
- **Interest Areas**
- **And more!**

The screenshot displays the NYC MYSCHOOLS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'School Directory', 'Calendar', 'Enrollment Support', 'Help', and 'English'. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar labeled 'Your Child's Address' and a search button. A secondary search bar contains the text 'Search by school name, interests, etc.'. Below the search bars, there are several filter buttons: 'Admissions Method', 'Interest Areas', 'College and Career Pathways', 'Sports', 'Building', and 'More Filters'. The main content area shows a list of search results. The first result is '47 The American Sign Language and English Secondary School (02M047)' with a grade level of '9 to 12' and a star icon. The second result is 'Abraham Lincoln High School (21K410)' with a grade level of '9 to 12' and a star icon. The third result is '75K053 D75 Inclusion Program at Abraham Lincoln High School (K24U)'. To the right of the search results is a map of the New York City area, showing various boroughs and school locations marked with blue pins.

Learn About Programs



Abraham Lincoln High School (21K410) ▾

🔗 🏠 9 to 12

- ☆ Abraham Lincoln High School D75 Inclusion Program (K24U)
- ☆ Computer Science (K24J)
- ☆ Digital Media (K24C)
- ☆ Digital Photography (K24L)
- ☆ Honors Institute for American Studies and Law-Gilder Lehrman (K24M)
- ☆ Veterinary Sciences and Animal Care (K24A)
- ☆ Virtual Enterprise (K24B)
- ☆ Zoned (K24Z)

Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship: A College Board School (11X270) ▾

🔗 🏠 9 to 12

- ☆ Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship (X02R)

Academy for Software Engineering (AFSE) (02M546) ▾

🔗 🏠 9 to 12

- ☆ Academy for Software Engineering (AFSE) (A54A)

Academy for Young Writers (19K404) ▾

🔗 🏠 6 to 12

- ☆ Academy for Young Writers (L22A)

Program Description

Would it be a good fit for you?

Comprehensive CTE program in film and TV production that includes hands-on work-based learning experience, alongside a rigorous academic college preparatory program.

Program Eligibility

Most high school programs are open to all NYC residents, but some have an eligibility.

Eligibility Description

Open only to New York City residents whose home language is Spanish



Admissions

Admissions Methods

- How programs make offers to students **and**
- What students need to do to be considered for admission

Additional Information

- Each program's interest area
- If there are 10th grade seats available



Programs that Rank Applicants (Audition, Screened with Assessment, Language Criteria)

Audition Programs



Common Components

schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions

- 25 high schools offer audition programs. They all (including LaGuardia) use the same common audition components for each discipline.
- Families can submit virtual auditions directly in MySchools. Some programs may also offer an in-person option for auditions.
- The same common audition components will be used for virtual or in-person auditions.



Audition

What To Do

1. Audition

- Learn how: [Schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions](https://schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions)
- Submit your virtual auditions in MySchools by December 4.

2. Apply

- Also list each audition program of interest on your high school application.
- To apply to LaGuardia, submit a LaGuardia application by December 4. (LaGuardia programs are not on the regular high school application.)

How Offers Are Made

- Each school scores auditions using their own criteria
- Offers are made in score order
- **ONLY** LaGuardia High School also considers a student's grades. Students must have a 65 in all their core course subjects as indicated on their final June 2024 report card.



Screened with Assessment



What to Do

1. Complete the program's required assessment by December 4. Learn more at
 - Some schools' assessments must be uploaded directly in MySchools
 - Other schools' assessments must be submitted directly to the school
2. List each program of interest on your application

schools.nyc.gov/AssessmentHS

How Offers Are Made

- High schools will score their own assessments.
- A student's grades and their score for the assessment will be combined using a weighted average.
- Students are admitted in descending order of the combined, weighted average.

Language Criteria



What to Do

- List programs of interest on your application. There is nothing else you need to do.

How Offers Are Made

- Schools rank students based on characteristics such as:
 - Home Language
 - English Language Learning Status
 - Years in NYC
- Offers are made based on each school's ranking





Programs that do not rank Applicants (Education Option, Screened, Open, and Zoned)

Educational Option (Ed. Opt.) Programs

Creates academic diversity

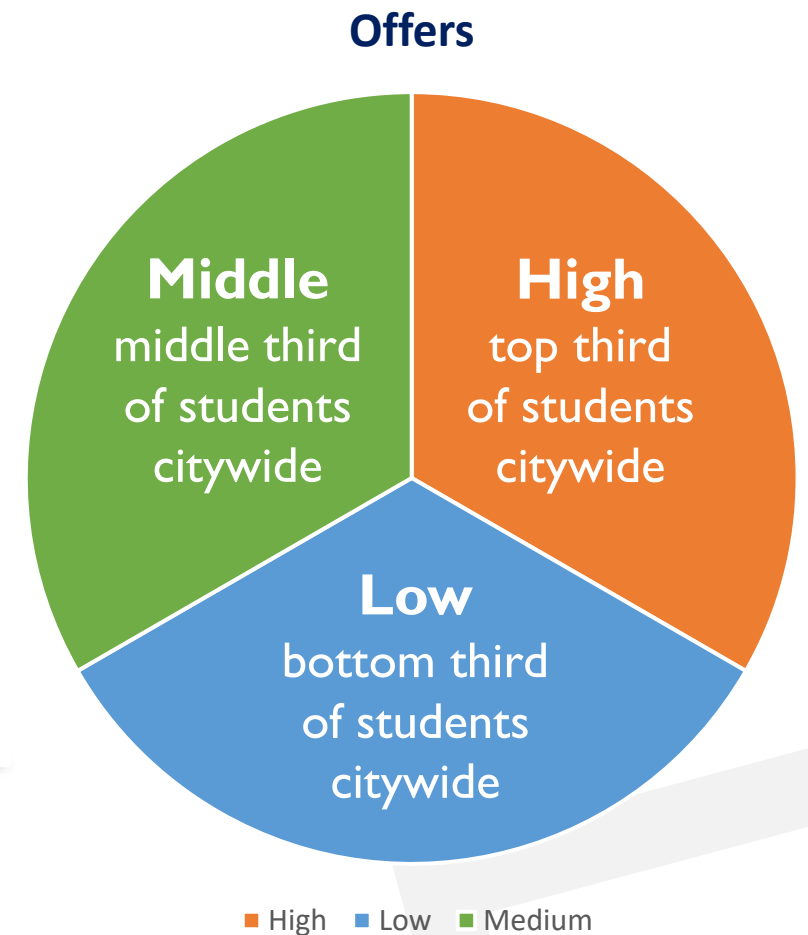
What to Do

List programs of interest on your application. There is nothing else you need to do.

How Offers Are Made

Students are assigned a category (high, middle, low) based on their seventh-grade grades.

Offers are made evenly to students across each category.



Screened Programs



What to Do: List programs of interest on your application. There is nothing else you need to do.

How Offers are Made: Screened programs admit top-performing applicants across each middle school and citywide.

schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS

Screened Programs



How Offers are Made

- Applicants to screened high schools will be in groups based on the average of their final seventh-grade core course grades.
- Students will be admitted to screened programs in group order, starting with students in group one.
- You can see which group your child is in on their MySchools profile.

to fall into the top __% of applicants citywide...	An applicant needs average core course grades of at least:
Top 15% (Group 1)	94.25
Top 30% (Group 2)	89.75
Top 50% (Group 3)	82.75
Top 70% (Group 4)	76.25

schools.nyc.gov/screenedHS

Open Programs



Zoned Programs



What to Do: List programs of interest on your application. There is nothing else you need to do.

How Offers Are Made

- At Open programs, students are randomly selected for seats.
- At Zoned programs, students who live in the school's zone receive offers.

Seat Groups- High School App

Determined by current IEP



Students with Disabilities (SWD)

Receive special education instructional programming for **more than 20%** of their academic program



General Education Students (GE)

Receive special education instructional programming for **20% or less** of their academic program

Priority Groups

Which groups of students are considered for offers first, and in what order?

Priority Groups

1. Queens students or residents
2. New York City residents



Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



How are Random Numbers used in admissions?

Used in cases where there are more applicants than seats available at a specific program.

How Offers Are Made

Random numbers are used in admissions to determine the order in which students are matched to schools during admissions. These numbers are sorted in numeric and then alphabetical order like this: 0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, C, D, E, F.

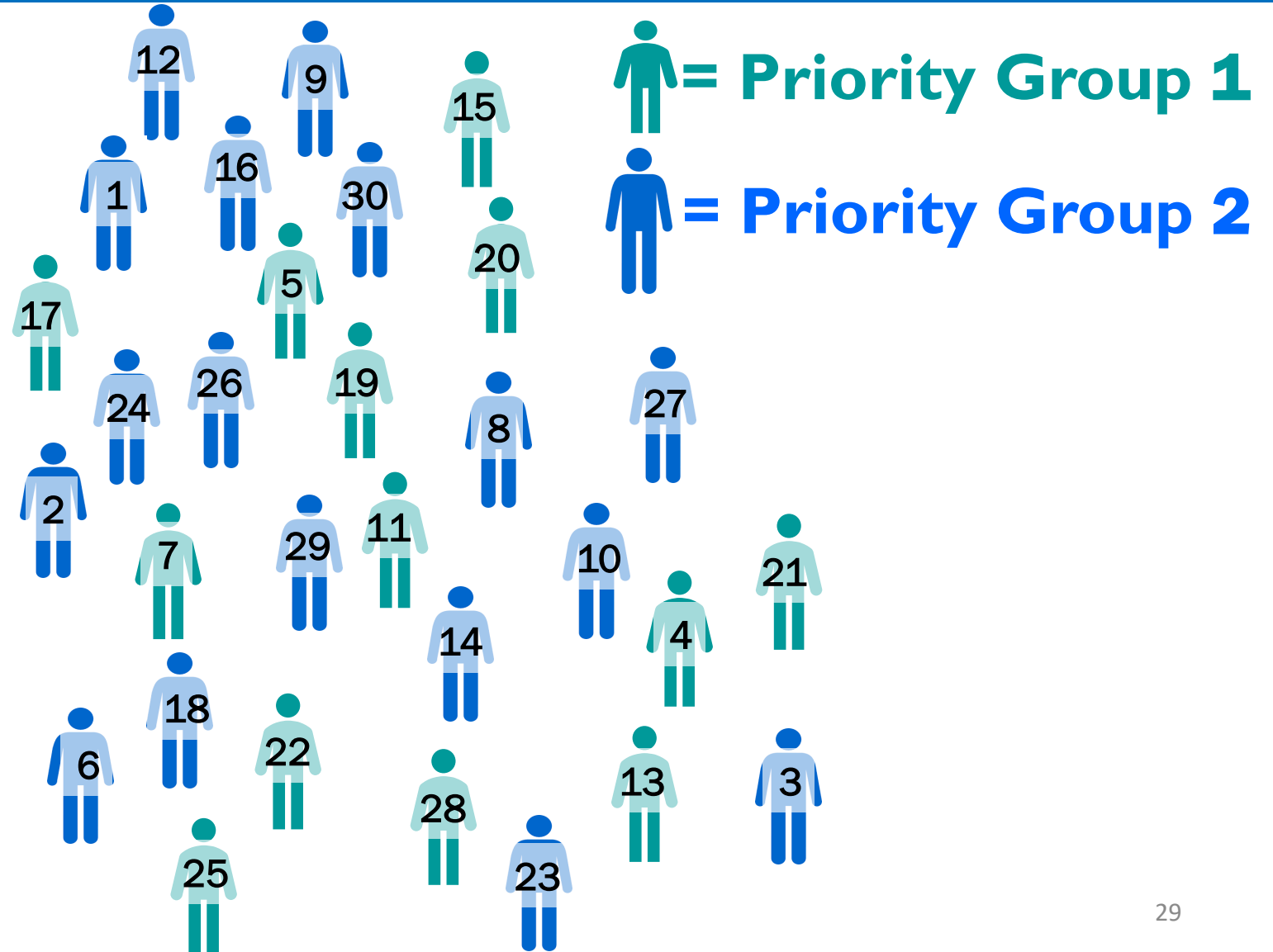
For example, when the following two random numbers are sorted, the number that begins with “5” would be considered for an offer first at a specific program:

- 5B1920AF-F1C6-40EC-8E9A-3E1E50CBI3BB
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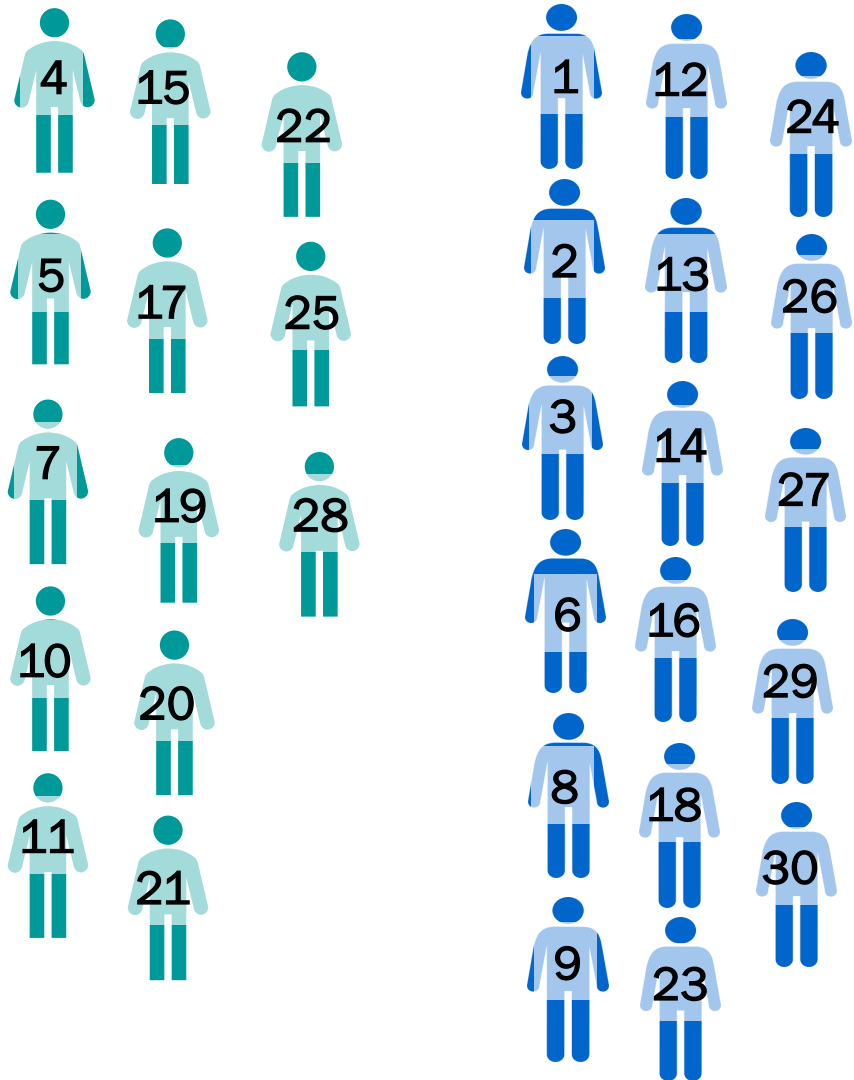
How Random Number is used in admissions (example program with priority groups)

The Bedford Ave School has:

- **Priority Group 1:** Brooklyn students or residents
 - **Priority Group 2:** Then New York City residents
- 15 seats available**

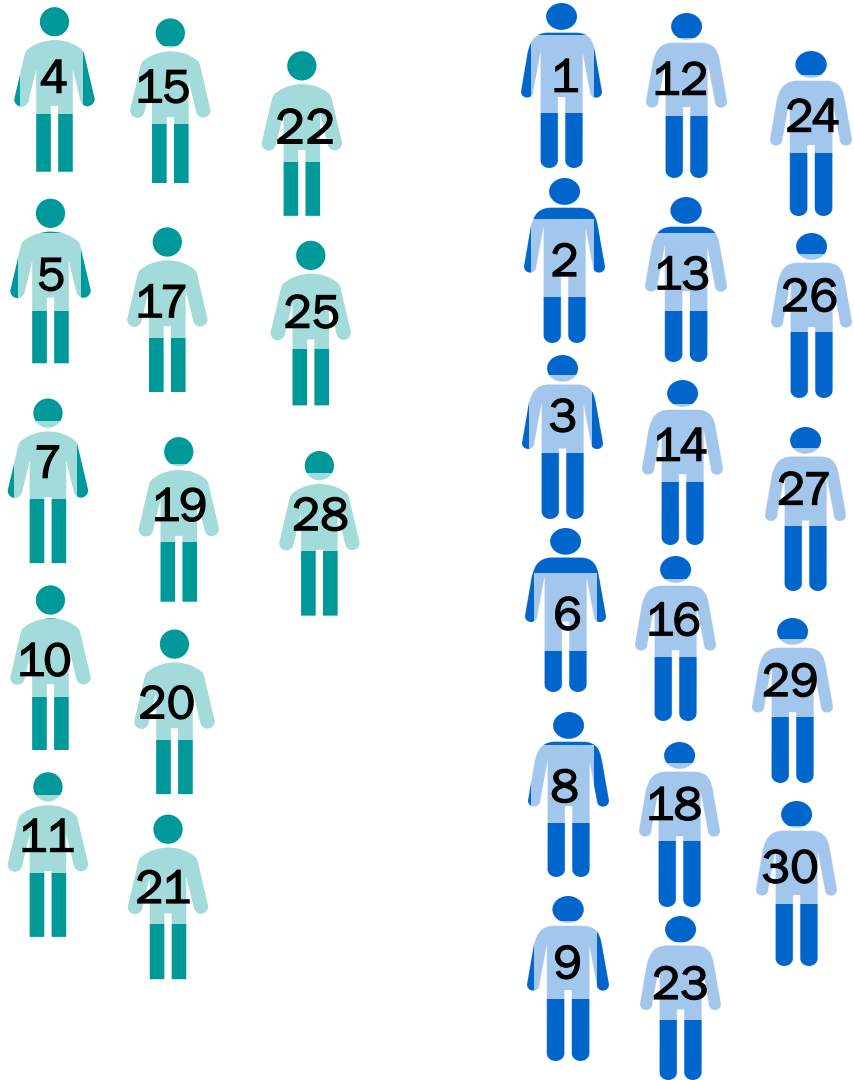


How Random Numbers are used in admissions



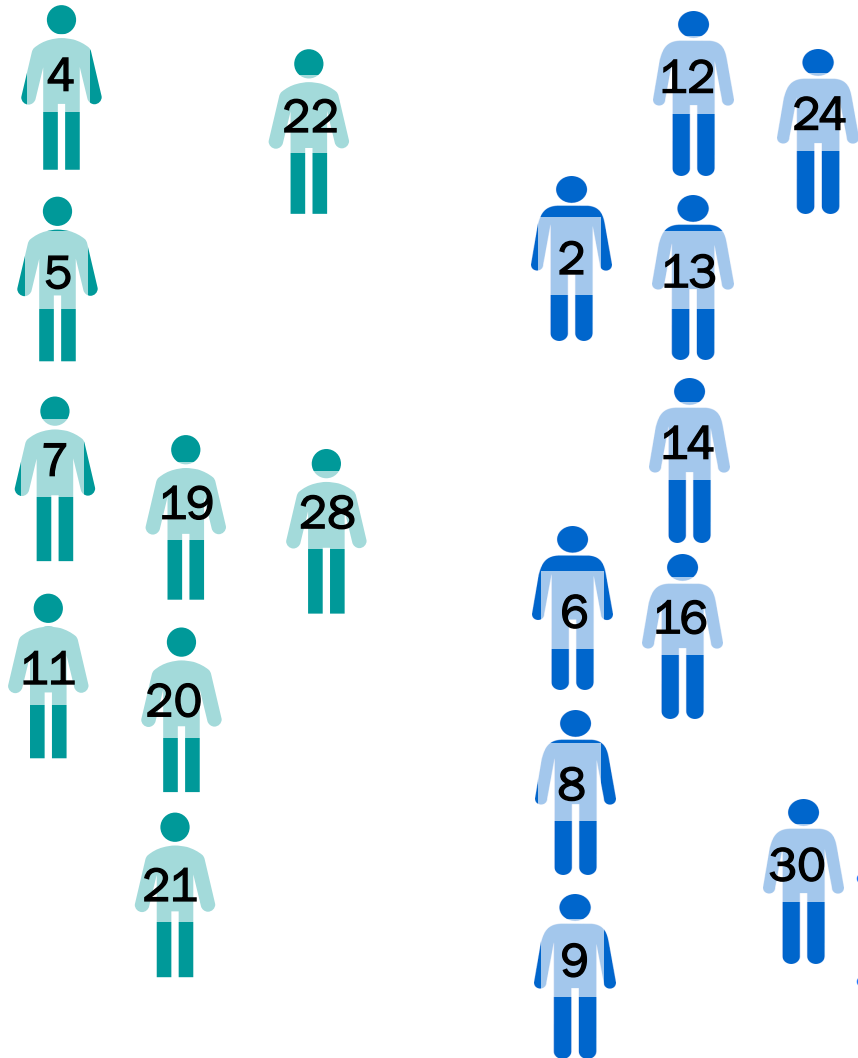
- Applicants are arranged in numeric order (random number) within their priority group

How Random Numbers used in admissions



- The application preference order then determine which students will receive an offer:
 - Any student who matches to another program listed higher on their application than this program will no longer be considered for this program.

How Random Numbers used in admissions



Seats Available = 15

- There are 9 remaining students in Priority Group 1.
- This is less than 15, so all remaining students in Priority Group 1 receive an offer to the Bedford Ave School.
- There are 10 remaining applicants in Priority Group 2, but only 6 offers still available.
- The first applicants in random number order from Priority Group 2 receive offers to the Bedford Ave School
- The remaining 4 applicants will be on the waitlist.

Ed Opt Programs

Within each ed opt category (High, Middle Low) students are considered for offers based on their random number for one-third of seats at each program. Students still receive offers in priority group order, if applicable. Information on Ed Opt categories is available on our website.

How students receive offers to Ed Opt programs

High

strong
↑
random number
↓
weak

Middle

strong
↑
random number
↓
weak

Low

strong
↑
random number
↓
weak

Open Programs

Students are considered for offers based on their random number
Students still receive offers in priority group order, if applicable

How are students considered for offers at open programs



Screened Programs

Students are positioned in order of screened admissions group, starting with group 1.

Within each admissions group, students are considered for offers based on their random number.

Students still receive offers in priority group order, if applicable

How students receive offers to screened programs

Admissions Group 1

strong
↑
random number
↓
weak

Admissions Group 2

strong
↑
random number
↓
weak

Etc.

To fall into the top __% of applicants citywide...

An applicant needs average core course grades of at least:

Top 15% (Group 1)

94.25

Top 30% (Group 2)

89.75

Top 50% (Group 3)

82.75

Top 70% (Group 4)

76.25

Group 5

All else

Programs that Rank

Admission and Screened w/ Assessment

Students are considered for offers in descending score order. If there are more tied applicants than seats, the random number will be used as a tiebreaker.

Students still receive offers in priority group order, if applicable

Language Criteria

Students are considered for offers in rank order. If there are more tied applicants than seats, the random number will be used as a tiebreaker.

Students still receive offers in priority group order, if applicable



Building Your Application

New This Year: Chances of Offer!

MySchools will now let you know what your child's chances are of receiving an offer to specific programs. You will see indicators of **low, medium or high chance**.

This feature is personalized for each student and based on factors such as:

- The program's admissions methods
- Number of available seats
- Your child's screened admissions group or Educational Option category
- Your child's random number
- Whether your child is in the General Education (GE) or Students with Disabilities (SWD) seat group
- More information can be found on our website, schools.nyc.gov/offerchances

You must be logged into your MySchools parent account to see this feature!

Chances of Offer!

When you start your high school application in MySchools, you will be able to see your chance of getting an offer in two places: the search page and the application builder.



A "high" icon showing three orange bars means that a student is expected to have a high chance of receiving an offer to this program. Students have a 99% chance of receiving an offer to a program that shows three bars.



A "medium" icon showing two orange bars means that the student is expected to have a medium chance of receiving an offer to this program. About half of students will receive an offer to a program that shows two bars.



A "low" icon showing just one orange bar means that the student is expected to have a low chance of receiving an offer to this program. Students have a 1% chance of receiving an offer to a program that shows one bar.

Chances of Receiving an Offer!

Overview

Search

Apply 🕒 BY 09/07

High School for Law, Advocacy and Community Justice (03M492) ▾

🚶 1.4 Miles 🚗 🎓 9 to 12



[Early College Preparatory Program \(M14B\)](#)



Law, Advocacy and Community Justice High School (M14A)



High School of Arts and Technology (03M494) ▾

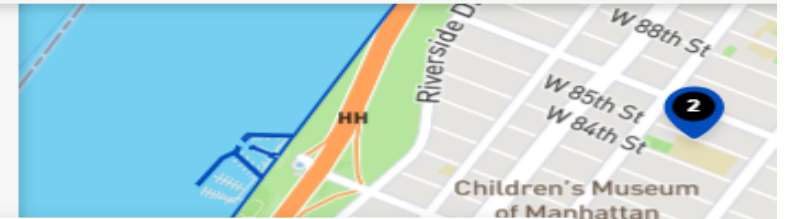
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Arts & Technology (M12A)



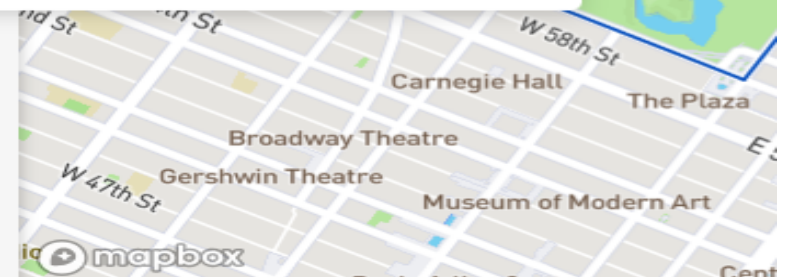
Digital Media (M12B)



Your student has a **medium** chance of receiving an offer based on their student characteristics and the offers made last year. [Click here to learn more](#)

YOUR PRIORITY GROUP

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New: Additional Choices on High School Application!

- This year, families will have the opportunity of indicating more than 12 choices on their high school application.
- **This is optional, you do not need to list more choices if you do not want to.**
- You should still consider indicating 12 programs on your high school application that you are interested in.
- If you are interested in more than 12 programs, please use this option and list as many programs as you would like!
- All programs indicated should be listed in your true order of preference!



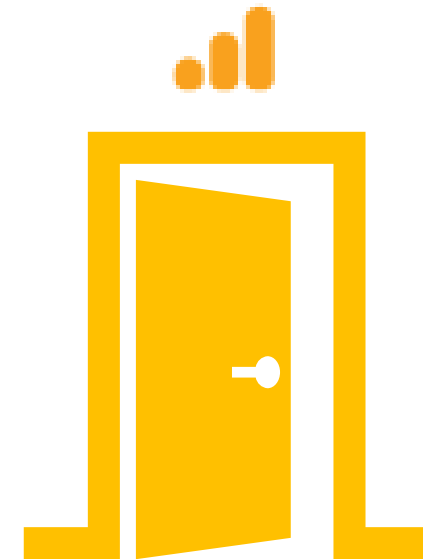
Tips for a Balanced Application



12 or more
programs you want
to attend



Not only low and
medium chance
programs



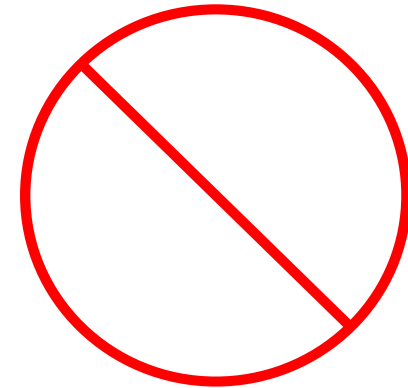
Some programs where
you have a high chance
of getting an offer

98% of students who listed 12 programs got an offer from their application!



Your Choices Matter

List programs in your order of preference, with your top choice as #1



There is **NO** downside to listing programs in your true preference order!

You will always be considered for your first choice first

High schools cannot see the order you place programs on your application



Specialized High Schools



What are the Specialized High Schools (SHS)?

8 testing SHS — apply by taking the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).



Bronx

- The Bronx High School of Science
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College



Brooklyn

- The Brooklyn Latin School
- Brooklyn Technical High School



Manhattan

- Stuyvesant High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY



Queens

- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College



Staten Island

- Staten Island Technical High School

1 audition SHS — apply to dance, instrumental music, fine arts, drama, technical theater, or vocal music by submitting an audition.



Manhattan

- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts (LaGuardia High School)

What is on the SHSAT?

The SHSAT is a timed test: 180 minutes (no breaks)

For students with extended time accommodation: 360 minutes with two 15-minute breaks

- **Two sections:**
 - ELA section is 57 multiple choice questions.
 - Math section is 52 multiple choice questions and 5 “grid-in” questions.
- Two sample tests are in the ***Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) Practice Test for 2025 Admissions*** You can find more information regarding the SHSAT, including the practice tests on our website, **schools.nyc.gov/SHS**

Take the SHSAT

- Test tickets will have test date, arrival time, and location
- Locations and dates can be found at: **schools.nyc.gov/SHS**

Who?	Test Date	Location
Registered 8th grade students who attend a public DOE middle school that terminates in the 8th grade	October 30	Current school
Registered 8th grade students who attend 6-12 schools, charter, private, parochial, or independent school schools, or who are homeschooled	Saturday, November 16th or Sunday, November 17th	Central DOE location
All registered 9th grade students.	Saturday, December 7th or Sunday, December 8th	Central DOE location

What happens after you take the SHSAT?

Offers are determined by:

- Student's SHSAT score
- Student's preference order of schools-submitted during registration in MySchools.
- Seat availability

Testing Specialized High Schools
DO NOT review students' state test scores, grades, or attendance.



SHSAT answer sheets are scored

Learn More About High School Admissions



Watch the NYC High School Admissions Video Series
schools.nyc.gov/HS | schools.nyc.gov/SHS

Review the *Guide to the SHSAT for Students Entering High School in Fall 2025* (which includes two practice tests) available at: schools.nyc.gov/SHS



Search for programs and schools:
myschools.nyc

- Create personalized accounts to connect your student.



Assorted Details

Diversity in Admissions and Chances of Receiving an Offer

Some programs prioritize students who are eligible for free-and-reduced-price lunch for a portion of seats.

After you click on the *Get Started* option for the High School Application, you will be asked to consent to your information being used for this priority. Answering yes to this question will allow a student to correctly receive a diversity in admissions priority, if they are eligible.

I give my consent.

I do not give my consent. Please note that if you do not consent, your child will not receive this priority even if they are eligible.

Continue



How are Random Numbers used in admissions?

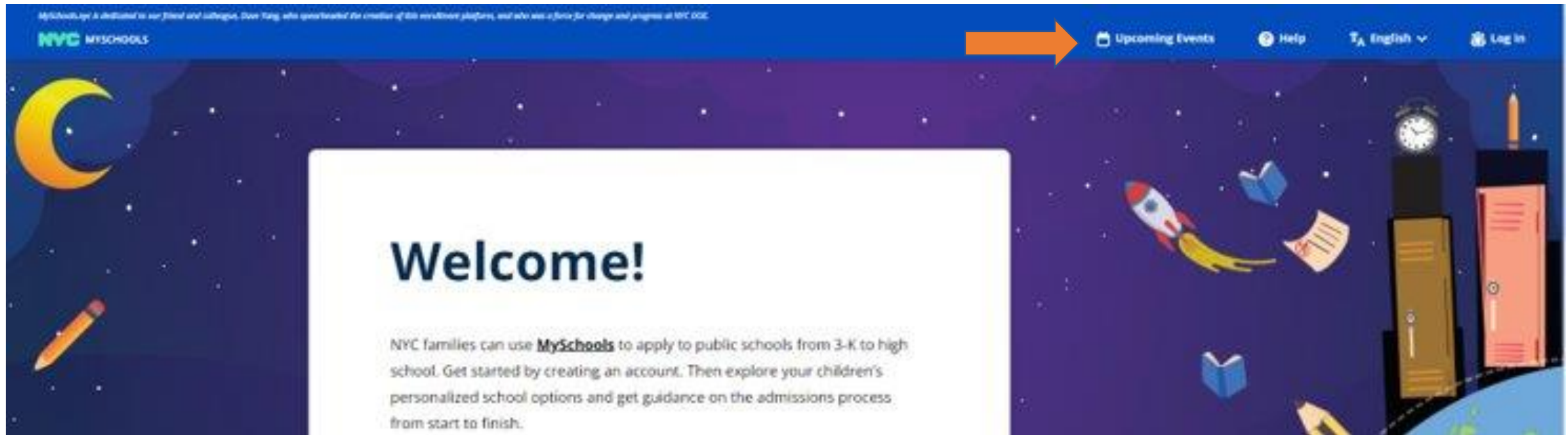
Random numbers are used in certain cases where there are more applicants than seats.

You can see your student's random number on their profile page in MySchools. These numbers are sorted in numeric and then alphabetical order like this: 0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, C, D, E, F.

Random numbers are incorporated into the chance of an offer. You can learn more about how random numbers affect admissions at schools.nyc.gov by searching Random Numbers used in Admissions

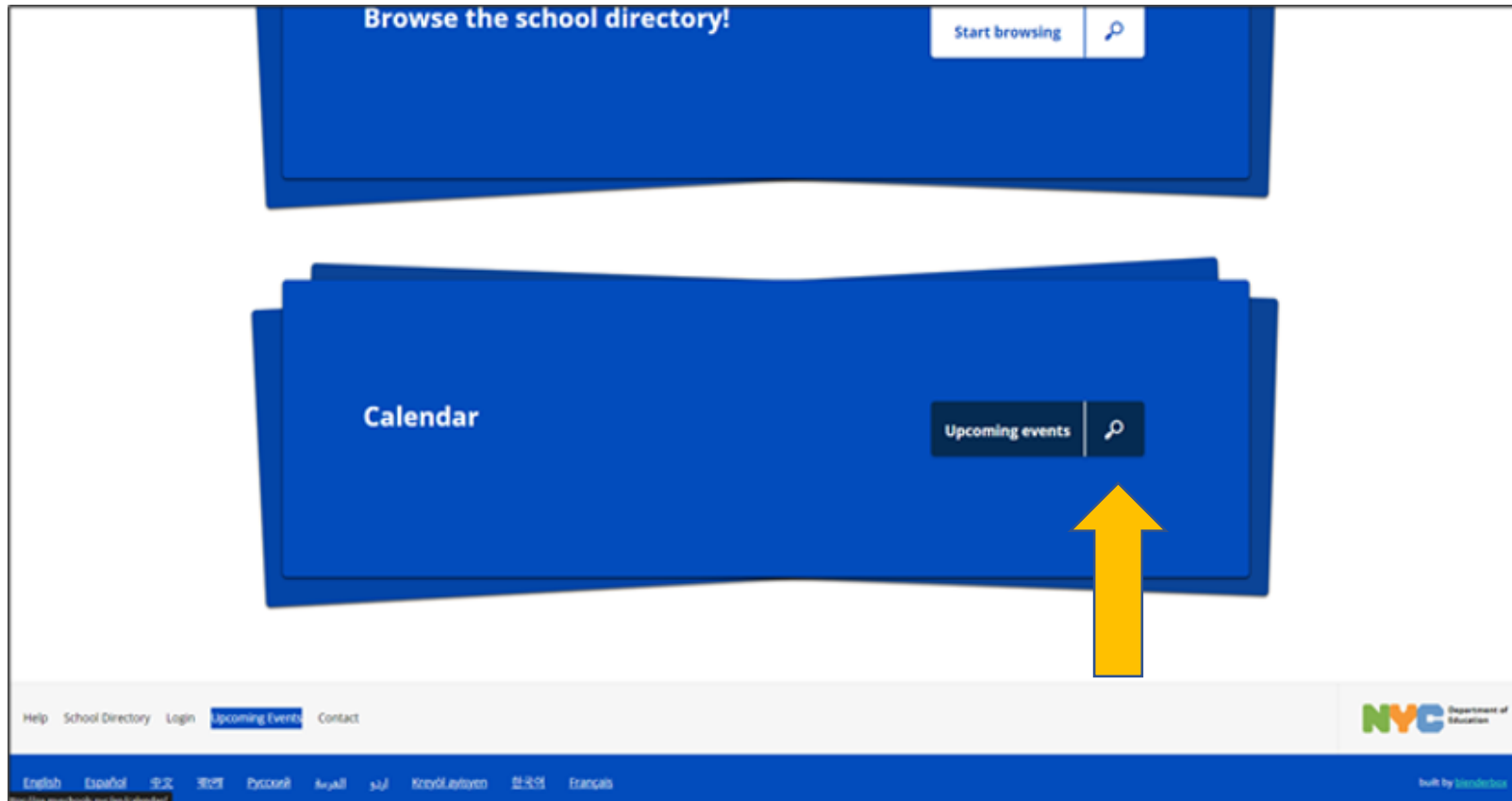
MySchools Event Calendar

Families, prospective students and school staff can view the calendar on the welcome page at myschools.nyc by clicking **Upcoming Events** on the top right of the page



MySchools Event Calendar

Or by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on **Upcoming Events** in the calendar section. Once an event has been published successfully, it will appear in calendar for families to view.



MySchools Event Calendar

Families will be able to enter **filter** for **event format**: virtual or in person, **admissions process** and **district** and **borough**

The screenshot displays the filter interface for the MySchools Event Calendar. It features a search bar at the top with the placeholder text "Search by School Name" and a "Clear All" link. Below the search bar is a list of "Admission Process" options, each represented by a colored circle and text: 3-K (green), Pre-K (dark green), Kindergarten (orange), Gifted & Talented (dark blue), Middle School (red), High School (blue), and Specialized High School (black). To the right of the search bar is another search bar with the placeholder text "Search by School Name" and a "Clear All" link. Below this search bar are several filter categories, each with a dropdown arrow: "Admission Process", "Event Type", "Event Format", "District", and "Borough". The "Event Type" category is expanded, showing four options: "General Announcements", "Open House", "School Tours", and "Admissions Process", each with an unchecked checkbox. The "Event Format" category is also expanded, showing three options: "Virtual", "In Person (Accessible)", and "In Person (Not Accessible)", each with an unchecked checkbox.

Clear All

Search by School Name

Clear All

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Admission Process

- 3-K
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District

Borough

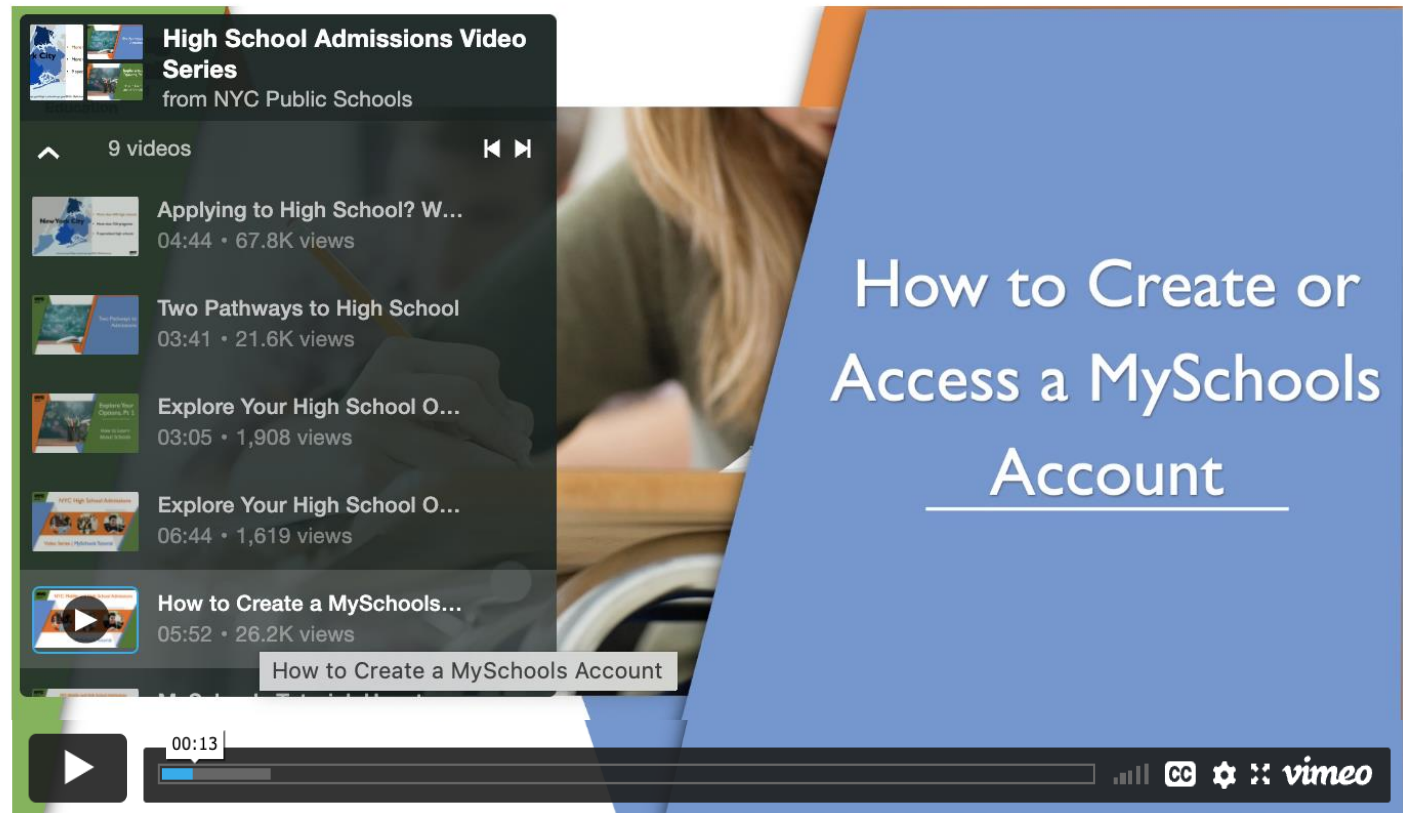
Watch Video Tutorials

1. Go to schools.nyc.gov/HS
2. Click the top of the playlist to display all videos
3. Scroll down and select the video you want
4. Click “CC” to view captioning in 10 languages

Home ▶ Enrollment ▶ Enroll Grade by Grade ▶ High School

High School

In New York City, students apply to high school during their grade 8 year. Current grade 9 students (who are not repeating grade 9) also have the option to apply to programs with grade 10 seats. Learn more by watching our video series, and scroll down for the latest information and updates.



High School Admissions Video Series
from NYC Public Schools

9 videos

- Applying to High School? W...
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How to Create or Access a MySchools Account

APPLY BY December 4, 2024!



Q&A



If your Question was not answered yet, we invite you to email us at,
HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov