



HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – QUICK FACTS

Public High School Admissions

- NYC students can apply to high school programs in all (5) boroughs; over 700 programs
- Students get up to (12) program choices on their Public HS Application
- It is important to rank program choices in order of preference
- You will receive your preprinted Public HS Application in October
- Attend high school fairs and open houses from September to November
- Some HS programs give priority to those who attend their open house or sign in at their table at a High School Fair
- Completed Public HS applications will be due back to Guidance at the end of November
- Students will receive their Round 1 Public HS Offer Letter in March
- Students are matched with only one HS program

Specialized High School Admissions

- Specialized High Schools are free public schools
- Specialized High Schools have a separate admissions process from general public high schools
- No Specialized High Schools are to be listed on the General Public HS Application
- Students must take the SHSAT in order to apply to Specialized High Schools
- There are (8) Specialized High Schools that require the SHSAT
- The ninth Specialized High School is Fiorello H. LaGuardia HS; they are a performing arts schools and require an audition, not the SHSAT
- On the day of the test, students rank their Specialized High Schools choices in their test booklet; this serves as their application
- Specialized High Schools are only considering students' score on the SHSAT when making offers
- If a student takes the SHSAT he/she their offer will be included on their Round 1 Public HS Offer Letter in March
- All Specialized HS decisions are final; they do NOT participate in Round 2
- It is important to prepare for the SHSAT!
- Students will take the SHSAT at the end of October/early November; date to be announced

Catholic High School Admissions

- Catholic HS require students to take the TACHS (*test for admission in to catholic high schools*)
- Catholic High Schools are tuition based schools
- You can register your child for the TACHS at the end of August through their website or over the phone
- It is important to register early to get desired testing site
- There is a fee for TACHS registration
- All TACHS materials will be mailed to your residence
- Students get (3) Catholic High School choices
- It is important to rank the (3) choices in order of preference
- Students should attend high schools fairs, open houses events and arrange for buddy days at their schools of interest
- Students will take the TACHS in early November; date to be announced
- Many schools will require a letter/s of recommendation from student's teachers. Please follow MVP procedure for requested these letters. This procedure will be emailed in the fall.
- Students will receive their Catholic HS offer letters via mail in January
- Catholic HS scholarships are individually school based. Please research each schools scholarship criteria through their website.

Charter High School Admissions

- Charter HS's are free public schools whose admissions process is lottery based
- Please visit each chart schools' website for application information