

October 2, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Families:

Thank you to those who attended my information session this morning! For those who could not make it, here is the link to the recording: [10.2.24 MS447 High School Info Session.](#)

Upcoming DOE Information Sessions

The Department of Education will be hosting additional information sessions where you can learn about exploring high schools, building a balanced application, registering for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), auditioning for arts programs (including LaGuardia High School), and understanding the offer process. Each session will include a Q&A segment.

Scheduled Dates:

- Tuesday, October 8 (6 PM – 7 PM)
High School Admissions General Event
Overview of the admissions process, including how to access your MySchools account and strategies for completing your application.
Interpretation available in: Arabic, Haitian Creole, Russian, and ASL.
- Thursday, October 10 (5 PM – 6 PM)
Parent Forum
Join us for a conversational session discussing specific topics around high school admissions.
- Wednesday, October 16 (6 PM – 7 PM)
High School Admissions General Event for Students with Disabilities
Interpretation available in: Chinese (Mandarin), Spanish, and ASL.
- Thursday, October 17 (6 PM – 7 PM)
The Testing Specialized High Schools
Interpretation available in: Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, and ASL.
- Wednesday, October 23 (6 PM – 7 PM)
High School Admissions General Event in Spanish.
- Thursday, October 24 (6 PM – 7 PM)
High School Admissions General Event in Chinese (Mandarin).
- Wednesday, October 30 (5 PM – 6 PM)
High School Admissions General Event.
Interpretation available in: Bangla, French, Urdu, and ASL.

How to Join Any Event:

Join us on Zoom by clicking [here](#) at the start of each event.

- Webinar ID: 941 9185 4852
- Passcode: 123456

For Phone Audio:

- US: +1 646 558 8656
- Conference Line: 94191854852#
- Passcode: 123456#

Important Note:

Please visit schools.nyc.gov/HS and click on the “Admissions Information Sessions” section before the event to find phone numbers for interpretation in each language.

Key Timeline for the Class of 2025 High School Application:

- October 1: HS Application, LaGuardia Application, and SHSAT Registration Open
- October 18: SHSAT Registration Closes
- October 27: SHSAT Ticket Release
- October 30: SHSAT School Day Testing
- November 16/17: SHSAT Weekend Testing (for 8th Grade students who missed the in-school exam)
- December 4: Deadline for High School & LaGuardia Application Submission
- December 7/8: SHSAT Weekend Testing (for 9th Grade students)
- March 6: High School Offers Released; Waitlists Open

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at lbell@ms447.org.

Warm wishes,

Lisa Bell-Lemm, LCSW
The Math & Science Exploratory School
345 Dean Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217
[Lbell@ms447.org](mailto:lbell@ms447.org)