

# The High School Admissions Process 2015-2016



**Department of  
Education**

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# Agenda

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- Things to Consider When Making Your Choices
- Types of High Schools
- Admissions Priorities & Program Admissions Methods
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# Calendar of Key Dates and Events for the 2014-2015 HS Admissions Process

<b>September</b>	<b>25</b> Students fill out HS Info Form/Survey	<b>26</b> Citywide HS Fair	<b>27</b> Citywide HS Fair
<b>October</b>	<b>17</b> Borough High School Fairs	<b>18</b> Borough High School Fairs	<b>24 or 25</b> SHSAT
<b>November</b>	<b>7th</b> SHSAT for students who receive accommodations (IEP & 504).	<b>15</b> Make Up Test – (with special permission only).	End of November: High School Applications due to Mrs. Corvinelli

# How It Works: The Basics

- The NYC High School Admissions process is a citywide choice process.
- Any student can apply to any of our schools in all five boroughs.
- You may list up to 12 choices on your application; list them in order of preference.
- Schools and programs have different admissions methods to determine how candidates will be considered and admitted.
- You are matched to your highest choice possible that has also listed you.

# What are my options?

## **Audition**

For six studios  
at LaGuardia

## **Test**

For the  
Specialized  
High Schools

## **Submit**

An application  
for up to 12  
high school  
programs

# Consider the Following

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- Location
- School Size
- Interest Area
- Curriculum and Courses
- Extracurricular Activities
- School Type
- Admissions Methods & Priorities

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# Specialized High Schools

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## **There are eight Specialized Testing High Schools:**

- The Bronx High School of Science
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- The Brooklyn Latin School
- Stuyvesant High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College
- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College
- Staten Island Technical High School

**Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School offers  
the following programs:**



Dance



Drama



Vocal



Visual Art



Technical  
Theatre



Instrumental  
Music

# How to Register

- Fill out Mrs. Corvinelli's online High School Survey
- School counselor will distribute test and/or audition ticket to students
- Families should check the ticket for the following: Correct student info (name, ID#, grade)
- Correct test date and location
- Testing accommodations (if applicable)
- Check that there is no conflict between SHSAT and LaGuardia Audition dates if registering for both
- Complete the grid on the test ticket indicating student preferences for Specialized High Schools
- Students must bring the test and/or audition ticket with them

# SHSAT Scoring & Offers

- On the scheduled test date, students list the Specialized Testing High Schools in priority order on the test answer sheet. These choices are final.
- After all tests are scored, students' test scores are placed in order from the highest score to the lowest score.
- Offers are made, in turn, based on
  - student's score
  - student's priority of choices
  - seat availability
  - All Specialized High School offers are final.


# DID YOU KNOW?

Specialized  
Testing High  
Schools **DO**



- Do make offers based only on the SHSAT scores.
- Do release scores & offers with Round 1 results in March.

Specialized  
Testing High  
Schools  
**DO NOT**



- Do Not review state test scores, grades, attendance.
- Do Not have waitlists.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Sample Audition Ticket

## LAGUARDIA HS AUDITION TICKET

### Identification

STUDENT ID NUMBER      DATE OF BIRTH      GRADE

### Current School

NAME

CODE      BOROUGH      TYPE OF SCHOOL

Guidance counselors must mail June 2011 report cards to LaGuardia High School by October 28, 2011, and students must bring a copy to the audition.

### Audition Site

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music &  
Art and Performing Arts  
100 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10023  
212-496-0700

#### Subway

1 to 66th St; 2, 3 to 72nd St; A,  
B, C, D to  
59th St Columbus Circle; E to  
7th Av; F, N, Q, R to  
57th St; M to 4750 Sts  
Rockefeller Center

#### Bus

M05, M07, M10, M104, M11,  
M20, M31,  
M57, M66, M72

### Audition Date

### Time

### CONTACT INFORMATION

HOME PHONE NUMBER

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT



Note: Only students who reside  
in New York City are eligible to  
audition.

### LAGUARDIA AUDITION SELECTIONS

The studios you would like to audition for are listed below.

For more information please see instructions on reverse.


Parent/Guardian: We have read the above information. **If the studios listed are incorrect, contact your guidance counselor immediately. If they are correct, please sign below.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

**TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS** The following accommodations will be provided to this student.

If the testing accommodations are incorrect, contact your guidance counselor.

Check the box(es) to the left to decline any of the accommodations. If no boxes are checked and there is no signature below, all testing accommodations listed will be provided to the student.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

# **Considerations for Programs/Schools listed On High School Application**

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# Admissions Priorities

## Questions to Consider During Your Search

- Is/are the program(s) open to all NYC residents?
- How are priorities organized?
- How do priorities affect your child's chances of being accepted to the program of interest?
- Does your child have a zoned program?

# Admissions Priorities

Hillside Arts & Letters Academy • DBN 280325

## Hillside Arts & Letters Academy

### Contact Information

Address: 157 01-60TH ST NYC

Jamaica, NY 11432

Campus: N/A

Phone: 718-505-4447 (valid through January 2012)

Fax: N/A

### Overview

The mission of Hillside Arts & Letters Academy is to offer students a challenging curriculum with a special emphasis on visual arts, music and writing. Students at our school become self-directed and resourceful learners with a deep appreciation for the arts. We prepare students to graduate as independent thinkers who are academically well rounded, creative and especially well prepared to innovate and collaborate. Our school ensures student success by providing support through Advisory classes, youth development programs and a deep commitment to our students.

**Program Highlights:** Art, Music, Writing, Small Advisory Classes with Project based Curriculum

**Language Classes:** N/A

**Advanced Placement Courses:** N/A

**Extracurricular Activities:** Student Government, Tutoring, Studio Art, Music, Writing Clubs. As we expand we will add clubs based on student interest.

**PSAT Sports – Boys:** N/A

**PSAT Sports – Girls:** N/A

**PSAT Sports – Co-ed:** N/A

**School Sports:** As we expand, we plan to offer select Intramural and PSAT sports through collaboration with the schools that share our building.

### Additional Information

• Typical Freshman Schedule: 8:00am – 3:00pm

## Enrollment

### Admissions Priorities

1. Priority to Queens students or residents who attend an information session
2. Then to New York City residents who attend an information session
3. Then to Queens students or residents
4. Then to New York City residents

Teaching (ECT), Special Class

ELL Programs: ES

### Accountability Data

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Progress Report	N/A	N/A
Quality Review	N/A	N/A
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

### Programs Offered

Program Name	Code	Interest Area	Admissions Method	Grade	2009 Seats	2009 Applicants
Hillside Arts & Letters Academy	Q46A	Humanities & Interdisciplinary	United Unscreened	9	150	New Program

# Eligibility

Examples:

## **Eligibility**

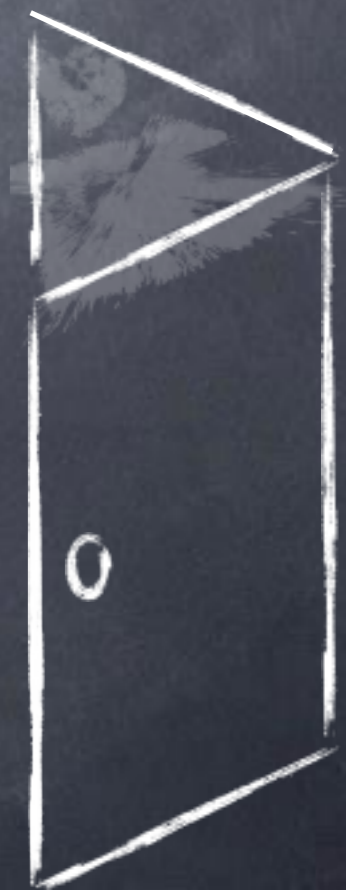
- Priority to District 3, 5 and 6 residents
- Then to New York City residents

## **Eligibility**

- Priority to District 2
- Then to Manhattan residents
- Then to New York City residents

# Admissions Methods

- Audition (ex. Frank Sinatra, PPAS & Murrow)
- Educational Option (Ed. Opt.) (Telecommunications & Murrow)
- Limited Unscreened (The Harbor School, Essex & Pace)
- Screened (Academic, Gender, Language)  
(Beacon, Midwood, Bard)
- Test (The specialized schools)
- Unscreened
- Zoned (James Madison, Fort Hamilton)



# Admissions Methods (Cont'd)

## Programs Offered

Program Name	Code	Interest Area	Admissions Method	Grade	2011 Seats	2011 Applicants
<b>Science &amp; Math Academy</b>	<b>S12A</b>	Science & Math	Screened	9	300	825
				10	150	375
<b>Selection Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (80-100), Math (80-100), Social Studies (80-100), Science (80-100)</li> <li>Standardized Test Scores: Math Level(s) 3-4, English Language Arts Level(s) 3-4</li> </ul>						
<b>Drama (Performing Arts)</b>	<b>S12B</b>	Performing Arts	Audition	9	26	190
				10	40	225
<b>Details:</b> Acting, Voice & Diction, Theater History, Dramatic Literature, Improv <b>Audition Information:</b> Students must perform a memorized monologue and an impromptu reading.						
<b>International &amp; Cultural Relations</b>	<b>S12C</b>	Law & Government	Limited Unscreened	9	45	200
				10	20	150
<b>Details:</b> Preparation for careers using languages other than English, including translation, international diplomacy, government, international business, trade, international law, and other opportunities.						
<b>Sports Medicine &amp; Management</b>	<b>S12D</b>	Health Professions	Ed. Opt.	9	300	825
				10	150	375
<b>Details:</b> Focus on skills, knowledge, and work experience to pursue sports-related careers						
<b>Zoned</b>	<b>S12Z</b>	Zoned	Zoned	9	Priority to students who apply and live in the zoned area	
<b>Details:</b> Academic Comprehensive Program						



# The High School Application (back)

- Rank up to 12 choices in order of preference
- Only list schools on your application that you would actually attend
- Return your application by the end of November

Student Name	OSIS	School DBN
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**3 SCHOOL CHOICES**  
Please complete this page.

**Local Zoned School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Specialized High Schools Admissions Test:**  
☐ Check the box to the left to indicate if you will take or have taken the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test. Do not list these High Schools under "Other High School Programs."

**Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts:**  
Check the box(es) below to apply to one or more programs at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School. Auditions are required. Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School program choices should not be listed below under "Other High Schools Programs."  
☐ Visual Arts   ☐ Dance   ☐ Instrumental Music   ☐ Vocal Music   ☐ Drama   ☐ Technical Theatre

**Other High School Programs:**  
In priority order, print the program code, program name and school name for up to 12 choices. When making your program choices, check the travel time to your school choices at [www.hopstop.com](http://www.hopstop.com).

Choice Order	Program Code	Program Name	School Name
1	A 9 9 A	Program Name 1	School Name 1
2			
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11			
12			

**4 REQUIRED SIGNATURES**  
Applications must be signed and dated!

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# The High School Application Receipt

## High School Application Receipt



Student Enrollment  
Management System

Round 2

**CONFIDENTIAL** **CONFIDENTIAL**  
Student's Name: HEWITT, CHEVONNE C (215438586)

Date Printed: 07/03/2012 02:41:46 PM EDT

Choice	Program Code	Program Name	School Name	Selection Method	Program Alerts/Messages
1	Q32A	TEACHING INSTITUTE	QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL OF TEACHING, LIBERAL ARTS AND THE SCIENCES	Ed. opt.	- Check your travel time to this school. You can use <a href="http://www.hopstop.com">www.hopstop.com</a> .
2	Q16Z	ZONED PROGRAM	BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO HIGH SCHOOL	Zoned	- School is designated as "In Need of Improvement". Review HS Directory pages xvii and xviii. - Check your travel time to this school. You can use <a href="http://www.hopstop.com">www.hopstop.com</a> .
3	Q20K	MATH AND SCIENCE RESEARCH	FRANCIS LEWIS HIGH SCHOOL	Screened	- School is designated as "In Need of Improvement". Review HS Directory pages xvii and xviii. - Check your travel time to this school. You can use <a href="http://www.hopstop.com">www.hopstop.com</a> .
4	Q19Z	ZONED PROGRAM	FOREST HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	Zoned	- School is designated as "In Need of Improvement". Review HS Directory pages xvii and xviii. - Check your travel time to this school. You can use <a href="http://www.hopstop.com">www.hopstop.com</a> .
5	Q12Z	ZONED PROGRAM	BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	Zoned	- Check your travel time to this school. You can use <a href="http://www.hopstop.com">www.hopstop.com</a> .
6	Q84A	PREPARATORY ACADEMY FOR WRITERS	PREPARATORY ACADEMY FOR WRITERS: A COLLEGE BOARD SCHOOL	Limited Unscreened	- Priority is given to students who attend an information session.
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8					
9					
10					
11					
12					

### Application Alerts/Messages

There are no application alerts/messages.

Parent/Guardian/Student: Please review this receipt and immediately notify your guidance counselor if you would like to request any changes to your application.

# Application Tips

- Be aware of due dates
- List your choices in the order of your preference
- List only those programs and schools that you will accept if matched.
- Apply to programs with a variety of Admissions Methods
- Discuss you application with your counselor 😊
- Keep a copy of your application

# What Happens Next?

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# Early March

## Receive Round 1 Results

High School Admissions in Round 1 last year:

**92%**

received an  
offer to one of  
their choices.

**86%**

received an  
offer to one of  
their top five  
choices.

**48%**

received an  
offer to their  
first choice.

**8%**

did not receive  
an offer

# Participation in Round 2

If you do not receive a Round 1 offer or are interested in exploring other high school programs:

- You can fill out a Round 2 application and choose from a new list of programs with availability.
- A Round 2 offer replaces a Round 1 offer.
- If you are still unmatched in Round 2, you will be placed in a program with availability.
- All students receive an offer at the end of Round 2 in May.
- If you wish to appeal your offer, you may do so after Round 2 results are distributed. Appeals are only granted for exigent circumstances such as hardships.

# Next Steps

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# Individual High School Appointments

- [www.supersaas.com/schedule/Star\\_Corvinelli/High\\_School\\_Appointment](http://www.supersaas.com/schedule/Star_Corvinelli/High_School_Appointment)
- You will then be prompted to sign in with a shared password.
- Appointments will be **20 minutes long**. Morning and afternoon slots will be open starting in October.
- Please arrive 5 minutes early
- Bring copies of your child's 7<sup>th</sup> grade report card, high school application and a list of all schools that they are interested in.

# Private School & Recommendation Requests

- Transcript request forms and counselor recommendation forms should be submitted to Mrs. Corvinelli & teacher recommendation forms should be submitted directly to the teachers.
- Please have students bring forms to me at least 2 weeks prior to the date that they must be received by the high school.
- Each form you submit to me must be attached to a **pre-addressed envelope** along with enough stamps to ensure proper mailing.



## For more information...

- Office of Student Enrollment 718-935-2399 or email [HS\\_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HS_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov).
- Sign up for email updates online at: [www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/subscribe](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/subscribe)

## Useful Websites

- [www.ms447.org](http://www.ms447.org)
- Office of Student Enrollment website: [www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High)
- Travel Time and Travel Directions: [www.hopstop.com](http://www.hopstop.com)
- Accountability Information: [www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/accountability)
- Independent Guide to NYC Public Schools: [www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org)

