

November 15, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope this message finds you well during this busy time. As a reminder, the deadline to submit high school applications is **Wednesday, December 4**. Below is key information to assist you throughout the process.

Zoom Office Hours for High School Application Support

I am available to answer questions and provide guidance during the following Zoom office hours:

- **Wednesday, November 20:**
 - 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **Thursday, November 21:**
 - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Information

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 830 8575 8792

Passcode: 615873

File Upload Guidelines

When submitting files for your applications (essays, audition materials, etc.), please follow these guidelines to ensure smooth processing:

- **Accepted File Formats:**
 - **Videos:** .MOV, .MP4
 - **Documents/Images:** .PDF, .PNG, .DOCX, .JPG
- **Do NOT use the following formats:**
 - .HEIC, .TXT, .HTML
- **File Name Requirements:**

- Do not include special characters like hashtags (#), hyphens (-),
- underscores (_), slashes (/), or spaces
- **Google Docs or SharePoint Files:**
- Save as a **PDF** or **Word (.DOCX)** file before uploading.

Please **do not** submit **zip files**.

Resources for the High School Admissions Process:

- Use this [chart](#) to clearly organize and compare key features when evaluating high schools.
- My Schools High School Directory: Explore the DOE online [NYC public school directory](#) to filter schools by size, interest areas, borough, accessibility, admissions method, and early college. Remember, applications must be submitted via MySchools.
- Learn more about Screened Admissions at schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS
- Learn more about Auditions at schools.nyc.gov/HSauditions
- Learn more about screened with assessment schools at schools.nyc.gov/assessmenths
- Watch the office of enrollment video series: schools.nyc.gov/HSVideos.
- Attend Open Houses: Visit the [NYC Sift](#) website, which aggregates information about open houses and updates weekly. It was created by a NYC dad to help families streamline their school visits. For schools not listed, be sure to check their individual websites for the latest information.
- Highlights of NYC High Schools: [This](#) resource lists NYC high schools organized by focus area.
- Inside Schools: [This project](#) offers independent information about NYC public schools, featuring insights from journalists, parents, and advocates who visit schools and engage with the community.
- Parent Exchange: Join the "Applying to High School NYC" Facebook group to exchange resources and experiences with other NYC parents.

Please feel free to reach out during my Zoom office hours or by email if you have any questions.

Warm wishes,

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