

November 22, 2024

Dear MS 447 Families,

We are nearly at the finish line! High School applications must be submitted by December 4, 2024. I hope everything is going smoothly as you finalize your lists. If you need assistance, please feel free to join one of my upcoming office hours listed below.

### **Zoom Office Hours**

- Monday, November 25, 8 PM - 9 PM
- Monday, December 2, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zoom Information:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 830 8575 8792

Passcode: 615873

### **Student Office Hours**

I will also be available for students on:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:10 AM - 8:30 AM and 2:50 PM - 3:20 PM in room 332

### **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:

- Get Organized: Use this [chart](#) to highlight 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 Screened Admissions at [schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS)
- Learn more about Auditions at [schools.nyc.gov/HSauditions](https://schools.nyc.gov/HSauditions)
- Learn more about screened with assessment schools at [schools.nyc.gov/assessmenths](https://schools.nyc.gov/assessmenths)
- Watch the office of enrollment video series: [schools.nyc.gov/HSVideos](https://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 the Zoom office hours or by email if you have any questions.

Warm wishes,

Lisa Bell-Lemm

[Lbell@ms447.org](mailto:Lbell@ms447.org)