

## Handout # 10 High School Admissions is Open – Apply by December 3!

Hello 8th Grade Families,

Please see the email below from the Office of Student Enrollment.

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Dear Families,

The high school application is now open and the deadline to apply is Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Current eighth-grade (and interested first-time ninth grade) students in NYC can apply.

We advise you to start your child's application as soon as possible to begin exploring high schools and viewing your child's personalized chance of offer at each program. Here's how:

1. Log into your [MySchools](#) account to explore high schools and apply.
  - If you used MySchools to apply to schools in the past, your account is still active. You can log in using the same email address used then.
  - If you do not have an active account, you will need a unique account creation code to access your child's high school application. This is printed on your child's welcome letter, which you can get from their school counselor.
2. Learn about high schools and their admissions programs.
  - Explore Programs: Search [MySchools.nyc](#) for programs based on interest, location and more. Each program's page includes information on how it makes offers and if your child needs to complete any additional steps, such as an audition or assessment. Learn how to audition at [schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions](#) and how students get offers to screened programs at [schools.nyc.gov/screenedHS](#).
  - Visit schools: Learn about schools of interest by attending an open house or school tour. You can check the MySchools event calendar ([myschools.nyc/calendar](#)) to find open houses and information sessions. You can also visit a school's website or contact them directly to find out more.
3. Make sure to apply by December 3!
  - Add at least 12 choices to your child's application in MySchools. List these choices in your true order of preference, with your top choice as #1. If you have additional programs of interest, you can add them to your child's application as a thirteenth choice, fourteenth choice, and so on. There is no limit to how many programs you can list.

- Submit your high school applications in one of the following ways:
  - Online with your [Myschools.nyc](https://schools.nyc.gov) account
  - Through your child's current school counselor
  - At a Family Welcome Center [schools.nyc.gov/FWC](https://schools.nyc.gov/FWC)

Please note that the nine [Specialized High Schools](#) have separate admissions processes that also open today! These schools will not show up as options on the general high school application.

- LaGuardia High School has its own application in MySchools. If you are interested, complete the LaGuardia application and submit your child's audition (s) by Wednesday, December 3 – learn more about the audition process here: [schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions](https://schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions).
- The remaining Specialized High Schools admit students based on their scores on the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).
  - Registration for the SHSAT is now open. To apply to any or all these schools, submit your child's registration, including your school preferences, by Friday, October 31. Practice tests, test dates and test locations are available at [schools.nyc.gov/SHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/SHS).
  - Later this fall, registered students will receive a personalized test ticket confirming when and where they take the test in November.

#### 4. Attend one of our live, virtual admissions sessions!

- Please make sure that you join one of our live virtual admissions sessions. During these sessions, we will provide an overview of the admissions process, from how to access your MySchools account to the best way to complete your child's application.
  - The first event is scheduled for tomorrow, October 8, 5pm – 6pm.
  - Visit [schools.nyc.gov/HS](https://schools.nyc.gov/HS) for a list of full events and instructions on how to join.

Questions? We're here to help! Talk to your child's counselor, come to one of our admissions events, or email us at [HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov).

Best regards,  
The High School Admissions Team  
Office of Student Enrollment