

Handout #8: High School Admissions Info from Enrollment

Hello 8th Grade Families,

Please see below for a comprehensive overview of the High School Admissions process, shared by the Office of Student Enrollment.

Best,

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Dear Families,

On **October 7**, the high school admissions process will open. We want to share some important information with you. Please take a moment to learn more about admissions methods and admissions for Specialized High Schools.

Admissions methods are the ways that high school programs make offers to students; they also describe what you need to do to be considered for a program. There are two categories of admissions methods:

Programs where you just need to list it on your application::

- **Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)** These programs serve students at a range of academic levels. Based on the applicant's grades, they will be categorized as "high," "middle" or "low". No grades? The applicant will fall into the middle category.
- **Open:** Offers are made to students by their priority group (if applicable) and random number.
- **Screened:** Students are placed in groups according to their grades and considered in group order, beginning with group 1. Learn more here: schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS.
- **Zoned:** Students are considered for these programs based on home address. Zoned students have the highest priority to attend. Enter your child's home address using [school search](#) to determine if your child has a zoned program. Zoned students must still list the zoned program on the application to be considered for admissions.

- **Language Criteria:** Programs admit students based on their entitlement to receive English Language Learner services and/or how many years the student has been residing in the United States.

Programs where you must **also** complete additional requirements to be considered:

- **Audition:** The sole selection criteria is the audition score. Students applying to audition programs must submit the [virtual audition requirements](#) by **December 3**.
- **Screened with Assessment:** Students are considered based on [a weighted average](#) unique to each program that combines the student grades and a separate assessment.
 - Some assessments will be submitted through MySchools and some will be completed directly through the school. Requirements can be reviewed at schools.nyc.gov/AssessmentHS

Specialized High Schools:

- There are nine Specialized High Schools in NYC. Students cannot apply to these schools using the general high school application.
 - There are eight testing Specialized High Schools which use the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).
 - To apply, students must register by October 31 and take the SHSAT (in November or December).
 - Students must indicate, in order, their preference for the eight testing Specialized High Schools when they register.
- LaGuardia High School (03M485) is the one audition Specialized High School.
 - To apply, students must submit the LaGuardia High School application and indicate the programs of interest. There are six programs at LaGuardia and students can apply to all six.
 - Students must also submit the virtual auditions by December 3.
- More guidance around Specialized High Schools can be found on our website, schools.nyc.gov/SHS.

Questions: We're here to help! Talk to your child's current school counselor or email HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov

Thank you,

The High School Admissions Team

Office of Student Enrollment

