

A Guide to the NYC DOE's High School Application Process

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here to help you make informed decisions

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HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY TO HIGH SCHOOL IN NYC?



GUESSING GAME

How many public high schools
are there in NYC?

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY TO HIGH SCHOOL IN NYC?

- Enter at LEAST 8 schools, at most 12 on your application
- Over 700 programs at over 400 public high schools
- Students may apply to multiple programs at one school

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APPLICATION RANKING

About 50% of students are matched with their number one choice

About 75% of students are matched with one of their top three choices

Rank in true order of preference!

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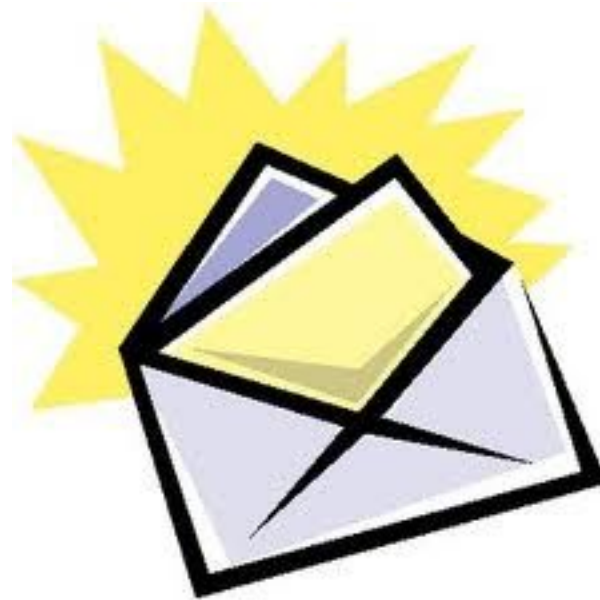
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YOUR MATCH

Students are matched with *one* school* in the spring of eighth grade.

90% of students receive a match in the first round of applications.



*Students may receive additional Specialized High School Offers.

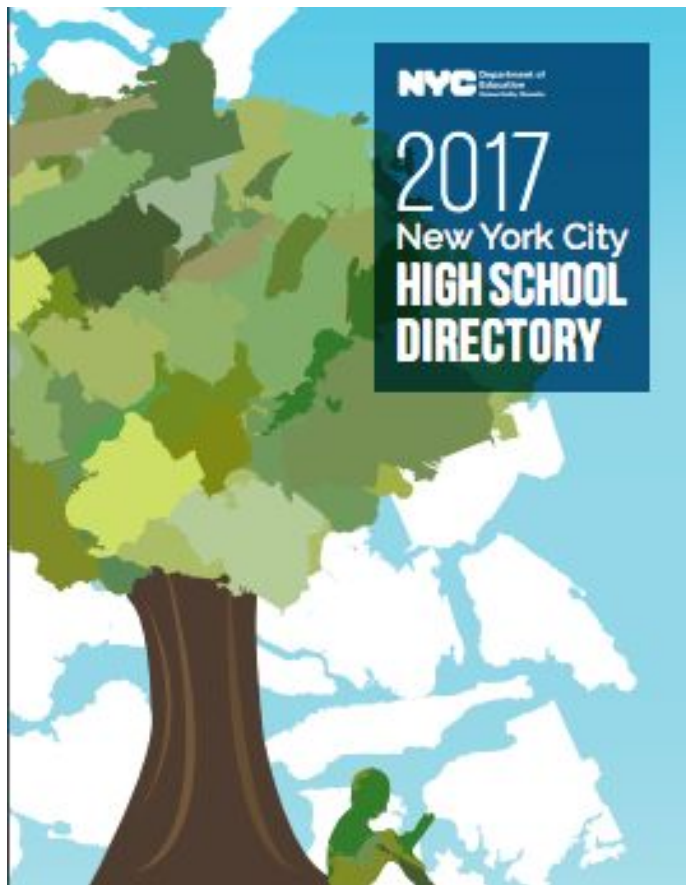
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HOW DO YOU CHOOSE WHICH SCHOOL TO PUT ON THE APPLICATION?



2016-2017 DIRECTORY



TYPES OF SCHOOLS

- CTE (Career Technical Ed) Schools
- Performance assessment schools
(formerly known as Consortium Schools)
- All boys/all girls schools
- Specialized schools

Vanguard High School • DBN 02M449

Consortium School

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ACTIVITY

- Turn to page 6 of your Toolbox.
- Imagine you are your son or daughter and fill out the form.
- Each section corresponds with the sections on each directory page.

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Contact Information

Address: 965 Longwood Avenue
Bronx, NY 10459
Phone: 718-860-1242
Fax: 718-860-1934
Email: 08x530@schools.nyc.gov
Website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/schoolportals/08/X530>

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Building Information

Subway: 2, 5 to Prospect Ave; 6 to Longwood Ave
Bus: Bx17, Bx19, Bx4, Bx46, Bx4A, Bx5, Bx6
Shared Space: Yes
Total Students in School: 325
Grade Span of School (2016-2017): 9-12

Student Support

Site Accessibility: Not Functionally Accessible
Special Education Services: This school will provide students with disabilities the supports and services indicated in their IEPs.
English Language Learner Programs: ESL

School Life

- Typical 9th Grade Schedule: 8:45 AM – 3:05 PM
- Uniform Required: Khaki slacks/cargo pants in tan, black or navy blue, uniform shirt with school logo (shirts are available for purchase), shoes/boots/sneakers.
- Extended Day Program: We expect our students to stay for tutoring and enrichment programs Monday – Friday
- Saturday Program
- We seek to empower families through their regular participation in the Parent-Teacher Association, School Leadership Team and/or Senior Committee

Overview

We are a small high school in the Longwood section of the Bronx that focuses on building strong, positive relationships to support student growth and achievement. Individual experiences and different learning styles are valued in our school community. Our mission is to prepare all students to be successful in the 21st century through collaboration, community involvement and college and career readiness. We accomplish this by offering a rigorous Regents, Common Core, and College Preparatory curriculum to all students, using and building partnerships within the community and offering advanced coursework for students who are academically high performers.

Academic Opportunities

Program Highlights: Honors classes in each grade; Advisory; Fitness, Percussion, Chorus, Introduction to Painting, Introduction to Drawing, Portfolio Art
Language Classes: Spanish
Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: Economics, English, United States History

Extracurricular Activities and Clubs

Art, BuildOn, Changing The Odds, Chess, Chorus, CUNY College Now, Conflict Mediation Program, Drum Line, Counseling In Schools, National Honors Society, Regents Preparation, SAT/ACT Preparation, Senior Committee, Sports and Arts, Student Ambassadors, Student Government, SWAG Male Mentorship, Video Gamers, Yearbook
PSAL Sports - Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Outdoor Track, Soccer, Wrestling
PSAL Sports - Girls: Basketball, Softball
School Sports: Baseball, Girls Basketball, Track

School Performance

| | What % of Students... | | Quality Review (2013-2014) | |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Graduate in 4 years? | Graduate and then enroll in college or career programs? | Curriculum | Instruction |
| 2013-2014 | 40% | 22% | | |
| 2012-2013 | 42% | 33% | | |
| Bronx Average | 59% | 41% | | |

- 77% of students feel that their school offers enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school.
- 74% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms, and cafeteria.

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ADMISSION PRIORITIES

| What is in the directory | What it means |
|--|---|
| “Priority to continuing 8th graders” | Continuing Eighth Graders Priority: This is for students that are at a 6-12 or K-12 school. Continuing eighth grade students are in the first priority group for the high school and are guaranteed to match if they do not match to anything ranked higher on their application. Check your application to see if you have a continuing school. |
| “Priority to Bronx students or residents” or “Priority to District 32 students or residents” | Geographic Priority: Students may have priority based on the district, borough, or geographic area in which they live and/or go to school. If a student lives and goes to school in different boroughs or districts, that student has priority in both places. |
| “Priority to New York City residents who attend an information session” | Limited Unscreened Priority: Students who signed in at a program’s open house or at the school’s table at a fair are moved to a higher priority group. This happens with programs that use a Limited Unscreened Admissions Method. |
| “Priority to students who apply and live in the zoned area” | Zoned Priority: Students who live in a certain area will have priority. To find out if you live in a zoned area, check your application or visit schools.nyc.gov/SchoolSearch . |

ADMISSIONS METHODS

Common

Limited Unscreened

Ed. Opt.

Screened

Other

Unscreened

Zoned

Audition

Specialized High Schools

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ADMISSIONS METHODS

LIMITED UNSCREENED

- Priority to students who are active in application process:
 - They go to and *sign in* at the school's exhibit at fairs
 - They go to and *sign in* at open houses and/or info sessions

ED OPT

- Schools look at multiple criteria, such as:
 - core course grades
 - attendance
 - 7th grade ELA test scores to place students
- 3 groups:
 - high, middle, low
- Students from each group are admitted:
 - Half chosen by school
 - Half placed randomly

ADMISSIONS METHODS

SCREENED

Screened schools rank students based on the following:

- Seventh grade report cards, state tests, attendance, and lateness
- Possibly interviews, essays, or other requested materials

AUDITION

- Students must visit these schools to perform or submit materials
- Auditions are scheduled with the DOE
- Students and families must arrange these visits on their own
- Schools also look at grades and other criteria

ADMISSIONS METHODS

ZONED

- Admit students who live in a certain geographic area.
- To see if you have a zoned high school in your community, enter your address in the School Search tool at nyc.gov/schools/SchoolSearch, or call 311.
- Zoned priority vs. zoned guarantee

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS (8)

- Admit students solely based on the results of the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)
- Bronx Science, Brooklyn Latin, Brooklyn Tech, HSMSE, Lehman, American Studies at Lehman College, Queens High School for the Sciences, Staten Island Tech, Stuyvesant
- **Register to take the SHSAT** between September 8 and October 13
- **Test Dates:** October 22 and October 23 for most 8th grade students or October 30 and November 5 for students with IEPS or 504s

USE THIS SEARCH TOOL

<http://schoolfinder.nyc.gov/>

HOW CAN WE LEARN MORE ABOUT NYC HIGH SCHOOLS?



HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS



HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

- **Before:**
 - Make a list of schools
- **At the fair:**
 - Ask questions
 - Find out how to visit
 - Bring your IEP
 - Sign your name and OSIS* # (parents can do it)
- **After:**
 - Revise your list
 - Plan visits

*Office of Student Information Systems Number

VISIT SCHOOLS

All schools have open houses and information sessions:
See DOE website or call the school for specifics



SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK AT FAIRS AND OPEN HOUSES

- What is the selection criteria for your school?
- What accommodations do you provide for students with disabilities? (Be specific! Bring your child's IEP!)
- Diploma options
- How do you help students transition into jobs and college after they graduate?

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Free 1-on-1 help

- Special education
- Early childhood
- Kindergarten placement
- Busing



- Life after high school
- Medicaid waiver services, SSI, mental health
- Camps, afterschool, recreation, social groups

RESOURCE LINE

212.677.4660

LÍNEA DE RECURSOS

212.677.4668

**MON – THURS
9 AM – 3 PM**

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