Introduction to High School Admissions

[put your name here]

Look for tip boxes during the presentation!

[put your school name here]
HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
A Basic Overview

High School Application
700+ Programs at 400+ High Schools

Early Fall
Receive HS Application from guidance counselor.

Late Fall
Complete Application by listing 12 programs in order of preference. Return to counselor.

March
1 Offer*
Round 2 (if necessary)

80,000 Applicants

REQUIRED
YOUR CHILD

Specialized High Schools
8 Testing Schools
LaGuardia HS

OPTIONAL

Complete Specialized High School Survey; receive SHSAT and/or audition ticket(s) from guidance counselor.

SHSAT
1 Offer*

Audition
1-6 Offers*

*if applicable
# APPLYING TO SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

## Specialized Audition and SHSAT Schools

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## Take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)

- The Bronx High School of Science
- The Brooklyn Latin School
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College
- Staten Island Technical High School
- Stuyvesant High School
ROUND 1 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION
Receive, Review, and Complete

✓ RECEIVE from me in October

✓ REVIEW that all the information is correct

✓ COMPLETE by writing 12 program choices in order of preference
This is a family’s most valuable resource in the High School Admissions process.

With over 700 programs offered throughout the city, this book helps families narrow their lists down to 12 choices.
A GOOD APPLICATION LISTS 12 PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO YOUR STUDENT

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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs and Admissions Methods

- You can think about **programs** as “doorways” through which they accept students.
- If a school has multiple programs, eligible students may apply to one program, or more than one program at that school.
- Programs at the same school may have different Admissions Priorities and Admissions Methods. You may decide to apply to one program over another based on its admissions information.

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HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED
Matching Students With Programs

STUDENT FACTORS

**Choices on Application**
The 12 programs listed on the application AND the order in which they are listed.

**Student Information***
Student’s academic record, audition, and/or address.
*(Only for some programs)*

PROGRAM FACTORS

**Admissions Priorities**
The order in which applicants are considered.

**Admissions Methods**
How programs consider and match with applicants.

**Seat Availability**
The number of seats available for applicants.
HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED

CHOICES ON THE APPLICATION

- Students should list **12 programs on their application**. Listing fewer than 12 works against a student; making it less likely to yield an offer from the application.

- Students should list programs in their **true order of preference starting with their top choice**. High Schools will not see where families rank them. High Schools should not ask where they’ve been ranked, or insist on ranking them first.

97% of students who listed 12 programs received an offer in Round 1!

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Chambers Street High School | 99S123

**SCHOOL OVERVIEW**
Chambers Street High School is committed to academic excellence. We have an innovative program focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), as well as a performing arts program that offers extensive training in acting technique, voice, dictation, and dramatic writing. Students at Chambers Street High School have opportunities to visit cultural institutions in New York City, and are regularly accepted into competitive four-year colleges.

Eligibility: Open only to Bronx students or residents.

**ACADEMICS**
- CTE program(s) in Business, Health Science, Information Technology
- LearnNYC: Program for expanded online coursework and self-paced learning
- Saturday Academy for tutoring and enrichment
- SAT Prep Classes
- English Language Learner Programs: English as a New Language (ENL), Transitional Bilingual Education Spanish
- Language Courses: Spanish
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: Calculus, Computer Science, Environmental Science, U.S. Government and Politics, Spanish
- Diplomas Endorsements: Arts, CTE, Math, Science

**ACTIVITIES**
- Dance Club, National Honor Society, Mouse Squad, Student Government, Peer Tutoring, Model Trial, Theater, Gay/Drag Alliance, Model UN, Chess, Gardening, School Newspaper, Jazz Band, Debate, Anime Club
- PSAI Sports - Boys: Baseball, Basketball
- PSAI Sports - Girls: Softball, Volleyball
- School Sports: Girls' Softball, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Baseball, and Boys' Basketball

**PERFORMANCE**
- 86% of students graduate in four years
- 61% of students enroll in college or career programs
- 90% of students attend college
- 92% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria
- 85% of parents feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school

**SCHOOL LIFE**
- Grade Span: 6-12
- Total Students: 1,050
- Typical 8th Grade Schedule: 7:30am-4pm
- College trips, community service
- Learning Lab, Extended Day Program
- Health Center, Internship Program, Online Grading System, Saturday Programs
- Student/Parent Orientation
- Summer Bridge Program
- Uniform

**PROGRAM ADMISSIONS**

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2. Then to Bronx students or residents

Program Description:
- Comprehensive CTE program that includes rigorous study in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields.
- Includes work-based learning experiences with partner organizations, including local hospitals and engineering firms.

Selection Criteria:
- Course Grades: English (80-100), Math (80-100), Social Studies (80-100), Science (80-100)
- Standardized Test Scores: English Language Arts (2.9-4.5), Math (2.2-4.5)
- Attendance and Punctuality

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Admissions Priorities determine the order in which applicants are considered for placement.

- **Continuing 8th graders**
- **Brooklyn students residents**
- **NYC students residents**
Eligibility: Some programs are only open to certain students.

Students must meet a program’s eligibility requirements to list the program on the application.

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Students who go to school and live outside of the Bronx are not eligible to apply to this program!
### HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED

**Seat Availability**

- Review the number of **seats** in a program and the number of applicants for those seats. The number of **applicants per seat** will affect a student’s chances of being matched.
- The average demand for programs is **6 applicants per seat**.
- The data refers to the previous year’s admissions cycle.

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**Admissions Priorities:**
1. Priority to Continuing 8th graders – 40% of offers went to this group
2. Then to Brooklyn students or residents
3. Then to New York City residents

**Tip:** Don’t list only programs with high demand on your Application!
### HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED

**Admissions Methods**

An Admissions Method is the way a school program matches with applicants. Remember that students are first grouped by Admissions Priority and then considered by Admissions Method.

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<td>• Screened programs rank students using seventh grade core course grades, attendance, and state test scores.</td>
<td>• Same as Screened, but require an audition. (Some auditions require pre-registration.)</td>
<td>Seats reserved for students with high, medium, and low NY State ELA scores.</td>
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| • Additional requirements possible, such as portfolios or interviews. | | • Half of seats filled by students who were ranked by the school.  
• Half of seats filled through random selection. |

These programs **DO NOT** see applicant’s school record

These programs **DO** see applicant’s school record

Tip: Before listing a program on your Application, please check all details about that program’s Admissions Priorities and Admissions Methods in the HS Directory!
A program’s **Selection Criteria** is useful to know how a student’s application compares with other applicants.

### Program: Medical Science Institute

- **Code**: K26K
- **Interest Area**: Science & Math
- **Admissions Method**: Screened

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**Admissions Priorities:**

- Open to New York City residents

**Program Description:**

- Biology, chemistry, physics, calculus, statistics, medical issues, environmental sciences, Intel research.

**Selection Criteria** (prior year ranges—learn more in the introduction):

- Course Grades: English (88-100), Math (90-100), Social Studies (88-100), Science (88-100)
- Standardized Test Scores: English Language Arts (3.0-4.5), Math (3.5-4.5)
A balanced application has a mix of “reach” programs, “target” programs, and “likely-match” programs.

**“Reach” Programs**
- High Demand: More than 6 applicants/seat
- OR: Student is not in first priority group
- OR: Student’s academics fall below selection criteria

**“Target” Programs**
- Average Demand: About 6 applicants/seat
- OR: Student is in first priority group
- OR: Student’s academics fall within selection criteria

**“Likely-Match” Programs**
- Low/Average Demand: 6 or fewer applicants/seat
- OR: Student is in first priority group
- OR: Student’s academics fall on the high end of selection criteria.

**Guaranteed Programs**
- Continuing 6-12 School
- Zoned Guarantee Program

Check the High School Application to see if a student is eligible for a guaranteed program.
Students who are English Language Learners may apply to any high school in New York City.

All high schools must provide ELL services for students.

There are three different ELL service delivery models offered in NYC public high schools:
- English as a New Language (formerly ESL)
- Transitional Bilingual Education
- Dual Language

ELL students are eligible for supports and accommodations on admissions-related tests and auditions
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ("SWD")

- Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) may apply to any high school program in New York City; all high schools must provide services for students.

- For the purposes of High School Admissions, seats at each high school program are divided into two groups:
  - General education students ("GE"); or
  - Students with disabilities ("SWD") who receive special education services for more than 20% of their instructional school day
TIPS FOR A BALANCED APPLICATION

A balanced application will look different for each student.

Tip #1
• Before listing a program on your application, please check all details about that program’s Admissions Priorities and Admissions Methods in the High School Directory!

Tip #2
• List programs on your application in order of true preference!
• Do not list programs you are not interested in attending just for the sake of getting in somewhere.

Tip #3
• List some programs with six or fewer applicants per seat to increase your chances of receiving an offer from your application.

Tip #4
• Students who are eligible for a Zoned Guarantee program or a continuing school are guaranteed to receive an offer from that program if they do not match to anything higher on their application.
## NEXT STEPS FOR FAMILIES

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| **Plan to attend High School Fairs and school open houses** | **Citywide** – September 24 and 25  
**Borough** – October 15 and 16 |
| **Audition Surveys** | Return to the Guidance Counselor, if interested, in the fall |
| **Specialized High School Surveys** | |

Start learning about high school programs today!
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