Introduction to High School Admissions
May 4, 2017

Look for tip boxes during the presentation!
HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
A Basic Overview

REQUIRED

YOUR CHILD

OPTIONAL

80,000 Applicants

High School Application
700+ Programs at 400+ High Schools

Receive HS Application from guidance counselor.

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

1 Offer*

Round 2 (if necessary)

Specialized High Schools
8 Testing Schools

LaGuardia HS

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

SHSAT

Audition

1 Offer*

1-6 Offers*

*if applicable
## Specialized Audition and SHSAT Schools

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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
NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Your Journey Begins

- 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.

Search online with schoolfinder.nyc.gov
A GOOD APPLICATION LISTS 12 PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO YOUR STUDENT

- COURSES
- LOCATION
- SIZE
- ACTIVITIES
- SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
- PROGRAM INTEREST AREA
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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| Program Description: Small group instruction in a variety of courses focusing on the theater arts, including acting, singing, dancing, stagecraft, and technical theater. Opportunities to participate in twice-yearly theater productions, and to intern at a variety of New York City theater organizations.
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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<th># Programs</th>
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### Program Information

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

**Activities**

- Dance Club, National Honor Society, Mouse Squad, Student Government, Peer Tutoring, Mock Trial, Theater, GSA/Drama Alliance, Model UN, Chess, Gardening, School Newspaper, Jazz Band, Debate, Anime Club
- PS41 Sports: Boys' Baseball, Basketball
- Girls' Softball, Volleyball
- School Sports: Girls' Softball, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Baseball, Boys' Basketball

**Performance**

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

**School Information**

- Neighborhood: Central Bronx
- Address: 123 City Lane, Bronx NY 10009
- Shared Space: No
- Site Accessibility: Accessible
- Phone: 212-555-5555 • Fax: 212-555-5555
- Email: example@schools.nyc.gov
- Subway: U, V, X to City Lane
- Bus: #1, #2, #3, #4

**School Type:**

- Grade Span: 6-12
- Typical 8th Grade Schedule: 7:45am-4pm
- College trips • Community Service • Expected Extended Day Program • Health Center • Internship Required • Online Grading System • Saturday Programs • Student/Parent Orientation • Summer Bridge Program • Uniform

**Program Admissions**

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**Admissions Priorities:**

1. Priority to students who are residents of the school district.
2. Priority to students who are enrolled in the school district.
3. Priority to students who are attending the school district.

**Program Description:**

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

**Selection Criteria:**

- Course Grades: English (80-100), Math (80-100), Social Studies (90-100), Science (80-100)
- Standardized Test Scores: English Language Arts (2.9-4.5), Math (3.2-4.5)
- Attendance and Punctuality

**Eligibility:**

Open only to Bronx students or residents.
Admissions Priorities determine the order in which applicants are considered for placement.

- **Continuing 8th graders**
- **Brooklyn students residents**
- **NYC students residents**

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<td>Type: GE Seats: 108 Filled: N Applicants: 638 Applicants per Seat: 6 10th Grade Seats Offered: Yes - 10</td>
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- Priority to Continuing 8th graders – 40% of offers went to this group
- Then to Brooklyn students or residents
- Then to New York City residents
HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED

Eligibility

Eligibility: Some programs are only open to certain students. Students must meet a program’s eligibility requirements to list the program on the application.

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.

Tip: Don’t list only programs with high demand on your Application!

You can learn about Seat Availability in the Directory!
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>• Based on address</td>
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<td>Seats reserved for students with high, medium, and low NY State ELA scores.</td>
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<td>• Additional requirements possible, such as portfolios or interviews.</td>
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<td>• Half of seats filled by students who were ranked by the school.</td>
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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!
HOW OFFERS ARE DETERMINED

Selection Criteria

A program’s **Selection Criteria** is useful to know how a student’s application compares with other applicants.

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This is only relevant for programs that see an applicant’s school record.
A balanced application has a mix of “reach” programs, “target” programs, and “likely-match” programs.

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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 **School Counselor**, if interested, in the fall |
| **Specialized High School Surveys** | |

Start learning about high school programs today!
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