

# High School Admissions

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Prepare: Grades 6 and 7 • Apply: Grades 8 and 9

## WHO CAN APPLY?

I live in NYC. Can I participate in high school admissions if...	I attend a NYC Public or Charter School?	I attend a Private or Parochial School in NYC?	I am home schooled?	I attend a public school outside of New York City?	I attend a Private/Parochial school outside of New York City?
I am an 8 <sup>th</sup> grader?	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
I am a first time 9 <sup>th</sup> grader?	✓	✓	✓	-	✓

## WHEN DO I APPLY?

- High School applications are distributed in **October** and due in **December**. Stay updated on High School Admissions events and deadlines by checking [schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High)
- Work with your guidance counselor to receive, complete, and submit your high school application.
- New NYC residents should visit their district's Borough Enrollment Office to get started. Find your office at [schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/NewStudents/enrollmentoffices](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/NewStudents/enrollmentoffices)

## WHAT CAN I APPLY TO?

List up to **12** different programs on the application- Choose from over **400** schools, offering more than **700** programs

Take the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) for **8** Specialized High Schools and audition for **Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts**

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

<b>Visit Schools</b>	Contact schools directly to find out if they have special events, open houses, or student-guided tours. Talk to the principal, teachers, and current students and test the commute.
<b>Attend Fairs</b>	Check out the <b>Citywide and Borough Fairs</b> each Fall. At these events, you can meet with representatives from different schools in the same place, on the same day. Visit <a href="https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High">schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High</a> for the latest news on fair dates and locations.
<b>Use the Directory</b>	<i>The Directory of the New York City Public High Schools</i> – available at your current school, high school fairs, enrollment offices, and online at <a href="https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources">schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources</a> . It contains descriptions of all high schools with information about courses, extracurricular activities, special education services, and eligibility criteria.