HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION 2024



How do I participate in High School Admissions?



Explore Schools and Programs in MySchools

- To view the searchable, online directory, go to **myschools.nyc** and scroll all the way to the bottom
- Click on "Start Browsing"



Explore Schools and Programs in MySchools

- Use the search box.
 - Enter your child's address to see schools near home





Learn about Schools

Click the name of a schoo and learn more about it.

- Location
- Size and Schedule
- School Performance
- Academics
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- Accessibility



Overview

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. "The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education." -Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Our vision is to provide the best education and preparation for college and career to every student who walks into our building. We do this by supporting all learners, both academically and emotionally, while providing access to a wide variety of coursework and educational experiences. The FDR learning community celebrates the diversity within our family and works together to graduate young adults who will continue to serve the greater community. FDR High School: Brooklyn's Bridge To Your Future.





Program Factor: Admissions Methods Shows what a student needs to do to be considered for admissions

- Programs that *do not* see an applicant's school record:
- Open
- Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)

Programs that do see an applicant's school record:

- Screened for language / Screened language and academics
- Screened
- Audition

Testing - for Testing Specialized High Schools **ONLY**

Zoned- Students who live in the school's zone have a guarantee or priority to attend.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- □ 12 programs you want to attend.
- Not only high-demand programs
- Mix of admissions methods
- Your child is in the first priority group for some programs
- Only apply to programs that you want your child to attend.

- List programs in your true order of preference, starting with your top choice.
- High Schools cannot see the order of programs on your child's application
- Students are considered for offers in the order of the programs on their application
- If you don't get into your first choice then you are considered for the next choice. It's a though the next choice is your new first choice.

Programs with **Screened and Audition** Admissions Methods THIS YEAR:

Applicants will be considered based on...

- Grades selected from students' final course grades from 7th grade and first marking period grades from 8th grade (SS, Sci, ELA, Math)
- State exams will not be reviewed this year
- Attendance will not be evaluated
- Additional material (review screened and audition programs)

STILL THE SAME:

School staff evaluate and rank applicants for admission.

FINALIZED GUIDANCE ON HIGH SCHOOL SCREENING

- Students' highest grades in four courses—English, math, social studies, and science--will be used. To determine which grades to use, student enrollment will choose the highest grade in each of these courses, from the following:
 - □ Final course grades from seventh grade
 - Marking period or end-of-term grades from eighth grade that are available by the high school application deadline. This means that a combination of student grades from two different school years may be used.
- Because a variety of grading scales are used across schools, each course grade being used for admissions will be converted to 100-400 points. Then, these converted grades will be averaged to assign each applicant a point average.
 - Applicants will be divided into four groups according to their point average, with applicants with the highest averages forming Group 1. At screened programs, applicants from Group 1 will be admitted first, followed by applicants from Group 2 and so on.
 - Some high school programs may have additional requirements, such as interviews or essays. Be sure to check schools' "Selection Criteria" section in MySchools to learn what, if anything, applicants need to do to apply.

HOW ARE GRADING SCALES CONVERTED TO POINTS?

POINTS	0-100 Scale (McKinley)	1-4 Scale	IB Scale	U-E Scale	MB-ME	A-F Scale
400	85-100	3(+/-), 4(+/-)	IB6, IB7	G, G+, E-, E, E+	MA, ME	B, B+, A, A+
300	75-84	2, 2+	IB4, IB5	G-, S+, S-	MT	C, C+, B-
200	65-74	2-, 1+	IB2, IB3	S-, N+, N	MP	D, D+, C-
100	10-64	1, 1-	IB1	U, N-	MB	D-, F

After each of an applicant's course grades being used for admissions are converted to 100-400 points, these will be averaged to assign each applicant a point average.

Subject	Student's Grade	Points
English	94	400
Math	82	300
Science	72	200
Social Studies	89	400
POINT AVERAGE	=	325

How will students' point averages be used in admissions?

1. All applicants are divided into four groups according to their point average.

- Students whose point average is between 350-400 will fall into Group 1
- Students whose point average is between 250-349 will fall into Group 2
- Students whose point average is between 150-249 will fall into Group 3
- Students whose point average is 149 or below will fall into Group 4

Example: If a student's point average is 325, this means this student is in Group 2.

2. For screened high school programs, applicants from Group 1 will be considered first for admissions:

- If there are more applicants from Group 1 than available seats, students from Group 1 will be randomly selected until all seats are filled.
- If there are enough seats for all applicants from Group 1, then students from Group 2 will be considered for remaining seats.
- If there are more applicants from Group 2 than remaining seats, students from Group 2 will be randomly selected for remaining seats until all seats are filled.
 This will continue across groups until all seats are filled, or until all applicants have been placed.

What you need to know about audition programs:

- 25 programs use audition as their selection criteria (includes LaGuardia HS)
- All will offer virtual audition and some will offer in-person auditions (review programs)
- All high school audition programs will accept virtual auditions via the newly developed "Additional Materials" section in MySchools.
- List of schools offering in person auditions will be on our website, schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions

Common Components:

The components for all schools' programs in a specific discipline (such as vocal music or visual arts (will be the same)

What you need to know about audition programs: cont...

Submitting audition files:

- All auditions programs will offer remote auditions (some programs may also have an in-person option). Submit audition files through the Additional Materials in Myschools by March 4, 2022
- How to prepare, and additional information on submitting videos can be determined by clicking Additional Materials are at schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions
- Students can submit their audition files virtually through MySchools, the same platform that they use to submit their High School application

Additional Materials:

- For LaGuardia auditions, families register in MySchools (myschools.nyc) or registration can be completed by your child's counselor. Registration deadline for LaGuardia auditions is March 1.
 - During registration, families or school staff will still indicate which program(s) the student will audition for. There are 6 programs at LaGuardia High School.
 - □ There are no audition tickets this year.

How to prepare, what to submit, and a video to learn how to submit Additional Materials: <u>schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions</u>

To be considered for admissions at programs at Fiorello H. Laguardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, applicants must fall into groups 1, 2, or 3.

ALSO NEW...

- What are Multiples? Twins, triplets
- Families with student that are the same age and have the same parent/guardian connected to their Myschools account, may choose to submit identical applications for both children so they receive an offer to the same program
 - Parent/guardian only need to add choices to one application
 - Before submitting the application, they will be asked by MySchools if they want to add the same application choices to the other child's (or children) application.
 - Families that include an audition, screened, or screened for language and academics program on their children's identical applications, and only one child ranks high enough to receive an offer to the program, then the children may receive separate offers.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE...

- Early- April: Specialized High School offers will be released (automatic acceptance)
- Late- May: High School offers (including LaGuardia) are released
- Late-May: Families will be able to add programs to waitlist
- Late- May: Students with multiple offers must decide (i.e. SHS, high school offer and/or LaGuardia offers)
- □ Late summer/early fall: waitlist close

Questions....

For additional questions: <u>Contact your school counselor or</u> Fort Hamilton School Liaison @ <u>Lissa.sheehan12.naf@army.mil</u>

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HOW STUDENTS GET OFFERS

There are four factors that determine which students are matched to which programs.

YOUR APPLICATION CHOICES

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The choices that you add to your application and the order in which you place them matter! The best strategy is to put programs in your true order of preference, with your first choice at the top as #1. You will be considered for your first-choice program first and be matched to your highest possible choice based on the factors that follow. No school or program will know if you placed them first or last on your application.

EACH PROGRAM'S AVAILABLE SEATS

Each program has a certain number of available seats. If a program has more applicants than seats, the factors listed below are used to make offers.

EACH PROGRAM'S ADMISSIONS PRIORITIES

Some programs give admissions priorities to specific groups of applicants before others, such as to students who live in a specific district, who have siblings at the school, or who speak specific languages. All students in a program's priority group 1 are considered first for offers. Then, if seats are still available, students in that program's priority group 2 will be considered next, and so on. You will be in different priority groups for different programs.

STUDENTS' RANDOMLY ASSIGNED OR RANKED NUMBERS Based on each program's admissions method

- For most processes and programs, each applicant is assigned a random number as part of the admissions process. If there are fewer available seats than applicants within a priority group, these randomly assigned numbers determine the order in which students get offers-note the example on the facing page to see how this works!
- Some processes and programs use admissions methods that evaluate applicants (such as by audition). For these programs, students are scored and then ranked based on specific selection criteria. Then all applicants to that program are assigned ranked numbers based on these evaluations. If there are fewer available seats than applicants within a priority group, these ranked numbers determine the order in which students get offers.

Program X has eight available seats and eleven applicants. Because there are more applicants than seats, not all applicants will get an offer to Program X. This means that admissions priorities for Program X will determine which groups of applicants receive an offer first.

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PRIORITY GROUP

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PRIORITY GROUP 2

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PRIORITY GROUP 3

Finally, the applicants

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First, the applicants in priority group 1 are considered for offers. Since there are four of them and eight available seats, all priority 1 applicants get an offer to this program.



OFFER TO PROGRAM X

Only the student with the strongest random

number from priority group 3 gets an offer to this

program. Now all seats at Program X are filled.

As part of the admissions process, each applicant was assigned a random

number. Applicants are ordered by random number within priority groups.

Next, the applicants in priority group 2 are considered for offers. Four seats remain, and since there are only three applicants in priority group 2, all of them get offers.

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WAITLISTED

The remaining three applicants do not get an offer to Program X. These students will now be considered for offers at the next program on each of their applications. They are also each added to this program's waitlist.

in priority group 3 are considered for offers. Only one seat is left. This means that students' randomly assigned numbers will

determine who gets that offer.