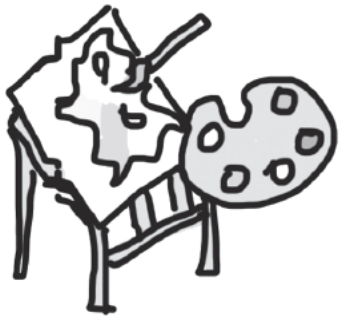


Welcome to

Middle School Admissions



Fall 2021 Admissions Updates

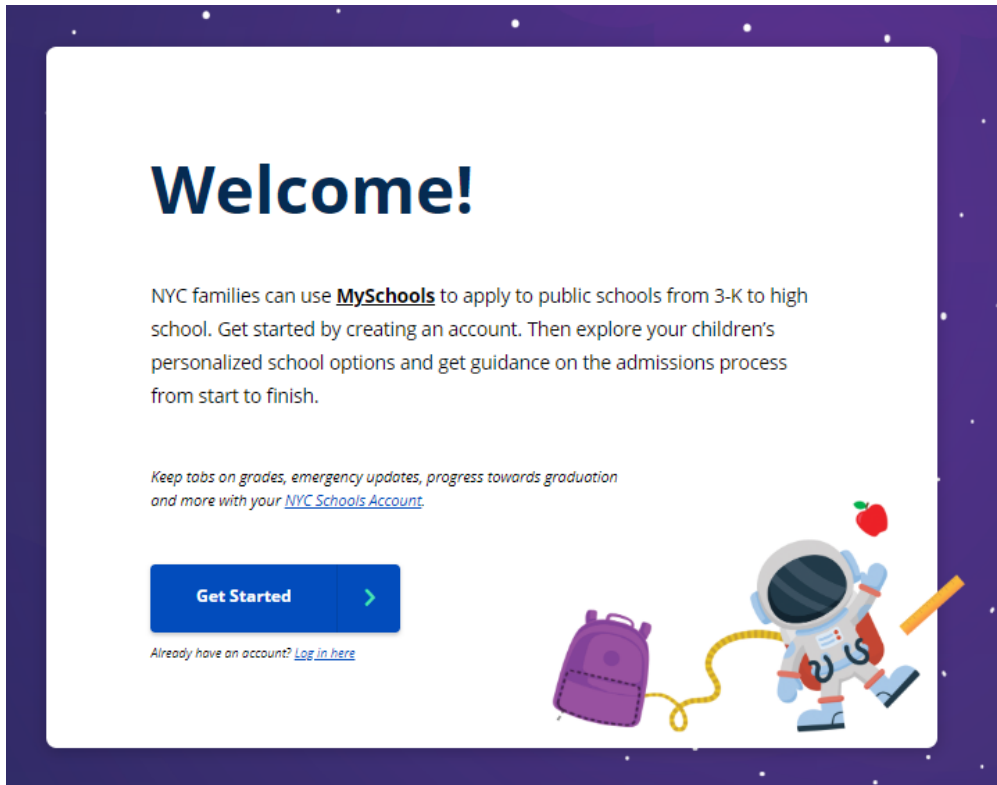
We know this has been a year of great change, and we appreciate the patience and flexibility of families like you across the City.

As announced by the Mayor and Chancellor, DOE middle schools will use an open admissions method this year:

- This means that programs will pause on screening, or using applicants' academic records, auditions, or other assessments to evaluate or admit students.
- If a school has more applicants than available seats, offers will be made using priority groups (when applicable) and random selection (a lottery).
- Other parts of the admissions process, such as zoned priorities, will remain the same.

This presentation will walk through the admissions process, including these updates.

How do we apply to NYC middle schools?



The best way to apply is online at **MySchools.nyc**.

- Create an account with your personal email address.
- To add a student to your account, you will need:
 - Student ID (OSIS)
 - Account Creation Code
- Account creation codes were mailed home to all public school students in mid-December. If you still need your code:
 - Public school students may reach out to their child's current elementary school
 - Private or parochial school students may reach out to a Family Welcome Center

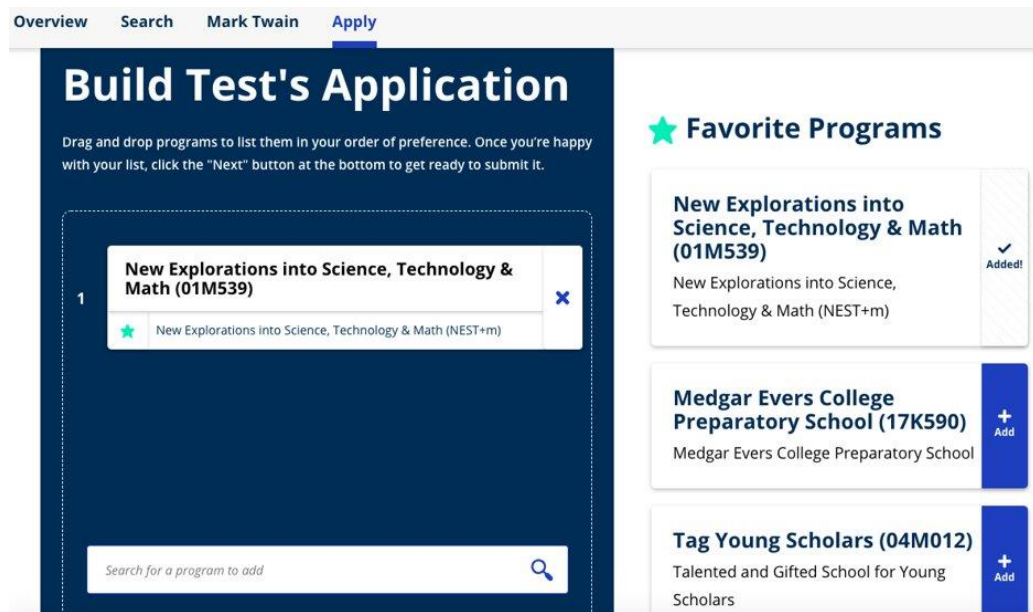
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When you access your personalized application, you will see the list of programs your child is eligible to apply to. This may include:

<p>Your zoned school</p> <p>Learn if you have a zoned middle school at Schoolsearch.schools.nyc or by calling 311.</p> <p><i>Zoned students have a priority to attend their zoned school. This is not changing because of COVID-19.</i></p>	<p>District Programs</p> <p>Open to all students who are zoned to or attend school in the district.</p> <p><i>If your child is zoned one district and goes to school in another, they are eligible to apply to schools in both districts.</i></p>	<p>Boroughwide Programs</p>	<p>Citywide Programs</p>
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The list of school options on your application is not changing because of COVID-19. Applicants will have the same choices as in past years.

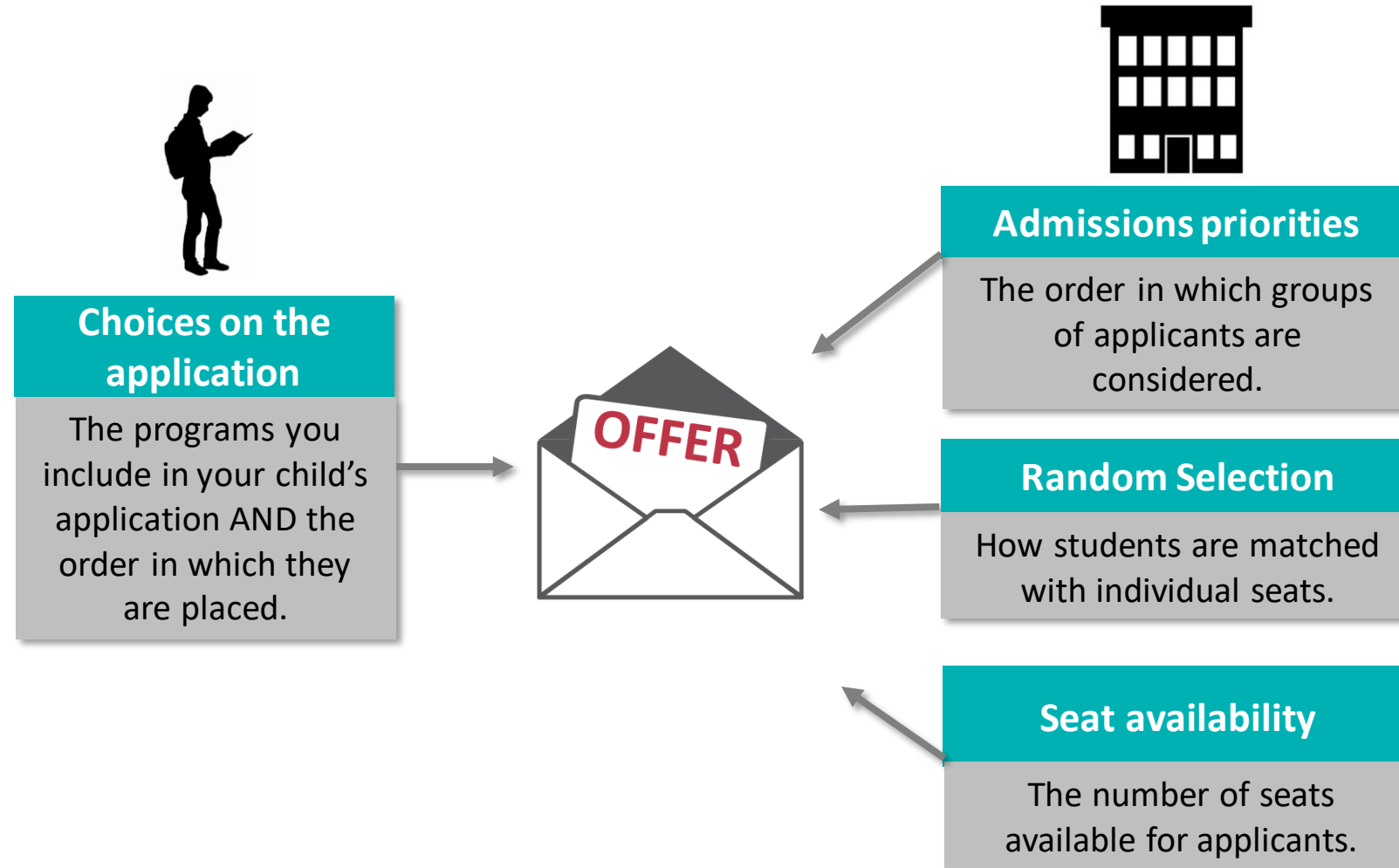
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- List up to 12 programs on your application in your order of preference with your favorite program as #1
- Some schools may have multiple programs, such as a general program and a Dual Language program. If a school has multiple programs, you may apply to more than one.
- Submit your application in MySchools by **Tuesday, February 9**. After submitting you may still log back in and make changes up until the deadline.
- You may also reach out to your current elementary school who can submit an application on your behalf.

Mark Twain IS 239 is a citywide school that has eleven talent area programs. If you are interested in this school, you may apply to one or two talent area programs.

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Admissions Priorities: At some programs, students are considered in groups.

- All students in the first priority group will be considered first.
- If seats are available, students in the second priority group will be considered next, and so on
- Example: A zoned program may have a priority for zoned students. This means that zoned students get offers before non-zoned students.
- Priorities are not changing because of COVID-19. There is no sibling priority in middle school admission

TIP | You still have priority to a school even it's not ranked first. This means you should rank programs you prefer to your zoned or continuing K-8 school ahead of your zoned or continuing K-8 school.

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Random Selection. If there are more applicants to a program than there are available seats, a random selection process will be used to fill seats.

- Each applicant will be assigned a completely random number by a computer program.
- An applicant will be considered for their first-choice program. If there are more applicants than available seats, applicants will be matched based on their random number.
- If an applicant does not get an offer to their first choice, they are considered for their second choice. Similarly, if there are more applicants than seats, applicants will be matched in based on their random numbers. If an applicant has a stronger random number than someone who listed the program first, they will match to that program ahead of the other applicant.
- This process will continue for all remaining application choices until they are matched.

Language Criteria: Certain Dual Language Programs, or programs for students newly arriving to the US, will rank applicants using language criteria. For example, they may rank based on an applicant's home language, or English Language Learning status.

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Seat Availability: Each middle school program has a set number of seats.

- There are specific seats for general education students, and students with disabilities. Applications are automatically assigned to one group of seats based on the student's instructional program.
- The number of applicants and available seats from last year's process is in MySchools.
- If you are interested in applying to high-demand programs, you absolutely should! But, remember to add some additional programs that have an average level of demand.

High-demand programs have 4 or more applicants per seat

Seats and Demand Last Year

General Education		Students With Disabilities	
7	Applications Per Seat	5	Applications Per Seat
71	Seats	19	Seats
512	Applicants	95	Applicants
All Seats Filled		All Seats Filled	

Average-demand programs have 3 or fewer applicants per seat

Seats and Demand Last Year

General Education		Students With Disabilities	
3	Applications Per Seat	3	Applications Per Seat
250	Seats	60	Seats
831	Applicants	162	Applicants
All Seats Filled		All Seats Filled	

How should I complete my application?

- You should list up to twelve program choices in your **genuine, true order of preference**. If you don't match to your first choice, you have the same chance of matching to your second choice as if it had been placed first, and so on.
- **Don't ONLY apply to high-demand schools.** If you are applying to high-demand middle schools, you should consider also applying to schools with average or lower demand.
- **After applying to your favorite choices, consider adding some additional programs.** Adding programs to your application after your favorites does not lower your chance of matching to a top choice.

Learn About Schools

MySchools.nyc has information about every middle school you are interested in applying to such as elective classes, and languages offered.

Academics

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PROGRAMS

English as a New Language

LANGUAGE COURSES

Spanish

ACCELERATED CLASSES

Algebra I, Living Environment

Activities

ACTIVITIES

Art, Band, Book Club, Chess, Choir, Chorus, Coding, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Fitness, Gardening, Green Team, Guitar, Homework Help, Latin Dance, Leadership, Music, Musical Theater, Photography, Restorative Circles, School Newspaper, Science Club, Service Learning, STEM, Student Council, Talent Show, Technology, Theater, Urban Arts, Visual Arts, Yearbook

SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball, Dance, Flag Football, Running Club, Soccer

Additionally, many middle schools are hosting virtual events. To find out about these, you may reach out to schools or look at the school's profile in MySchools to find a link to its website and admissions events page.

Offer Release and Waitlists

Offers will be available later this Spring. You'll get an email notification when offers are available.

When offers are released, the waitlist process will begin.

- You will automatically be waitlisted at any programs ranked higher than the program to which you got an offer.
- For example, if you got an offer to your second choice program, you will be waitlisted at your first choice program.
- More information about waitlists, including adding and removing yourself from waitlists, will be shared at that time.

Resources

Learn more

- Middle school admissions | schools.nyc.gov/middle
- 2021 NYC Middle School Directory | myschools.nyc/schools/middle-school/
- Middle school admissions email list | schools.nyc.gov/signup
- Your zoned school | Schoolsearch.schools.nyc

Get help with your child's application

- Your school counselor
- Contact a Family Welcome Center | schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters
- Office of Student Enrollment | **718-935-2009**