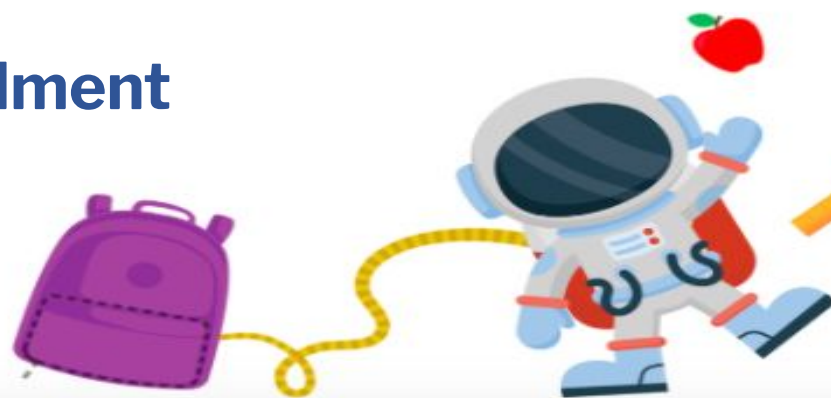


# Fall 2024 Middle School Admissions

Office of Student Enrollment



# Key Dates

**Early October**

Welcome Letters were mailed to all families.

**October 11**

Middle School application opens in MySchools!

**December 8**

Deadline to apply to middle school

**April 3**

Middle School offers available, and waitlists will open

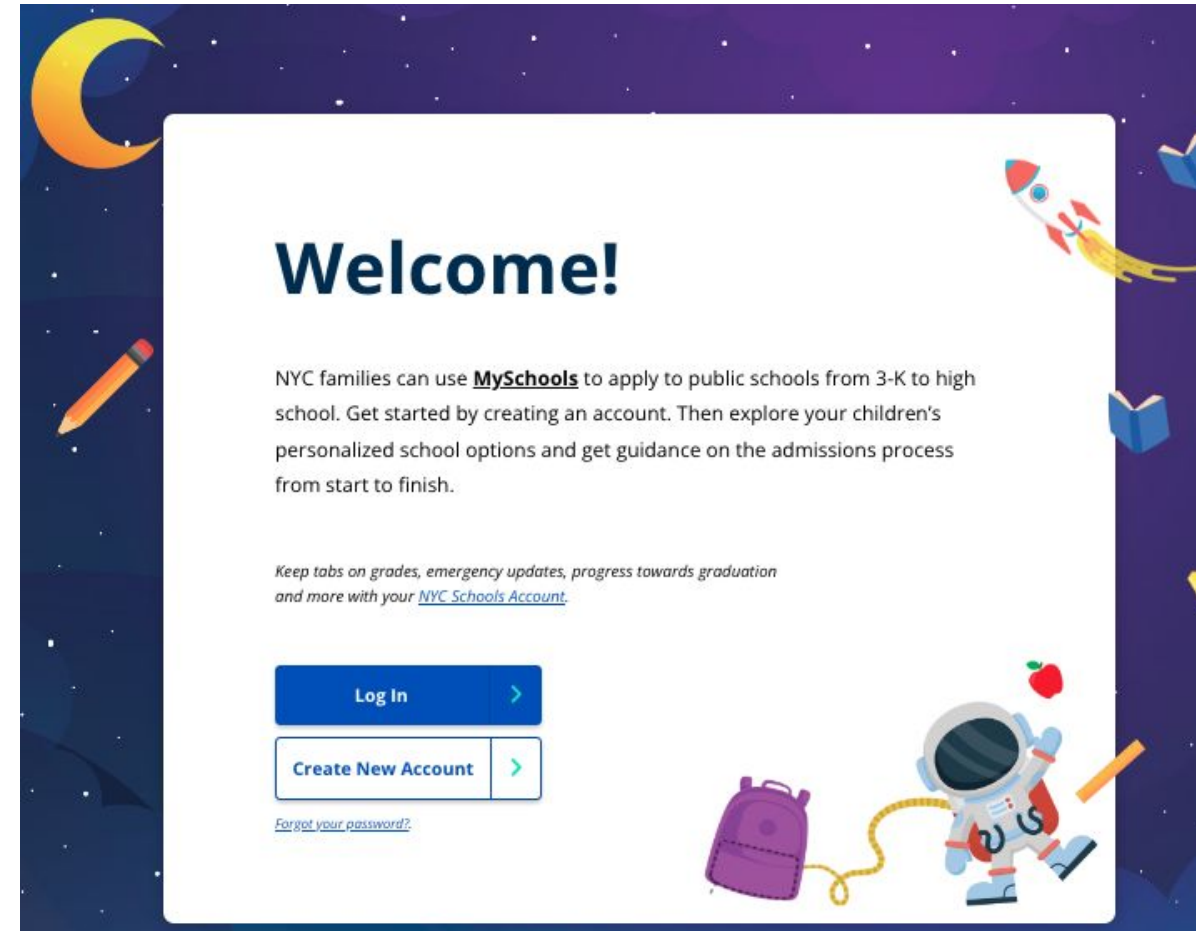
# How do we apply to NYC middle schools?

The office of student enrollment mailed Welcome Letters to all 5th grade families.

Welcome Letters contain your account creation code.

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



# How do we apply to NYC middle schools?

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

## Your zoned school

Learn if you have a zoned middle school at **Schoolsearch.schools.nyc** or by calling **311**.

*Zoned students have a priority to attend their zoned school.*

## District Programs

Open to all students who are zoned to or attend school in the district.

*If your child is zoned to one district and goes to school in another, they are eligible to apply to schools in both districts.*

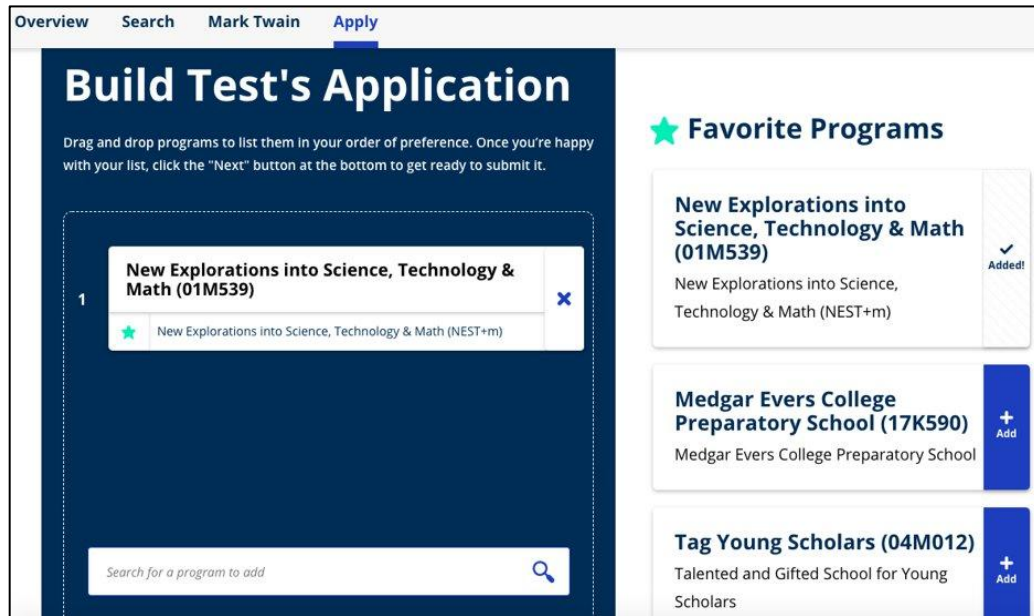
## Boroughwide Programs

Open to all students who live or attend school in the borough

## Citywide Programs

Open to all middle school applicants who live in NYC

# How do we apply to NYC middle schools?



- 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 zone 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 **Friday, December 8**. After submitting you may still log back in and make changes up until the deadline.

# How do students get middle school offers?

- **Choices on the Application**

- The programs you include in your child's application AND the order in which they are placed

- **Seat Availability**

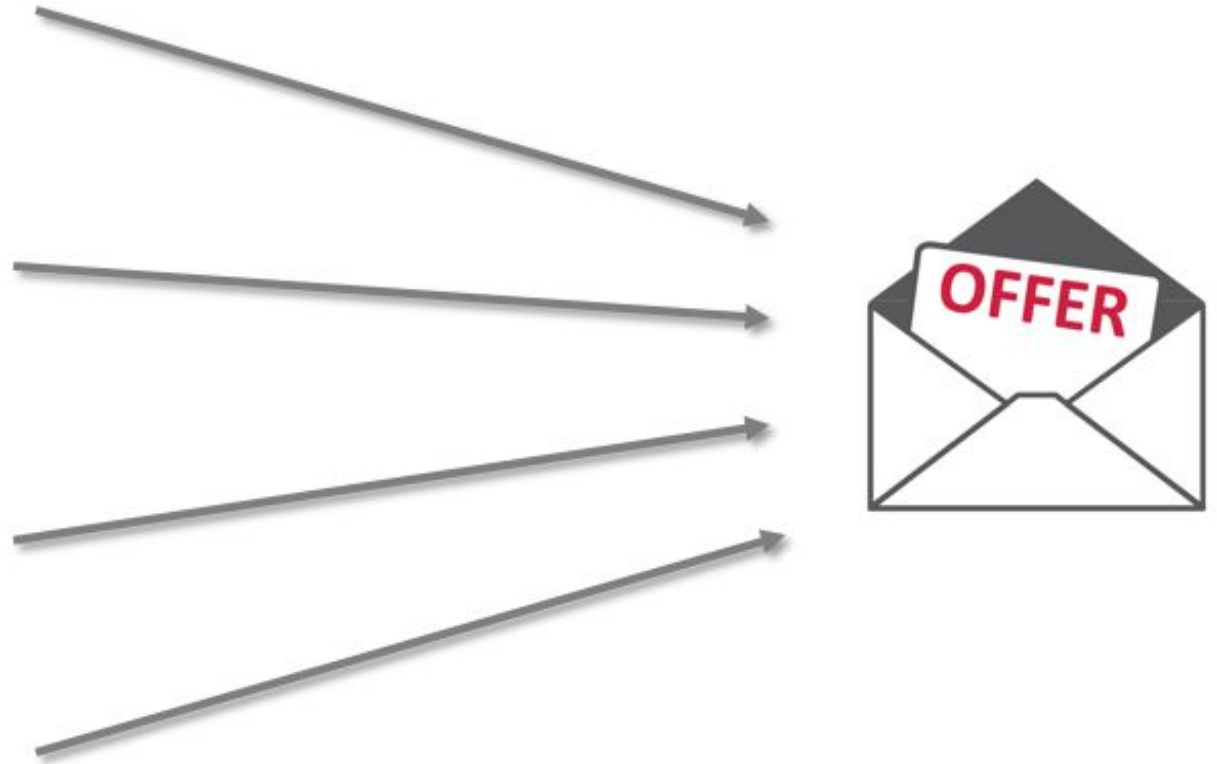
- The number of seats available for applicants

- **Admissions Priorities**

- The order in which groups of applicants are considered

- **Admissions Methods**

- How students are matched to seats



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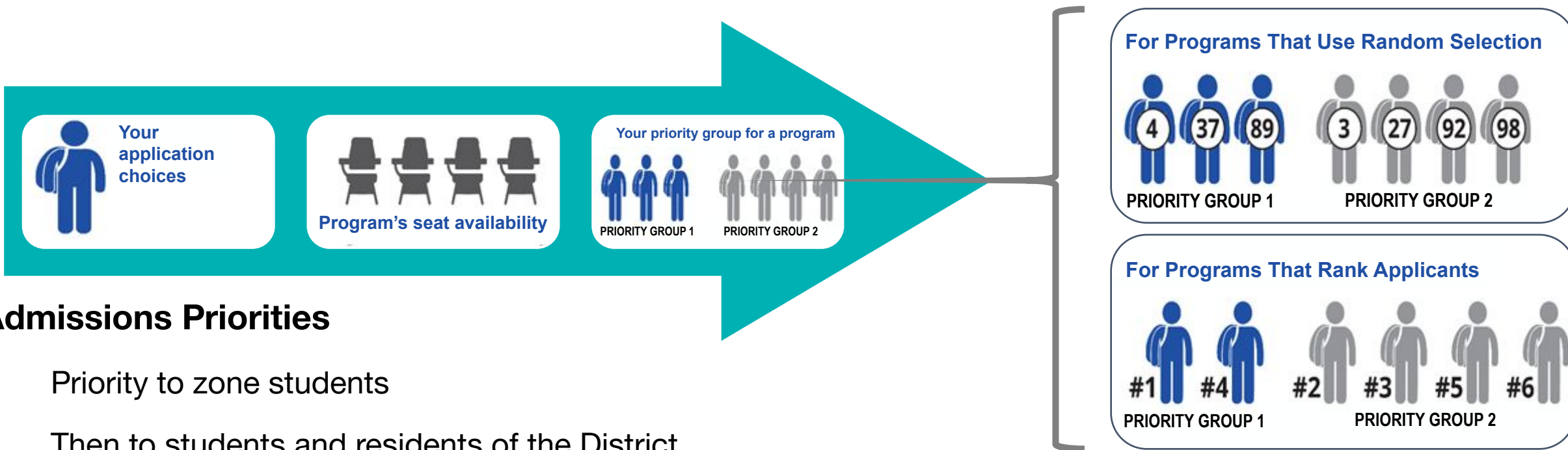
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**Seat Availability:** Each middle school program has a set number of seats.

- 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.

# Admissions Priorities

At some schools, 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.



## Admissions Priorities

1. Priority to zone students
2. Then to students and residents of the District

**Example:** A zoned program may have a priority for zoned students. This means that zoned students get offers before non-zoned students.

**TIP |** You still have priority to a school even if 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.



# Priority for Siblings

Applicants have a priority to attend the same school as their sibling

- At schools where the final year is eighth grade,
  - Middle school applicants with siblings currently in sixth or seventh grade have priority to attend their sibling's school.
  - If the school has younger grades (for example, grades K-8), middle school applicants with siblings currently in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, or fifth, sixth, or seventh grade have priority to attend their sibling's school.

## Multiples

- If you have more than one child the same age applying to middle school (ie., twins or triplets), you may choose to submit identical applications for each child, so they receive an offer to the same program.

**REMINDER:** Middle school programs admitting students through the audition, language: criteria, or screened admissions methods do **not** have a sibling priority, as those programs have distinct criteria for admission.

# Priority for Multiples

- If you have more than one child the same age applying to middle school (ie., twins or triplets), you may choose to submit identical applications for each child, so they receive an offer to the same program.
- If you have multiple middle school applicants on your MySchools account, when submitting one application, you will be invited to automatically copy these choices to the other application(s).
- You don't need to make a school your first choice to keep your priority there.

**REMINDER:** If a family includes an audition, language: criteria, or screened program on their children's identical applications, and only one child is accepted to that program, then the children may receive separate offers.

# Admissions Methods

**An admissions method is the way a program considers applicants for available seats. These admissions methods do not see any academic information.**

- **Zoned**
  - Based on address
- **Open**
  - Random Selection

**This admissions method does see academic information.**

- **Screened**
  - School ranks students based on their course grades from fourth-grade. Some schools may require an assessment.

# Other admissions methods

Some middle school programs admit students using other admissions methods. These include:

- **Language: Criteria.** Dual language programs and international programs will select applicants using language data, such as home language and English language learning status.
- **Audition.** Arts programs may audition applicants virtually. Applicants will record or photograph their audition and upload the files into MySchools before the deadline of **Friday, December 8**. Learn more about auditions at [schools.nyc.gov/MSAuditions](https://schools.nyc.gov/MSAuditions).

## How to Apply to Mark Twain IS 239

Citywide school located in Coney Island, Brooklyn | Offers 10 talent-area programs.

- To apply for arts programs, like Dance, students complete an audition. Offers to these programs are made based on students' auditions.
- To apply for non-arts programs, like Science an assessment is required. You must register for a test in MySchools, then add the program(s) to your application by **Friday, November 10**.
- **Applicants can apply to one or two talent-area programs:** this could be two audition programs, two random selection programs, or one of each.

# How are Offers

## The Matching Process

- The matching process considers the applicant for the first-listed program:
- If there are fewer applicants than available seats, the applicant will get an offer to this program.
- If there are more applicants than available seats, the applicant will be considered based on their random number or ranking.
- If their random number or ranking is strong enough to get an offer the applicant will receive an offer to this program. (i.e., one of the strongest 100 numbers for a program with 100 seats)
- If not, the matching process will consider the next listed program.
- This process will continue until the student receives an offer or there are no more programs left to consider on their application.

**TIP** | Watch our Middle School Admissions Video Series at [schools.nyc.gov/Middle](https://schools.nyc.gov/Middle)

# MySchools Events Calendar

Find out if middle schools of interest, are hosting any in-person or virtual events.

- You will be able to see which schools are hosting open houses and school tours.
- Explore Citywide Admissions events.
- You can also **RSVP** to events you are interested in attending.
- Visit [MySchools.nyc/en/calendar/](https://www.myschools.nyc/en/calendar/) to view Open House and School Tour information.

**TIP:** Not all school post their events. Contact the schools directly.

The screenshot displays the MySchools Event Calendar interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Search by School Name" and a "Clear All" link. To the right, there are navigation buttons for "Admission Events" and view options: "List", "Month", "Week", and "Day".

The main content area shows a list of events for "Thu, 9/29/2022" and "Fri, 9/30/2022". Each event entry includes a time slot, the event name, and an "Add to My Calendar" button. For example, on Thursday, 9/29/2022, there are events from 03:45PM to 05:45PM (Test Event (2505)), 05:00PM to 08:00PM (A School Without Walls (33K960): Admission Extravaganza), and 05:00PM to 08:00PM (A School Without Walls (33K960): Open House).

On Friday, 9/30/2022, there are events from 09:45AM to 12:45PM (Test Event (2473)), 12:15PM to 12:45PM (Test Event (2547)), 03:00PM to 05:00PM (Test Event (2187)), and 04:00PM to 05:00PM (MARTIN VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL (26Q435): Test Event for OLA).

On Saturday, 10/1/2022, there is an event from 09:00AM to 12:00PM (Test Event (2319)).

At the bottom right, it says "Displaying 10 of 1028 Total Events".

On the left side of the interface, there are several filter sections:

- Admission Process:** Includes color-coded circles for Early Learn (purple), 3-K for All (green), Pre-K for All (light green), Kindergarten (orange), G&T Application (blue), Middle School (red), High School (dark blue), and Specialized High School (grey).
- My Key Events:** Includes checkboxes for "Attending" and "Favorited Schools' Event".
- Event Type:** Includes checkboxes for "Admission Process", "General Announcements", "Open House", and "School Tours".
- Event Format:** Includes checkboxes for "Virtual", "In Person (Accessible)", and "In Person (Not Accessible)".
- District:** A dropdown menu.
- Borough:** A dropdown menu.

# How should I complete my application?

- You should list up to 12 program choices in your **genuine, true order of preference**. If you don't receive an offer 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.

# Offer Release and Waitlists

- Offers will be available in **April**. 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.
  - You will be able to add yourselves to waitlists in MySchools.
  - More information about waitlists, including adding and removing yourself from waitlists, will be shared at that time.



# Resources

## Learn more

- Middle School Admissions Video Series | [schools.nyc.gov/middle](https://schools.nyc.gov/middle)
- 2024 NYC Public School Directory | [myschools.nyc/schools/middle-school/](https://myschools.nyc/schools/middle-school/)
- Middle school admissions email list | [schools.nyc.gov/signup](https://schools.nyc.gov/signup)
- Your zoned school | [Schoolsearch.schools.nyc](https://Schoolsearch.schools.nyc)

## Get help with your child's application

- Elementary School Staff
- Contact a Family Welcome Center | [schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)
- Office of Student Enrollment | **718-935-2009**