

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PLANNING CALENDAR

Time Line	Notes
<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th graders should receive the Directory of NYC Public High Schools from their middle school at the end of June. Remember to check with your school. You can also pick up this directory from your local enrollment office. • Talk to the 7th grade ELA teacher about how to draft an essay for the schools that may require it. • OPTIONAL – Review handout <i>Visual and Performing Arts High Schools: Preparing Your Audition/ Arts Portfolio</i> by clicking on the link at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources • OPTIONAL – Research possible locations that offer prep classes for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). Some middle schools offer prep courses. Be advised, there may be a cost involved. • Subscribe for the High School enrollment updates at: http://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe • Have a discussion with your child about interest and priorities when selecting a high school. • Retain a copy of your child's 7th grade report card. 	
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the High School Admissions and/ or Specialized High School workshops. See the link below for dates. http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/events • Review the 2014-2015 Directory of NYC Public High Schools • Review Specialized High Schools Student Handout http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources • Review the High School Enrollment Overview at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources • Review High School Admission FAQ at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources • Review A Guide for Families of Students with Disabilities http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources 	
<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify programs and schools of interest to you based on your family discussion. • Check if your potential schools require admissions essays; if so, student should begin to work on a draft. • Travel to schools to estimate travel time. • Learn about upcoming high school fairs and other important dates at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/Resources (make sure to click on 'Introduction' under High School Resources) • Review high school calendar of events at: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Calendar 	

September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the City wide High School Fair Register for Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) or Audition Sign up for open houses and tours on schools' websites. 	
October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Borough High School Fair Attend High School open house. (If the schools open houses are not during the school day, call the school to schedule a visit.) Receive the SHSAT test ticket or LaGuardia audition ticket from the Guidance Counselor Take Specialized High School Admissions test. The test is usually at the end of October or the beginning of November. Check the DOE's website for the actual test date. 	
November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review and refine high school choices. Attend open houses Register for auditions or interviews if the schools on your list require them (Non-Specialized High Schools) Make a note of the deadline to submit the application. 	
December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School admission applications are usually due the first week this month Some schools have interviews, auditions and school-based tests this month. Try to submit the application before the due date to the Guidance Counselor. Make a copy of your application. 	
January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This month, some schools conduct school-based test, auditions and interviews. 	
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After having worked so hard on the application process, it's time to RELAX and await the results. 	
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will receive the high schools acceptance letters from their school. Discuss options before making a final decision. Some schools will have open houses for admitted students. Parents will sign the form, choosing one school. If you need to appeal, talk to the school counselor about the next steps. 	