



Welcome to Middle School Admissions!

This event is for families of students entering middle school in fall 2022





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How do we apply to NYC middle schools?

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

To create a MySchools account, you will need:

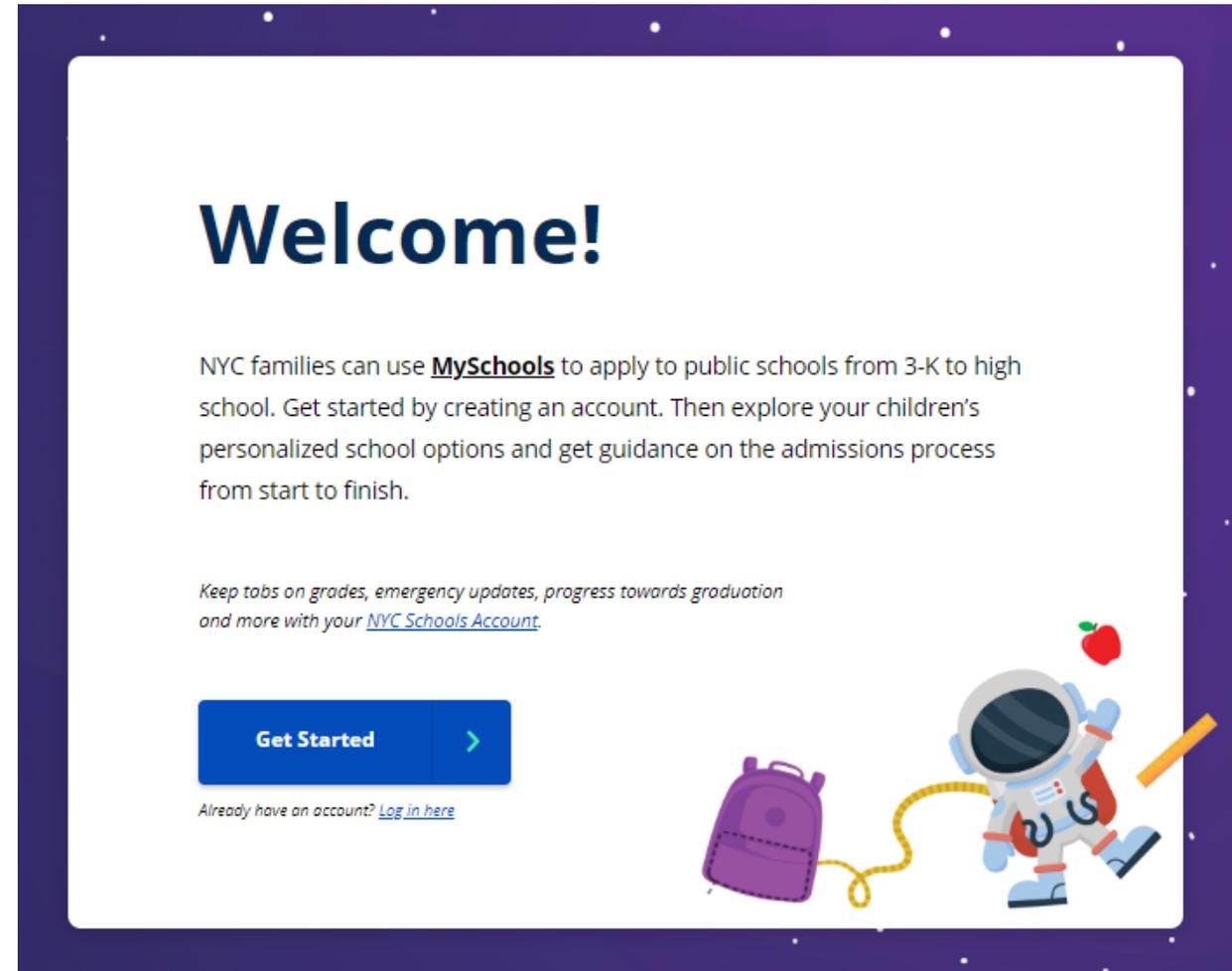
- ✓ A personal email address

To add a student to your account, you will need:

- ✓ Your child's student ID (OSIS #)
- ✓ Your child's unique account creation code (in their welcome letter)

FOR SUPPORT

- **Public school families:** Reach out to your child's current school
- **Private or parochial school families:** Contact a Family Welcome Center



Understand your child's middle school options

When you are logged in to your MySchools account, your search experience will be customized to show all (and only) the programs your child is eligible to apply to. These may include:

Your zoned school

Learn if you have a zoned middle school in your MySchools account, at schoolsearch.schools.nyc, or by calling **311**

Students who live in a middle school's zone have a priority to attend that 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

The list of programs you can add to your child's application has not changed; applicants will have the same choices as in previous years.

Apply by Tuesday, March 1, 2022!

- ✓ List up to 12 programs on your application in your true 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, March 1**. After submitting you may still log back in and make changes up until the deadline.
- ✓ Your current elementary school or an FWC can submit an application on your behalf.



Overview Search Mark Twain Apply

Build Test's Application

Drag and drop programs to list them in your order of preference. Once you're happy with your list, click the "Next" button at the bottom to get ready to submit it.

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New Explorations into Science, Technology & Math (01M539)

★ New Explorations into Science, Technology & Math (NEST+m)

Search for a program to add 🔍

★ Favorite Programs

New Explorations into Science, Technology & Math (01M539) ✓ Added!

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Medgar Evers College Preparatory School (17K590) + Add

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Tag Young Scholars (04M012) + Add

Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars



How do students get offers to middle school for fall 2022?

How students get middle school offers | Four factors



1. Choices on the application

The programs you include in your child's application AND the order in which you place them matter!

2. Seat availability

How many seats are available for applicants; number of seats and demand for them vary from program to program

3. Admissions priorities

Which applicant groups have priority to get offers before others, and in what order

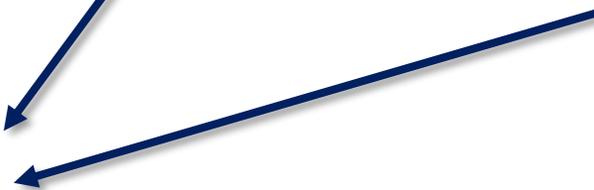
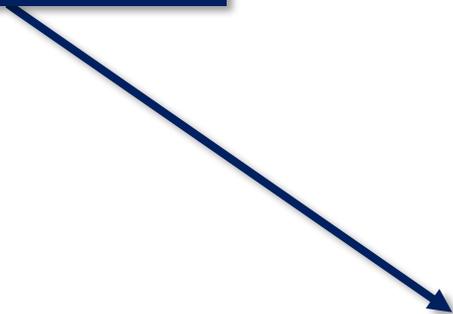
4. Admissions methods

How students are matched with individual seats, within priority groups

Randomly assigned numbers
(most programs)

OR

Audition / Language Criteria
(some programs)



Seat availability and demand

Each middle school program has a set number of seats for incoming students.

- There are specific seats for general education students (GE), and students with disabilities (SWD). Applicants are automatically assigned to one group of seats based on the student's instructional program.
- The number of applicants, available seats, and applicants per seat (which helps measure a program's demand) 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	

If there are more applicants to a program than seats available, students will be considered for offers in groups based on that program's admissions priorities.

- All applicants in priority group 1 will be considered first.
- Then, if seats are still available, applicants in priority group 2 will be considered next, and so on.

Example

A zoned program may have a priority for zoned students. This means that all zoned applicants get offers before any non-zoned applicants.

To keep your admissions priority to a school, include it on your application. You do not need to list it first: you will keep the same priority to attend this school whether you rank it first, third, or last. This means that if you prefer any programs to your zoned or continuing K-8 school, place your preferred programs higher on your application.

Admissions methods – open (random selection)

If there are more applicants to a program than available seats within a priority group, a random selection process (like a lottery) will be used to fill seats.

- At the outset of admissions, each applicant is assigned a completely random number by a computer program.
- An applicant will be considered for their first-choice program first. If there are more applicants than available seats, applicants will be matched based on priority groups and their random numbers.
- 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 priority groups and 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.

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 starting in late January, and before the deadline of **Tuesday, March 1**. Learn more about auditions at schools.nyc.gov/MSAuditions

How to Apply to **Mark Twain IS 239**

Citywide school located in Coney Island, Brooklyn | Offers 11 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, no audition or assessment is required. Offers to these programs are made based on random selection.
- **Applicants can apply to one or two talent-area programs:** this could be two audition programs, two random selection programs, or one of each.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Priorities for siblings and multiples

Phasing in Sibling Priority

- Beginning this year, applicants with a sibling currently in sixth grade will have an admissions priority to attend their sibling's school.
- This priority includes any full-siblings, half-siblings, step-siblings or foster siblings who live in the same household as the middle school applicant.
- When submitting your application, you will be prompted to identify any sixth-grade siblings.

Multiples | Priority to Attend the Same School

- 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).

REMINDER | You don't need to make a school your first choice to keep your priority there.



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Tips for Your Application



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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 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 Middle Schools

- Explore your options at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov)! Use the search and filter options to find schools based on what matters most to you, from location to offerings, such as language courses and sports.

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

- Find out if middle schools of interest are hosting any in-person or virtual events.
 - Check schools' pages in MySchools to find links to their websites, direct links to event/admissions details, and contact information.
 - Visit schools' own websites or contact them directly to learn about events and other resources.



Offers and Waitlists

Offer Release and Waitlists

Offers will be available in April.

We'll notify families and schools when offers are available.

After offers are released, the waitlist process will begin.

- You will be automatically waitlisted at any programs ranked higher than the program to which you got an offer.

For example, if you get an offer to your second choice program, you will be automatically waitlisted at your first choice program.

- More information about waitlists, including adding and removing yourself from waitlists, will be shared at that time.

Thank you for joining us today!

Learn more

- Middle school admissions | schools.nyc.gov/Middle
- Your middle school options | Log in at MySchools.nyc
- Middle school admissions email list | schools.nyc.gov/SignUp
- Your zoned school(s) | schoolsearch.schools.nyc

Get support with your child's application

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

