



Introduction to High School Admissions



Booker T. Washington
Middle School

Starting the Process

Talk to your child and consider the following

What size school are you looking for?

How far are you willing to travel to and from school each day?

How rigorous do you want the school to be? Just because you can get into a “top” school, doesn’t mean it’s the best place for you.

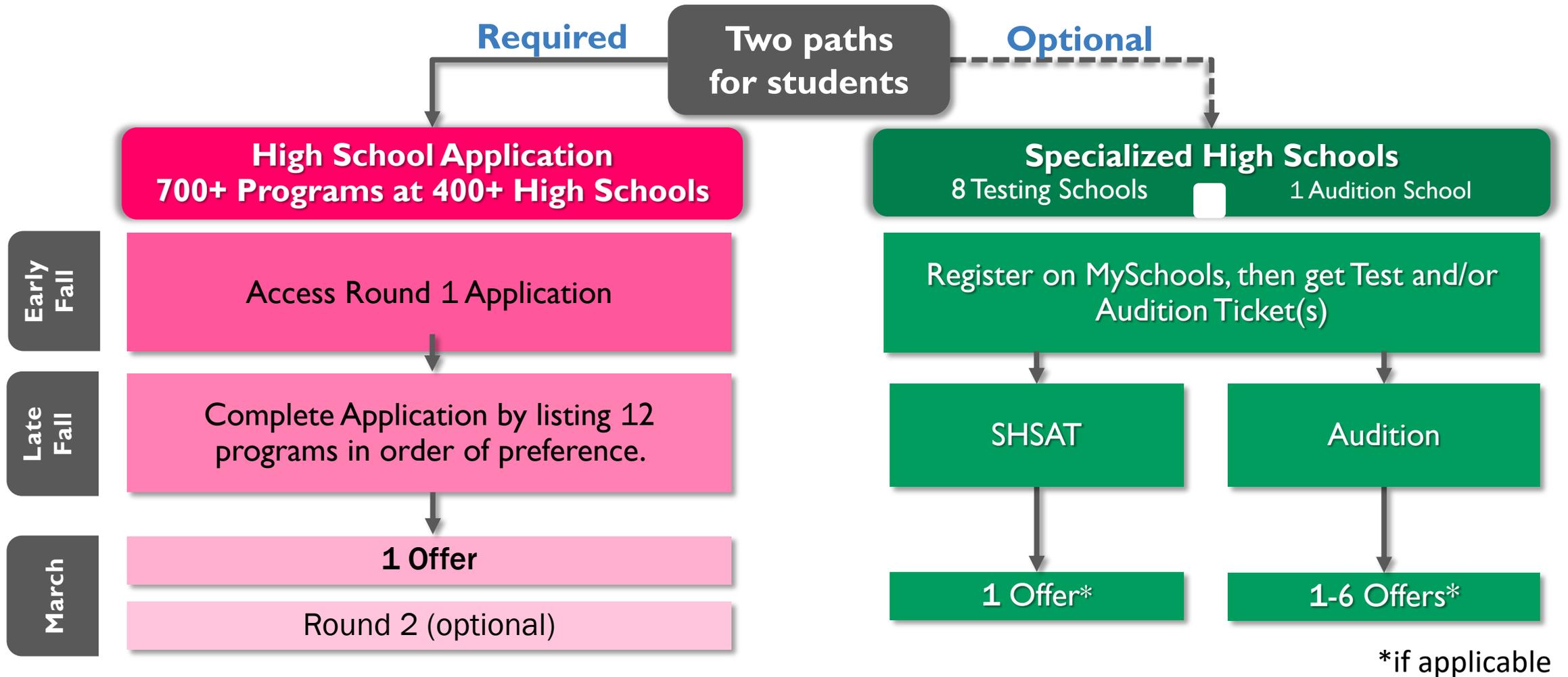
Do you have a special interest like fashion or marine biology? Look for schools that have special programs that excite you.

Keep an Open Mind

Of course friendships are important, but don’t select schools based on where you think your friends will wind up.

There may be something about a school that gives you pause when you look at it on paper (a metal detector, for example). But don’t write off the school. Visit and form your own impressions.

How do I participate in High School Admissions?



What are the Specialized High Schools (SHS)?

There are eight testing SHS — apply by taking the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT).

- Bronx**
- The Bronx High School of Science
 - High School of American Studies at Lehman College

- Brooklyn**
- The Brooklyn Latin School
 - Brooklyn Technical High School

- Manhattan**
- Stuyvesant High School
 - High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY

- Queens**
- Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

- Staten Island**
- Staten Island Technical High School

There is one audition SHS — apply to dance, instrumental music, fine arts, drama, technical theater, or vocal music by auditioning or submitting a portfolio.

- Manhattan**
- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts (LaGuardia High School)

What happens after I take the test?

SHSAT answer sheets are scored.

- Offers are determined by:
 - Student's SHSAT score
 - Student's preference order of schools on the answer sheet
 - Seat availability
- Testing Specialized High Schools DO NOT review students' state test scores, grades, or attendance.
- Watch the video to learn more: **schools.nyc.gov/High**

Prepare for LaGuardia High School Auditions

- Practice! Auditions are different for each studio:
 - Specialized High Schools Student Handbook
 - **LaGuardiaHS.org**
- Review audition dates and times.
- English Language Learners and students with an IEP or 504 Plan: Work with your school counselor to review accommodations.
- On audition day: bring a snack and water.

What happens after I audition for LaGuardia?

LaGuardia staff evaluates each student who auditions

- Audition (based on the studio)
- School record (course grades and state test scores)
- Written response (completed during the audition)

MySchools!

NYC MYSCHOOLS

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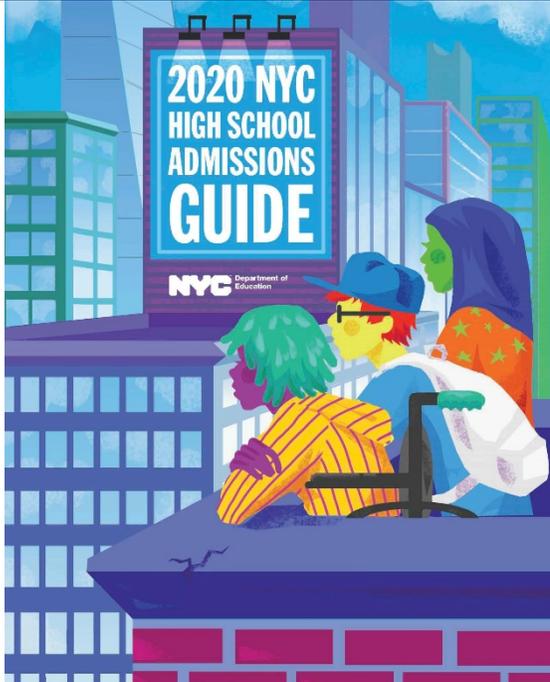
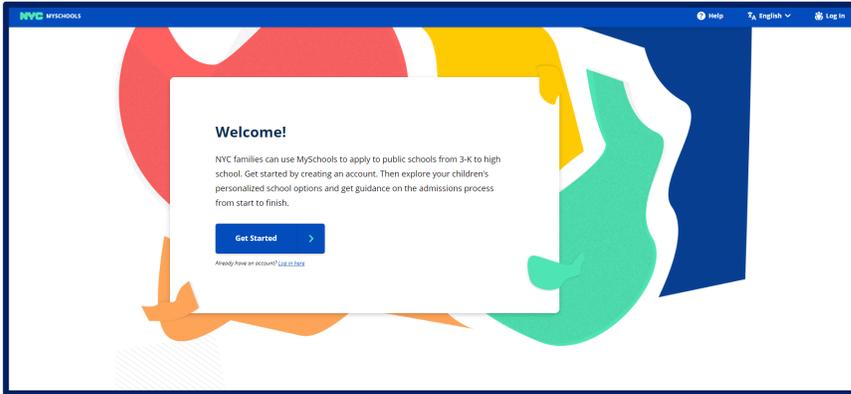
Welcome!

NYC families can use MySchools to apply to public schools from 3-K to high school. Get started by creating an account. Then explore your children's personalized school options and get guidance on the admissions process from start to finish.

[Get Started](#)

Already have an account? [Log in here](#)

Round 1 Application – Explore Schools and Programs



- Learn about more than 700 programs at over 400 schools.
- Explore programs online in **MySchools (MySchools.nyc)**.
- Use the printed **2020 NYC High School Admissions Guide** for information about the application process and high school programs.
- Choose 20 – 30 programs that interest you.
- Narrow your list down to 12 program choices. Don't list the Specialized High Schools on your application.

Explore Schools and Programs in MySchools

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

The screenshot displays the NYC MySchools website interface. At the top, the NYC MySCHOOLS logo is visible. Below it, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Your Child's Address". A secondary search bar contains the text "Search by school name, interests, etc." and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bars are several filter buttons: "Subway", "Size", "Sports", and "More Filters". The main content area shows two school results. The first result is "**47**" The American Sign Language and English Secondary School, with a grade range of 9 to 12 and a star icon. Below this result is a table with a star icon in the first column and the text "American Sign Language Studies Program" in the second column. The second result is Abraham Lincoln High School, also with a grade range of 9 to 12 and a star icon. Below this result is a table with a star icon in the first column and the text "Computer Science" in the second column, and another star icon in the first column with the text "Digital Media" in the second column. To the right of the text is a map of the New York City area with several blue location pins indicating school locations.

Narrow your search

- Subway
- Size
- Sports
- More Filters

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Learn about Schools

Click the name of a school to read more about it.

Location

Size and Schedule

School Performance

Academics

Activities

Other features

Accessibility

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School ^

1.4 Miles 9 to 12

[5800 20 Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11204](#)

[fdrhs.org](#) MKatz10@schools.nyc.gov [718-621-8800](tel:718-621-8800)

Subway
F to Bay Parkway-22nd Ave; N to 20th Ave

Bus
B11, B6, B8, B9

9 to 12 3061 8:50am - 3:26pm

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.

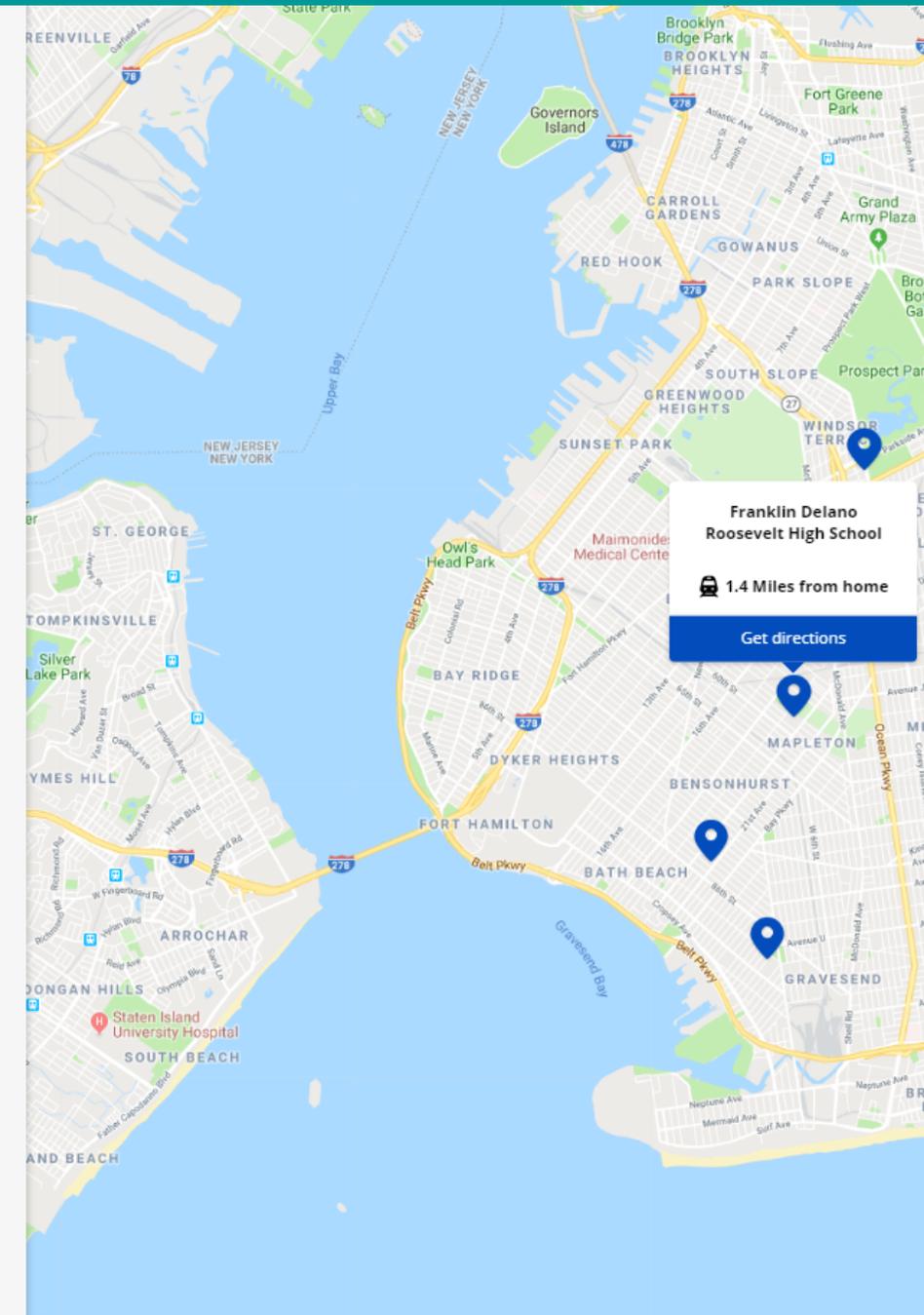
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Program Factor: Admissions Methods

Shows what a student needs to do to be considered for admissions.

Programs that ***do not*** see an applicant's school record:

- Open
- Screened for language
- Zoned
- Test (SHSAT)

Program that ***do*** see an applicant's school record:

- Screened
- Audition
- Educational Option (Ed. Opt.)

What are Screened Schools Looking at?

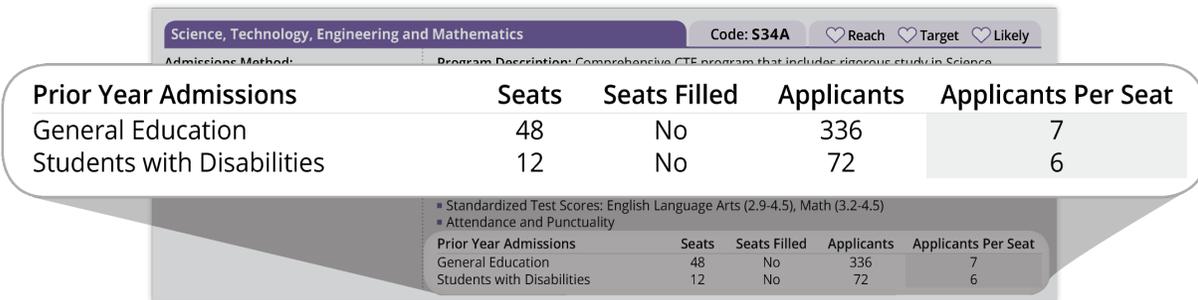
Each School Has Its Own Admissions Rubric. Schools Consider the Following:

- ~~*Attendance (including lateness)~~. If your child has a significant number of absences or is consistently late due to “extenuating circumstances” (i.e. a protracted illness, a death in the family), we can note that on the application. You will need to provide us with documentation so we can provide evidence if asked.
- *Grades! High Schools look at final seventh grade grades.
- ~~* Standardized Test Scores from seventh grade.~~



Important to Look at—Seat Availability

The number of **applicants per seat** shows demand, or how popular a program was last year. More applicants per seat means a lower chance of getting an offer.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Code: S34A Reach Target Likely

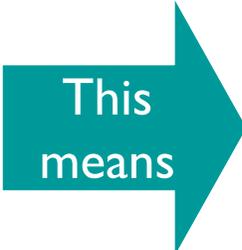
Admissions Method: Program Description: Comprehensive CTE program that includes rigorous study in Science

Prior Year Admissions	Seats	Seats Filled	Applicants	Applicants Per Seat
General Education	48	No	336	7
Students with Disabilities	12	No	72	6

Standardized Test Scores: English Language Arts (2.9-4.5), Math (3.2-4.5)
Attendance and Punctuality

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♥ Likely	♥ Target	♥ Reach
Lower Demand 3 or fewer applicants per seat	Low or Average Demand 4 – 9 applicants per seat	High Demand 10 or more applicants per seat



TIP

Listing programs with three or fewer applicants per seat increases your chances of receiving an offer.

What makes a **balanced** application?

12 programs

Not just 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*

Application Worksheet

Receive the High School Application Worksheet from your school counselor in September. Work with her to finalize choices.

Rank	Program	R/T/LM*	Notes
1			
2			
3			
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11			
12			

*Reach, Target or Likely Match?

Parent Signature:

____ Everything looks good! Go onto MySchools and submit the application. Let us know if you need help.

____ Please submit a new worksheet for us to review.

Program Choices on the Application

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 as though the next choice is your new first choice.

Enter High School Choices on MySchools Choices by Early December

Confirm the information above, and follow the instructions below to submit.

By checking these boxes, I certify that:

- I am the legal parent/guardian of the student applicant.
- The applicant and I live at the same address (as listed above).
- I have read and understand the placement process, and I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant(s).
- If any of the information in this application is not accurate, I understand my child's offer may change.

Submit Application



 Submit by

If needed, you can return to change and resubmit your list until the submission deadline.

Your application is submitted!

Congratulations, your high school application for [redacted] was submitted on 7/ 27/ 2018 at 6:17PM. We've emailed you a confirmation. You can also print this page for your records.

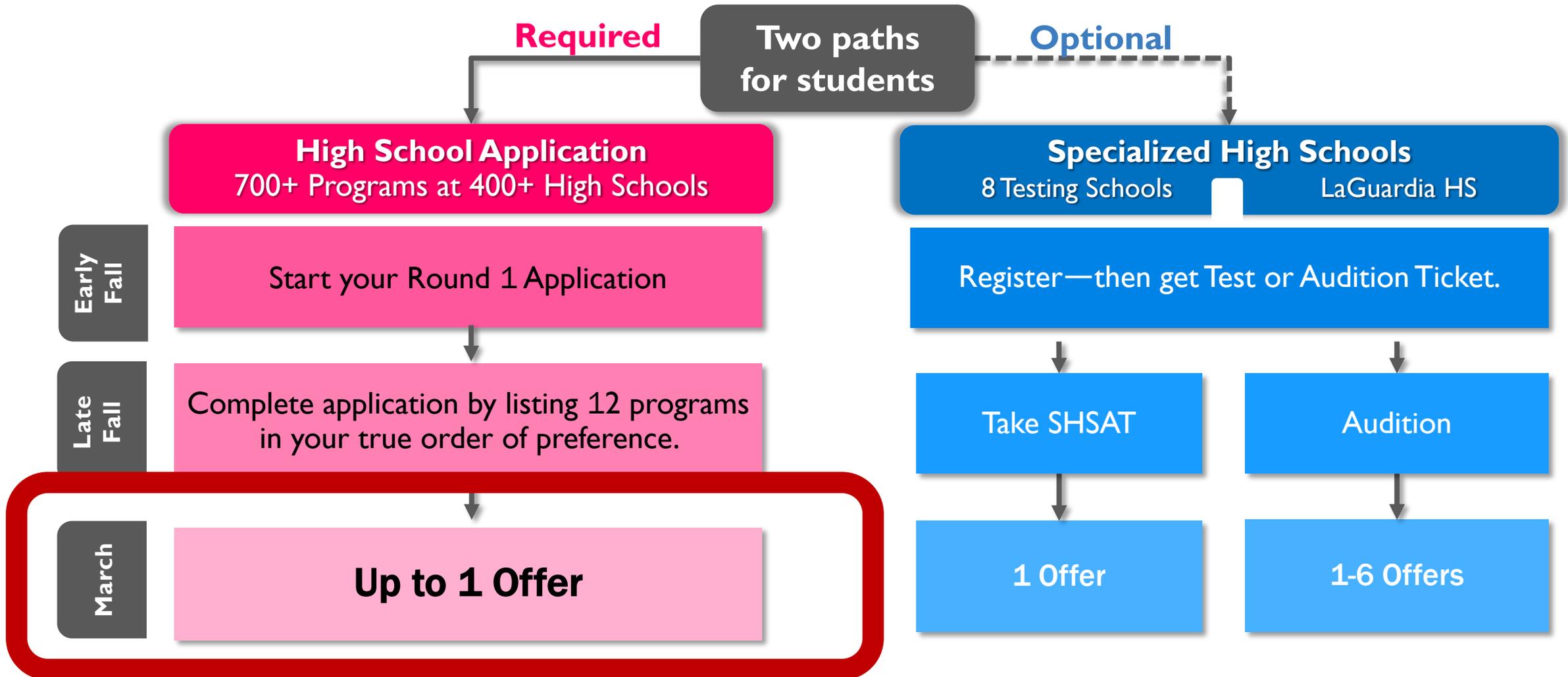
The final submission deadline is 10/ 29/ 2018. At that time, your submitted application will be processed. Until then, you can change your **application** and resubmit it. Changes you make to your application will only be considered for admissions if you resubmit it before the deadline.

You will be notified of admissions results in [redacted]. At that time, you can return to this application to review your options.

Thank you for investing in your child's future!

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Getting an Offer- MARCH





Student: [REDACTED]
Student ID number: [REDACTED]
Grade: 8th Grade
Official Class: 801
Current School: J.H.S. 054 BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (03M054)



March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for participating in high school admissions! This letter will tell you about your child's high school offer, your next steps, and how to contact us if you have questions. If you have more than one offer, please choose one, sign and return this letter to your child's school counselor by **Wednesday, April 22**. You can also view this letter in your MySchools account (myschools.nyc). If you need help logging in, please speak with your child's counselor.

Your Child's High School Admissions Offer

High School Application: Offer to The Clinton School (M64A) The Clinton School (02M260)

- Congratulations! This is one of the programs listed on your child's application.
- Attend this high school's orientation! Contact the school directly or visit schools.nyc.gov/High to learn more.

Specialized High Schools Admissions Test: Offer SHSAT Score: 537 The Bronx High School of Science (10X445)

Learn more about this school! Find out if they are hosting any virtual or in-person open houses on their website. www.bxscience.edu

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School: No Offer

Note: Your offer is dependent on your child meeting 8th grade promotion requirements. If your child no longer lives in New York City, this offer is no longer valid.

Next Steps

Fill in only ONE bubble next to your choice below. If your child has more than one offer, you must choose one below, sign and return this letter to your child's school counselor by **Wednesday, April 22**.

My child accepts the offer to:

- The Clinton School (M64A) The Clinton School (02M260)
- Bronx High School of Science (X89S) The Bronx High School of Science (10X445)

Everyone will get a match in the first round. If you don't match to a school that was on your application, the DOE will assign you a high school.

WAITLISTS

This year, your offer letter will include a list of programs where you have been waitlisted. **You'll be automatically added to the waitlist of any program that you listed higher on your application than the program where you received an offer.** For example, if you get an offer to your third-choice program, you will also be waitlisted at your first and second-choice programs.

- Schools will be in touch directly if a seat opens up and they can make you an offer.
- Waitlist offers will be made based on seat availability, admissions priorities and admissions methods.
- You will be able to check your place on the waitlist for any school, in real times
- You'll be able to add yourself to waitlists. However, the best chance of getting an offer to any program is to include it as a choice on your original application.

THERE IS NO LONGER A ROUND 2 OR AN APPEALS PROCESS

What should you do now?

Explore High Schools. Remember you want 12 choices not including Specialized

2018 NYC High School Directory | schools.nyc.gov/High

NYC School Finder | <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/schools/high-school/>

Plan to Attend Events in the Fall

High School Events Calendar | schools.nyc.gov/High

Get Started

Organize Prep for the SHSAT: consider tutoring or small-group instruction

Save your final seventh grade report card and make copies of it. Keep it in a folder. You will need it!

Hang on to reports, projects and artwork that you might want to use for a portfolio.

Final Thoughts

Private Schools

Ms. Mansell handles private school transcripts and guidance counselor/principal recommendation requests.

There will be a special folder and form for you to submit with requests in the Fall.

Do your private school homework now! There will be a lot to handle in the Fall.

All private school recommendation requests (including teacher requests) are due by Thanksgiving.

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