

How To Narrow Down The Search

Identify Interests:

- **Academic:** Do you already have career goals or academic interests? Do you want to be able to take advanced placement courses or a specific second language?
- **Talent:** Do you wish to continue to specialize in a talent(s) or are you more interested in participating in talent as extracurricular activity
- **Size of School:** MS 51 has 1100 students or 350 students in each grade, use this for comparison of size. Remember most high schools no longer travel to each class with a set homeroom so in a large school you may meet many different people in each class. In a smaller school you will see more familiar faces in each class.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Interested in Sports? Clubs like the Debate Club, Mock Trial or Cooking Club? Want talent based activities to join afterschool?
- **Distance:** How far are you comfortable traveling? Use www.hopstop.com to plot the route between your home and the school.

Research Schools you have heard about:

- Read the HS Directory for information on each school. Does that school match the things you are looking for that you identified above?
- What are the admission criteria of the school? Do you meet the criteria?
- Look at the school's website to learn more about the school
- Read more on each school on www.insideschools.com
- Set up tours for the schools you are most interested in the Fall.
- Attend the Borough HS Fair and talk directly with students and staff from schools.
- Introduction to the High School Process