

Things to Consider When Making Your High School Choices

1. Find out your child's interest. Make a list of all the high school programs that have your child's interest. Be sure to include extra-curricular activities, clubs and/or sports teams
2. Read the high school page description of the program to be sure that you are eligible to apply and that the program offers what you want.
3. Read pages in the High School Directory that explains the high school application process. It is essential that you read and understand the information contained in these pages.
4. What grades and statewide test scores does the high school program require to be accepted? Do you have to audition for the high school program? Does the high school program require a portfolio or test? Be aware that various schools have different admissions methods which are stated in the High School Directory.
5. What is the eligibility requirements needed to apply for the high school program? (For example: Is there a priority based on borough or district, etc,)
6. Consider travel time to and from school. Take the trip on public transportation at the time you will be traveling. Be aware of surrounding environment and location of the school.
7. Remember you must indicate in SECTION A on your application, if you want to apply to a specialized high school. (Science schools, LaGuardia & Brooklyn Latin).
8. When choosing high school programs in SECTION B, you can choose up to twelve (12) high schools (this school year) in preference order. DO NOT list schools you are not interested in attending. You will be matched to your highest ranked school that also ranked you.
9. Use all resources available in selecting a school (e.g. High School Directory, Specialized High School Handbook, and Websites: insideschools.org, <http://schools.nyc.gov>, High School Fairs, open houses, tours, etc.)
10. Parent or guardian and student must sign the high school application.
11. All date deadlines must be followed.
12. Always remain in contact with your Guidance Counselor.