

# CURRICULUM NIGHT 2023

## Counseling and High School Admissions at MS839

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# Counseling at MS839

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# Counseling at MS839

- Provide mandated individual and group counseling to families with related services
- Provide at-risk individual and group counseling and/or outside referrals
- Support the development of Crew curriculum and social emotional development school-wide





# High School Admissions Support at MS839

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# Agenda

- **How will MS839 support us through the application process?**
- **What can you be doing now. (6th, 7th, 8th)**
- **What does the high school process look like?**
- **What updates are there to this years high school application process?**
  - **Admissions Methods, Lottery Number, Diversity in Admissions**
  - **Important Dates and Deadlines**

# How does MS839 support families through the high school process?

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<p><b>Don't think about high school!</b></p> <p>Support with Middle school Transition</p> <p>Skill Building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Teambuilding</li><li>● Social Emotional Awareness</li><li>● Advocacy</li></ul>	<p>High School Meeting for 7th Grade Families (Spring)</p> <p><b>High School Intensive (Spring/June).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● High School Application Process</li><li>● Tips on how to identify best-fit programs and discussions about options</li><li>● Detailed lessons on how to read the high school directory</li><li>● Review of summer homework and what to expect in the fall.</li><li>● High School Panels &amp; Tours</li></ul>	<p><b>HS Support in Crew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Review High School Application Process, Using myschools &amp; Important Deadlines</li><li>● Facilitated discussions to help students explore their options and meet deadlines.</li><li>● Support finalizing list of 12 programs to put on application, and review of how to fill out application.</li></ul> <p><b>8th Grade Family Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Important Dates &amp; Reminders</li><li>● What Makes a Balanced Application (What is Reach, Target, Match)</li></ul>

# 6th Grade Families



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# 6th Grade: What Should I be doing now?

**NOTHING!** (until Spring of 7th grade)

**INSTEAD, focus on:**

- A positive transition to middle school
- Continuing to develop social-emotional skills
- Identifying your child's interests, strengths and areas for growth.





# 7th Grade Families



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# 7th Grade: How can I support my child in school this year?

## 01

### Attendance

Coming to school and being on time!

## 02

### Grades

Ensure your child is trying their best, completing their work and meeting deadlines.

\*And asking for help when needed.

## 03

### Curating a Portfolio of Work\*

Support your student in identifying graded final products and written work they are proud of.

If interested in arts programs, start thinking about what you would need to prepare for auditions.

\*only necessary if thinking about applying to a screened school that requires a portfolio/audition.



# Should my child take the state tests? (ELA and Math exams in the spring)

- Some screened schools will use NYS ELA and Math grades as a criteria they will look at.
- All schools **MUST HAVE** an alternate measure to consider, if you do not have test scores.
- You cannot be penalized for not taking the test.

# 8th Grade Families



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# Three Pathways to NYC Public High Schools

**REQUIRED**

**OPTIONAL**

## General High School Application

## Specialized High School Application

**1**

Choose from 700+ Programs at 400+ High Schools

**2**

8 Testing Schools (SHSAT Schools)

**3**

1 Audition School

**FALL**

1. Identify Programs You are Interested In
2. Research and Tour High Schools
3. Know What You Need to Do To Apply to the Programs

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: 10/27**

Register to take the SHSAT

(Brooklyn Tech, Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Latin, Bronx Science, SI Tech, HS of Math, Science and Engineering at City, Queens HS for Science at York College, HS of American Studies at Lehman college)

Register for an Audition Ticket for **LaGuardia High School**

**November 20, 2023\***

**SUBMIT FINAL Application on MYSCHOOLS**

1. Include 12 Programs on your Application
2. Put them in True Order of Preference

*\*Actual Deadline, December 1st BUT DO NOT WAIT*

**November 8th at MS839**

Take SHSAT

**DECEMBER 1st**

Audition for Program(s) You are Interested In

**OFFER LETTER IN SPRING**

**You WILL receive ONLY 1 OFFER\***

*\*May not be a school you put on your application. If they could not find a seat for you in one of your choices, they will place you in a program that is close to your home.*

**OFFER LETTER IN SPRING**

**You MAY Receive 1 Offer or No offers**

**OFFER LETTER IN SPRING**

**You MAY Receive UP TO 6 Offers or no offers**  
*(Depending on how many programs you audition for).*

# How do I complete my high school application?

**Option 1:** \*(Preferred method) Online  
via Myschools website

(You have to register. If your family needs help let Dana know).



**Option 2:**  
Submit a paper copy to Dana.  
( Please contact Dana for a  
copy)



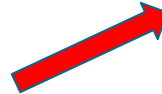
\*You will not be able to see anything about your child in myschools **until the high school application until it opens on October 3rd**. Right now it will just be blank and have their name.

# Wait- What's a Program??

- Programs are “**Doorways**” through which they accept students.
- If a school has multiple programs, eligible students may apply to one program, or more than one program at that school.
- Programs at the same school may have different Admissions Priorities and Admissions Methods. You may decide to apply to one program over another based on its admissions information.

## For example...

Murrow has **9 different programs** to potentially apply to (as long as you meet requirements and are interested in them).



## Edward R. Murrow High School (21K525) ▾

🔍 🏠 9 to 12



Bilingual Chinese (Mandarin) Communication Arts (K57B)



Bilingual Spanish Communication Arts (K57C)



Communication Arts (K57A)



Edward R. Murrow High School ACES 15:1 Program (K57Y)



Edward R. Murrow High School D75 Inclusion Program (K57U)



Fine and Visual Arts (K57K)



Instrumental Music (K57L)



Studio Theater (K57P)



Vocal Music (K57J)

# What do schools look at? (Admissions Methods)

<b>Program you Just Apply to (Just add to your application)</b>	<b>Programs that require you to do something (extra steps required)</b>
<p><b>Open-</b> Lottery based.</p> <p><b>Educational Option-</b> 1/3 seats are filled with people who are categorized as low, middle and high.</p> <p>(*your ed opt category will be available in myschools)</p>	<p><b>Screened Programs- 2 types!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. By grades*</li><li>2. With Assessment**</li></ol> <p>*Can look at your academic records **Requires you to do something extra:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Write an Essay</li><li>- Take an Assessment</li><li>- Participate in an Interview</li><li>- Submit a video response</li></ul> <p>*See NYC High School Assessments on <a href="https://schools.nyc.gov">schools.nyc.gov website</a></p>
<p><b>Zoned-</b> you live in a certain area that provides you guaranteed seat to a certain program.</p> <p><b>Screened for Language-</b> a program may have a requirement of having your home language be something other than english.</p>	<p><b>Audition (for Arts Programs)</b></p> <p>*Can look at your academic records *Requires you to submit portfolio/audition materials.</p> <p>*See NYC High School Audition on <a href="https://schools.nyc.gov">schools.nyc.gov website</a></p>



# Screened by Grades



- Applicants to screened high schools will be in groups based on the average of their final seventh-grade core course grades.
- Students will be admitted to screened programs in group order, starting with students in group one.

Students will be in group...	..if their average falls in the highest percentage of their school or citywide...	and their average is at least...
1	15%	90
2	30%	80
3	50%	70
4	70%	65
5	All else	

**LAST YEAR:  
Actual Grade Averages when  
data was looked at...**

Grouping will be visible in Myschools soon (Screened Admissions Group)


To fall into the top __% of applicants citywide...	An applicant needs average core course grades of at least:
Top 15% (Group 1)	94.33
Top 30% (Group 2)	90.25
Top 50% (Group 3)	83.5
Top 70% (Group 4)	76.75

# Lottery Number

These numbers are sorted in numeric and then alphabetical order like this: 0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, ... F.

For example, when the following two random numbers are sorted, the number that begins with “5” comes first:

1. 5B1920AF-F1C6-40EC-8E9A-3E1E50CB13BB
2. B51920AF-F1C6-40EC-8E9A-3E1E50CB13BB

FIRST IN LINE	0
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
	8
	9
	A
	B
	C
	D
	E
LAST IN LINE	F

# Admissions into Screened Programs

Priority given to folks in Group order. (1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5)

- Example:
  - Seats to fill: 500 seats
  - Who applied?
    - Group 1= 400 folks
    - Group 2= 200 folks in group 2 apply,
    - Group 3= 100 folks
    - Group 4= 50 folks
  - Who gets a seat?
    - everyone in group 1 gets a seat.
    - The remaining 100 seats will go to folks from group 2.

# Admissions into Screened Programs

- Priority given to folks in Group order. (1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5)
  - Ex. If there are 500 seats, and 400 folks in group 1, everyone in group 1 gets a seat. The remaining 100 seats will go to folks from group 2.
- How does the Random “Lottery” Number impact screened programs?
  - If there are more applicants than seats, folks will be prioritized and be offered a placement based on their “lottery number” and whoever is first in line.
    - Ex. From the example above... If there are 100 seats available for group 2 applicants, but there are 300 applicants who are in group 2... The lottery number will be used, so the top 100 based on lottery number will be offered a seat.

# Diversity in Admissions Initiative

Example Beacon:

## Priority Groups

1. Open to New York City residents



### DIVERSITY IN ADMISSIONS

This school has a Diversity in Admissions Initiative.

- Applicants eligible for free or reduced price lunch will be considered first for 50% of seats.
- For the remaining 50% of seats, all students will be considered.

## My Chances

Your chances of an offer are a combination of the number of **applicants per seat** and your **priority group** for this program.

**Goal:** Increase diversity within a school, by prioritizing families who receive FREE or REDUCED Lunch (based on family income and what is reported on school lunch form).

Programs that are participating in **Diversity in Admissions Initiative**, may impact your chance of getting into that program.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/meeting-student-needs/diversity-in-admissions>

**\*\*8th Grade Families:**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE  
YOUR LUNCH FORM FOR THE YEAR...**

# High School Admissions- DOE

## Important Dates and Reminders

DATE	WHAT
October 3, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School Applications OPENS in myschools</li><li>• Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) Registration opens in myschools</li></ul>
October 27, 2023	SHSAT Registration Closes
November 8, 2023	SHSAT TESTING IN SCHOOL
November 18 & 19, 2023 December 3 & 9, 2023	SHSAT Weekend Testing (Make ups)
<b>December 1, 2023</b>	<b>High School Application CLOSES</b>
March 7, 2024	High School Offers Released

# MS839 INTERNAL IMPORTANT DATES

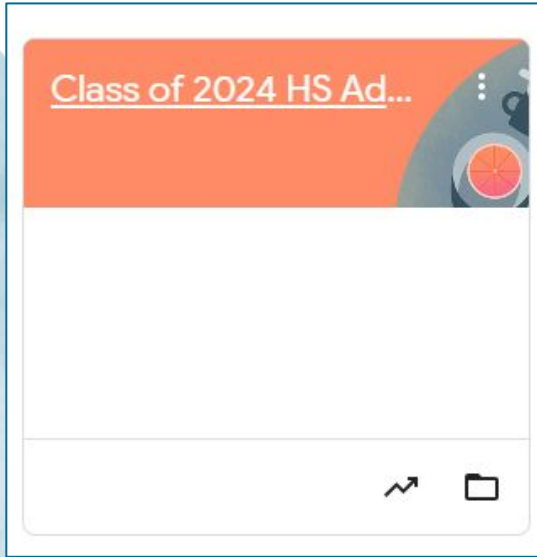
DUE DATE	WHAT
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete myschools chart (slide 3 on HS Application Organizer on google classroom).</li><li>2. Complete Google Survey about HS</li></ol>
Thursday, October 13, 2023	Add 4 programs to your “Top 12” Note Catcher for a total of 4 out of 12 programs. (Tab 1 in your “8th Grade HS Application Notecatcher” on Google Classroom)
Thursday, October 20, 2023	Add 4 programs to your “Top 12” Note Catcher for a total of 8 out of 12 programs.
Thursday, October 27, 2023	Add 4 programs to your “Top 12” Note Catcher for a total of 12 out of 12 programs.
Friday, November 3, 2023	<b>Submit a DRAFT application with 12 programs.</b> (Tab 2 in your “8th Grade HS Application Notecatcher” on Google Classroom) <b>(can also be handed in earlier if you are ready).</b>
Friday, November 20, 2023	<b>FINAL APPLICATION DUE *Submit using myschools website</b> <b>(Internal MS839 Deadline- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL ACTUAL DEADLINE, 12/1)</b>

# Timeline At A Glance

When	MySchools.nyc	At School	At Home
<b>October 3, 2023</b>	High School Application & Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) Registration Opens	Lesson 1: Important Dates & Deadlines myschools.nyc overview (class) Lesson 2: temperature check-in (in crew)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss high school priorities</li> <li>• Login to <a href="#">myschools</a></li> <li>• Login to "HS Admissions" google classroom</li> <li>• research high school programs &amp; tour</li> </ul>
<b>October 10, 2023</b>		Lesson 3: balanced applications (crew) Lesson 4: researching Schools (crew)	BY OCTOBER 10th Complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">myschools</a> survey</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HS google survey</li> </ul> Surveys can be found on google classroom on the "HS Application Organizer" document.
<b>October 27, 2023</b>	SHSAT Registration Closes	Completed Draft Program List on Google Classroom for review	
<b>November 1st, 2023</b>		Draft ranked program list DUE in Google Classroom	
<b>November 8, 2023</b>		SHSAT School Day Testing	
<b>November 18, 2023:</b> <i>SHSAT Weekend Testing (Day 1)</i> <b>November 19, 2023:</b> <i>SHSAT Weekend Testing (Day 2)</i>			
<b>November 20th, 2023</b>	Submit ranked high school application on <a href="#">myschools</a>		
<b>December 1, 2023</b>	High School Application Closes		
<b>December 3, 2023:</b> <i>SHSAT Weekend Testing (Day 3)</i> <b>December 9, 2023:</b> <i>SHSAT Weekend Testing (Day 4)</i>			
<b>March 7, 2024</b>	High School Offer Release		



# GOOGLE CLASSROOM & HS RESOURCES



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Stream **Classwork** People Grades

All TOPICS

## 8th Grade Assignments

Students will see this topic once work is added to it

## Resources & Videos

-  HS Lesson 1- Understanding the HS Applicat... Edited Jun 16
-  HS Lesson 2- Admissions Methods and Imp... Edited Jun 16
-  HS Lesson 3- Using Myschools Edited Jun 16
-  HS Lesson 4- Creating a Balanced Applicati... Edited Jun 16
-  List of Schools to Consider- Help for Resear... Edited Jun 16
-  Helpful Links for the HS Admissions Process Edited Jun 21
-  Resource Explaining the HS Process Edited Jun 16

**All 8th graders should have access to a HS google classroom with all resources to help you understand the application process.**

**\*Ask your crew leader if you need help accessing!**

# TO COMPLETE: Google Classroom HS DRAFT Notecatcher

		School Name	Program Name	Program Code	Admission Method	Seat Count-Applicant Per Seat Number (write the number)  *Are you GE or SWD? <b>I AM GE</b>	Seat Count: Is it a Reach, Target, or Match?  10 or more = Reach 4-9 = Target 3 or fewer = Likely Match	My Admissions Priority	Is this Program participatin g in DIA?	Do I have to do anything else to apply? IF yes, what is it?
	<b>EXAMPLE</b>	<b>Murrow</b>	<b>Communication Arts</b>	<b>K57A</b>	Ed Opt		<b>3 Target</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Nothing</b>
		<b>Beacon</b>	<b>Beacon School</b>	<b>M71A</b>	Screened with		<b>17 Reach</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>Write Essay</b>
<b>Add programs 1-4 to this list by Thursday, October 12th</b>										
	1									
	2									
	3									
	4									
<b>Add programs 5-8 to this list by Thursday, October 19th</b>										
	5									
	6									
	7									
	8									
<b>Add programs 9-12 to this list by Thursday, October 26th</b>										
	9									
	10									
	11									
	12									



# 8th Grade: What Should I be doing now?

## 01

### RESEARCH!

Research programs you might be interested in applying to.

- myschools,
- school website,
- Insideschools.org,
- Googlemaps- how far from your home?

## 02

### Tour Information!

Find out when programs you are interested in are having tours.

(go to their website)

\*INFORMATION  
CURRENTLY NOT  
AVAILABLE.

## 03

### Create a list of 12 programs

Identify any “to-do’s” required to apply.

- Portfolios
- Write essays
- Interviews
- Take a test

# 8th Grade HS Supports

- **Regents Exams.** All students are enrolled in Living Environment and Algebra 1 and are able to take the regents exams in June for High School Credit.
- IN ELA class, students **will complete one of the consortium essay\*** as part of class requirements, to support those interested in applying to a screened with assessment program. \*If interested, students can speak with their teacher (Anna/Liz K./Sedina) if they'd like to complete an alternative essay instead.
- **Arts Intensives.** Student take 2 intensives that meet 3x a week, that could potentially support them with the high school process.
  - Acting
  - Art
  - Debate
  - Fitness
  - Keyboard
  - Music Composition
  - Peer Mediation
  - Spanish
  - Theater Design

# Tips for Creating a Balanced Application



*\*A balanced application will look different for each student.*

01

Before listing a program on your application, please check all details about that program's Admissions Priorities and Admissions Methods on myschools website.

02

Low Seat Count: List some programs with 9 or fewer applicants per seat (seat count) to increase your chances of receiving an offer from your application.

03

Make sure your application is balanced. Meaning there is a mix of **different types of admissions methods** and reach, targets, and likely-matches.

04

List **12 programs** on your application **in order of true preference!**

05

**DO NOT list programs you are not interested in attending or have not researched**



**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Balanced High School  
Application Workshop**

**Thursday, September 21st at  
7pm**