Ideas about NYC Public High School Process

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... and how do you spend your time?

PROCESS

versus

LOOKING FOR SCHOOLS

PROCESS

- How to Apply
- Scheduling open houses or other events
- May be prepping for
 - SHSAT and/or other in-house tests
 - Auditions
 - Interviews
 - Essays
 - Collecting Best Works

LOOKING FOR SCHOOLS

- Process can take priority over research
- Tendency to look at limited set of schools; could be...
 - Specialized Schools
 - Other schools recommended by friends or school advisors
- When you're done, you sometimes wonder if you made right choice
 - Pace of school, subjects to study

LOOKING FOR SCHOOLS

- Not always have time to discover other opportunities
- Second "looks" have revealed many gems, such as:
 - Manhattan/Hunter High School
 - Manhattan Village Academy
 - Art and Design High School
 - High School of Economics and Finance
 - ... more discussed later

Popular New York City High Schools

These New York City public high schools accept a lower percentage of applicants than Yale.

SCHOOL	APPLICANTS	SEATS	ADMISSIONS RATE
Manhattan/Hunter Science High School	6,472	108	1.7%
Manhattan Village Academy	4,903	100	2
Central Park East High School	5,486	115	2.1
Baruch College Campus High School	5,057	111	2.2
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	5,760	125	2.2
Millennium High School	6,398	192	3
Bard High School Early College	4,090	172	4.2
Townsend Harris High School	6,213	306	4.9
Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences	4,947	250	5
Beacon High School	6,202	350	5.6

Note: Number of seats is based on the 2016-17 school year. Number of applicants is based on the 2017-18 school year.

Source: New York City Department of Education

By The New York Times

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/10/nyregion/new-york-city-high-school-admissions-rate.html

Ways to make search easier

Taking notes

... and how to use a checklist when looking at schools

Some details about schools that can help

Where you can find information

1st suggestion ... take lots of notes (try to create a checklist and discuss options)

Who likes the school?

(*Do you need to talk about different opinions?*)

The student

... or

Someone else who influences student

(and does this change over time?)

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What is **pace** of school?

Comparable group of academics (Promise for success, but can be hyper competitive)

... or ...

Group of mixed academics (Create your own pace, but do you see strong opportunities?)

1st suggestion ... take lots of notes (try to create a checklist)

What is track record of school?

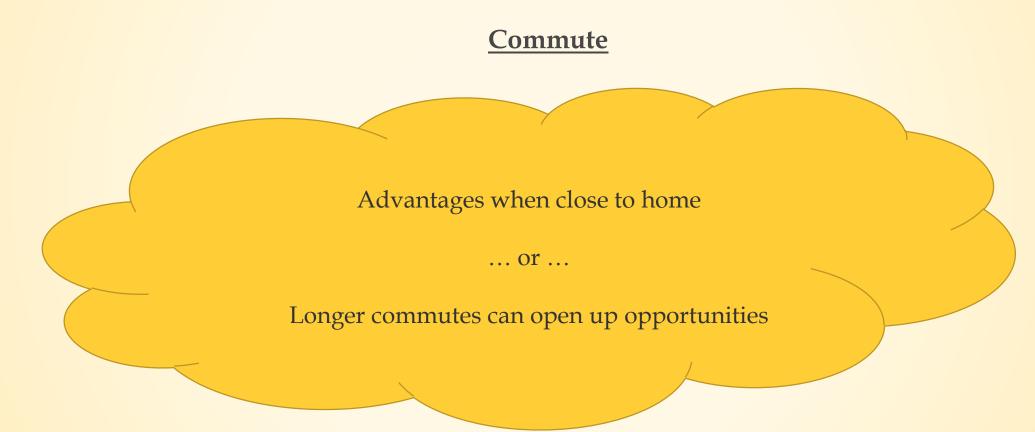
(graduation rates, college access, and other metrics)

Some metrics better if all students are strong performers

... or ...

In schools of mixed learners, find out what suits the student; great teachers and programs in many schools

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- School Performance
- Commute
- Interests (academics, arts, sports, clubs)
- Admission Method
- Diversity
- Size of school

- School on campus
- Gen Ed versus Themed
- Metal Detectors
- Uniforms
- Established or new school
 - Is Principal new?

When you have a concern, can you also find something good about school?

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Quick overview of Manhattan

- Approximately 110 high schools
 - Excluding Charter Schools and some Transfer Schools
- 60 schools are located in District 2 along
 - A number of the schools serve students commuting from other boroughs
- No Zoned Schools in Manhattan
- Only ten schools that are larger than 1000 students
 - Many more in range of 400 to 600
 - Many schools on campuses
- Most Manhattan Schools offer only one "Program" per school
 - Some schools, such as Arts schools, offer more than one

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools The biggest schools in Manhattan

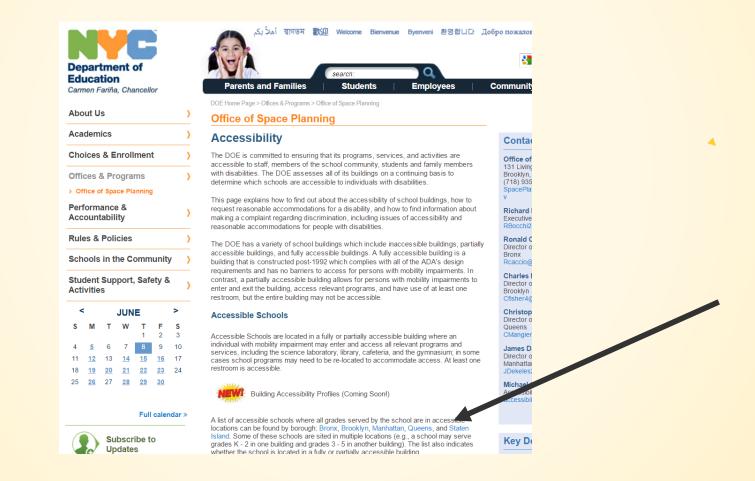
School	Location	# of students
A. Phillip Randolph Campus High School	443 W. 135 St.	1447
Art and Design High School	249 E. 56 St.	1447
Beacon High School	522 W. 44 th St.	1304
Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	100 Amsterdam @ 65 th St.	2697
Frederick Douglass Academy	2581 7 th Ave. @ 149 th	1433
High School for Environmental Studies	444 W. 56 th St.	1227
The High School of Fashion Industries	225 W. 24 th	1671
Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics	260 Pleasant @ E. 115 th	1604
New Explorations into Science, Technology and Math High School (NEST+m)	111 Columbia St. @ E. Houston St.	1745
Stuyvesant High School	345 Chambers St.	3365

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Students with IEPs

- All students with IEPs are eligible to apply to any high school
- They must meet admission criteria of program
 - Accommodations from IEP should be included
 - You should monitor that proper accommodations are being given
- Refer to NYCDOE document on students with disabilities
- Lists of accessible schools are available

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Accessibility Page

http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/OSP/Accessibility.htm



2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools The eight "testing" Specialized Schools

Attractions

- Promise of top rated education and college
 access
- Admission method only cares about SHSAT score, not...
 - Attendance
 - Grades
 - Other performance
- Simple set of choices
 - Large Schools "Bronx Science", Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Tech
 - Staten Island Tech
 - Smaller focused schools Brooklyn Latin, City College, Lehman, York

<u>To Do's</u> How to study

- Self paced
- Tutor
- Other
- How do you rank schools?
 - Student could re-rank on day of test
- Does student want to attend a school with intense work load?
- Only one "match" given if your score allows access to that school

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools LaGuardia

Attractions

- Can apply to any number of studios
 - Each as separate audition
- Promise of top rated education and college access
- Can be accepted in more than one studio
 - You pick which studio to attend

<u>To Do's</u>

- Preparing for audition(s)
 - Follow instructions in Directory and on Web Site
 - Do you want to prep in chosen art form(s)?
- Also rated for "screening" criteria such as grades and test scores
- Does student want to attend a school with intense work load?

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools District 2 Priority

School	% Accepted from Top Priority
Baruch College Campus High School	100%
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	98%
N.Y.C. Lab School for Collaborative Studies	99%
NYC Museum School	38%
Quest to Learn	60%
School of the Future	Continuing 8 th Graders – 53% Priority for District 2 – 47%
Millennium (Different Priority)	61%

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Career & Technology Education (CTE) Schools & Programs

- CTE schools are two programs a High School supporting a Regents Diploma and extra periods concentrating on a specific area
- Can result in certification in your area of concentration & exposure to internships and industry best-practices
- Broad range of opportunities:
 - <u>http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/SpecialPrograms/CTE/P</u> <u>arentsandStudents/default</u>
 - <u>http://www.cte.nyc/</u>
 - <u>http://schoolfinder.nyc.gov/</u>
- Emergence of 9-14 school model

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Performance Assessment Schools (*in Manhattan*)

Beacon School	Institute for Collaborative Education (ICE)
East Side Community School	International High School at Union Square
Essex Street Academy	Landmark High School
The Facing History School	Manhattan International High School
Harvest Collegiate High School	School of the Future High School
Humanities Preparatory Academy	Vanguard High School

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Early College High Schools (*in Manhattan*)

Bard High School Early College

City College Academy of the Arts

Inwood Early College for Health and Information Technologies (9-14)

Manhattan/Hunter Science High School

Manhattan Early College School for Advertising (9-14)

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Other College Support for High Schools

- Partnerships with Colleges
- College Now
 - <u>http://collegenow.cuny.edu/</u>
- College Support within Curriculum
- AP Courses, and rollout of AP for All
- College Advisors

2nd Suggestion - review some details on schools Involvement by Admission Method

Admission Method	Involvement			
Screened	Can be detailed; review both Directory and School Web Site for Details			
Audition	May require prep for student; coordinate visit for audition			
Limited Unscreened	Best if you sign your name at an information session			
Educational Option	Nothing required			
Test	Prepare for SHSAT			
Other methods – <u>Screened: Language</u> ; <u>Screened: Language & Academics</u> ; <u>Unscreened</u>				

3rd Suggestion – How to find info *Quick Resources*

- Questions about Process
 - Guidance Counselor
 - DOE info sessions
 - Front section of Directory
 - Office of Student Enrollment
 - Contact info in Directory
- Questions about Schools
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Your personal contacts
 - Could include friends, other school personnel, consultants through CBOs or independent outlets such as InsideSchools or maybe a consultant
 - Remember your tastes may not be the same as people you talk to

3rd Suggestion – How to find info NYCDOE High School Page

http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/High/default.htm

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DOE Home Page > Choices & Enrollment > High School > Resources

Resources

NYC School Finder (schoolfinder.nyc.gov)

Coming Soon: Sign up for the High School Admissions email list to learn when NYC School Finder is updated Admissions.

Share Your Feedback: Help us learn what worked–and didn't work–by completing the NYC School Finder minutes to complete and closes Friday, June 30, 2017.

High School Directory

- NYC High School Directory | CITYWIDE
- NYC High School Directory | BRONX
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Specialized High Schools

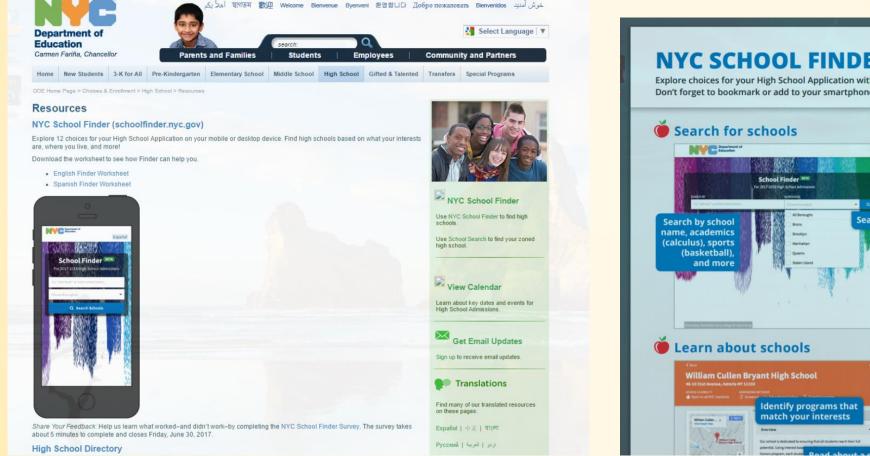
Specialized High Schools Student Handbook

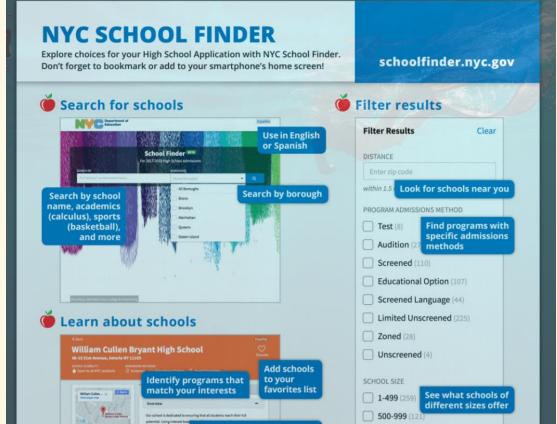
Other Resources

- 2017 High School Round 2 Program List
- · A Guide for Families of Students with Disabilities
- Visual and Performing Arts High Schools: Preparing Your Audition / Arts Portfolio
- High School Admissions Apps

<u>schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/</u> <u>High/Resources/default.htm</u>

3rd Suggestion – How to find info NYCDOE High School <u>Resources</u> Page





3rd Suggestion – How to find info Individual Reports

School Quality Snapshot & Guide

 How well is school attaining goals of NYCDOE Framework for Great Schools

Budgets and Expenditures

 Can find out what resources a school has in place

Annual Arts in School Report

 Describes what art programs are offered in the school's curriculum

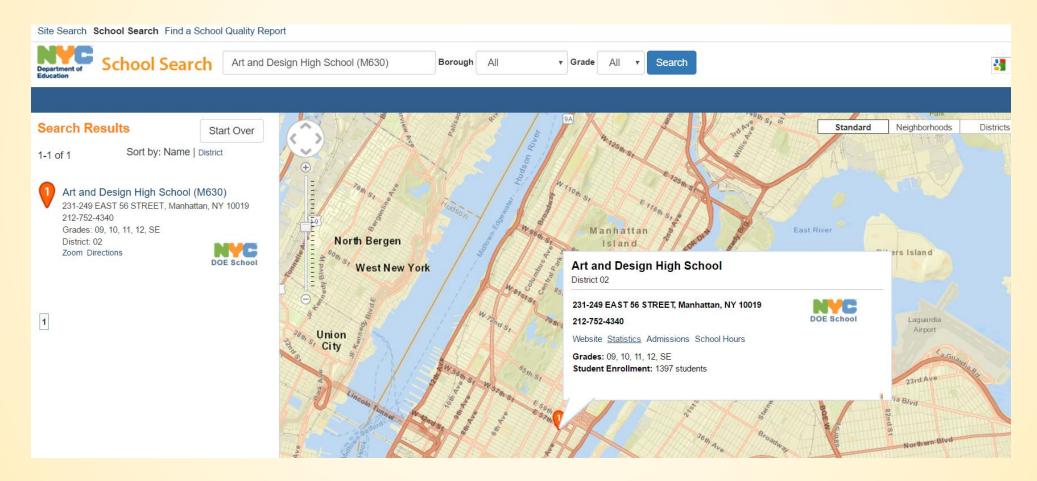
Comprehensive Educational Plan

 Lists chief educational goals for school

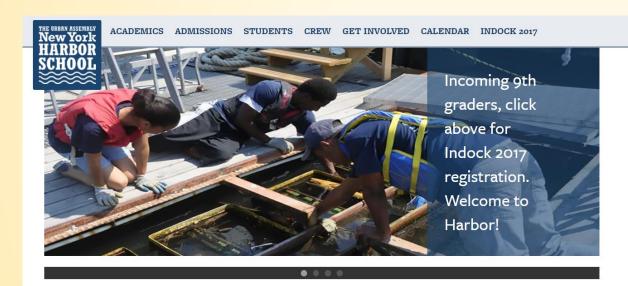
<u>Register</u>

Most recent data on student body

3rd **Suggestion – How to find info Where to find individual reports**



3rd Suggestion – How to find info Web Sites & School Portals





3rd Suggestion – How to find info InsideSchools - <u>www.insideschools.org</u>

- Web Site
 - Review of school
 - Includes concise summary of data
- New York City's Best Public High Schools: A Parents' Guide, Third Edition
- InsideSchools lists
 - insideschools.org/news-&-views/hs-admissions-best-bets-for-the-b-student
 - static.ow.ly/docs/BEST%20BETS%20HANDOUT_COMBINED_3_Updated%2013%2 0Oct%202016_5oVZ.pdf

3rd Suggestion – How to find info Affinity Groups

- New Visions for Public Schools (Millennium, Frank McCourt, Manhattan Bridges...)
 - <u>http://www.newvisions.org/</u>
- Early College Initiative at CUNY (Manhattan Hunter, the P-Tech schools, ...)
 - <u>http://www.earlycollege.cuny.edu/</u>
- Urban Assembly
 - <u>https://urbanassembly.org/</u>
- Internationals Network of Public Schools
 - <u>http://internationalsnps.org/</u>
- NYC Outward Bound Schools (Wheels)
 - <u>http://www.nycoutwardbound.org/</u>

3rd Suggestion – How to find info Independent Lists

- Take any suggestions and see if they might fit needs of student
 - InsideSchools
 - Survey reports such as NYPost, Daily News, US News and World Report, other
- Do web searches such as "NYC Public High Schools" or "NYC Best Public High Schools" or search school by name
- Note on Third Party Research and Data
 - They all use the open data made available by NYCDOE
 - Some of the data may be old
 - Some vendors, such as InsideSchools, are diligent in using the most current databases
 - Other vendors may rely on older information

3rd Suggestion – How to find info Options to Search for Interests

Listing 12 Choices Matters!	Manhatta	Listing 12 Choices Matters!	Manhatt	tan
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3rd Suggestion – How to find info Options to Search for Interests

- Ask an adviser
 - Only as good as what they know
- Read the whole Directory page by page
- Down load file and do word search
- School Finder
 - <u>http://schoolfinder.nyc.gov/</u>