

Dear reporter –

Today New York City Public Schools is releasing a summary of the fall 2024 admissions processes.

This year, across the board, offers were released earlier than they have been in the past several years, giving families more time to plan. Key takeaways show that:

- More middle and high school applicants received an offer to their top choice school than in prior years;
- Specialized High School offers to Black and Hispanic students increased to highest levels since 2013; and
- Application rates for 3K and Kindergarten programs continued to increase.

High School Admissions

On March 7th, approximately 72,000 8th graders received a high school offer for fall 2024 admissions, with 51 percent of applicants receiving an offer to their first choice (up from 48 percent last year), and 77 percent receiving an offer to one of their top three choices (up from 74 percent last year). For the second year in a row, offers were in the hands of parents before the independent school deposit deadline.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number of HS applicants	70,807	71,059	71,138	74,354	76,008
Number of offers to application choices	67,805	67,430	67,055	69,956	71,940
% of applicants who received an offer to an application choice	96%	95%	94%	94%	95%

Screened High Schools

Similar to last year, the top-performing applicants from across each middle school and citywide were prioritized for admission to screened programs.

Students fall into a screened admissions groups based on the average of their final seventh-grade core course grades (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies). This average must fall into the top percentage of students citywide or at a student's school to fall within a certain admissions group. Students were admitted to screened programs in group order, starting with students in group one.

Overall, the percentages of screened offers continue to be more racially and economically representative of the city compared to fall 2020 and 2021.

	Fall 2024 Percent of Offers to Screened Programs	Fall 2023 Percent of Offers to Screened Programs	Fall 2022 Percent of Offers to Screened Programs	Fall 2021 Percent of Offers to Screened Programs	Fall 2020 Percent of Offers to Screened Programs
Asian	24%	25%	24%	28%	26%
Black	19%	19%	20%	18%	19%
Hispanic	32%	31%	32%	28%	26%
Other	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
White	17%	17%	17%	19%	19%
FRL-eligible	67%	67%	68%	63%	60%
Private	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%
Total	19,442	19,088	19,168	19,651	21,190

Specialized High Schools

This year, 4.5 percent of offers went to Black students (up from 3 percent last year) and 7.6 percent of offers went to Hispanic students (up from 6.7 percent last year).

~25,700 8th graders took the SHSAT this year, and ~4,100 received an offer to a testing Specialized High School based on their exam score. Our goal is that students in Specialized High Schools reflect the diversity of New York City. NYCPS Specialized High Schools Diversity Initiatives like Discovery aim to increase testing, offer, and acceptance rates for high-potential students in underrepresented communities.

2024 Admissions—SHSAT Offers by Ethnicity and School, Discovery Invitations by Ethnicity								
Tester Summary	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Multi-racial	Unknown	Total
Total Testers	246	7,909	4,983	6,914	4,470	587	569	25,678
Distribution of Testers, by Ethnicity	1.0%	30.8%	19.4%	26.9%	17.4%	2.3%	2.2%	100.0%
Offer Summary	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Multi-racial	Unknown	Total
Brooklyn Technical High School (13K430)	11	682	77	115	423	59	55	1,422
High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College (HSMSE) (05M692)	2	43	6	11	60	12	8	142
High School of American Studies at Lehman College (10X696)	2	24	8	19	44	5	9	111
Queens High School for the Sciences at York College (28Q687)	1	99	12	14	7	6	0	139
Staten Island Technical High School (31R605)	0	187	1	8	88	5	5	294
Stuyvesant High School (02M475)	1	496	10	16	127	41	53	744
The Bronx High School of Science (10X445)	1	389	26	71	158	35	32	712
The Brooklyn Latin School (14K449)	3	200	44	56	154	26	25	508
Total Offer	21	2,120	184	310	1,061	189	187	4,072
Distribution of Total SHSAT Offers, by Ethnicity	0.5%	52.1%	4.5%	7.6%	26.1%	4.6%	4.6%	100.0%
Discovery Summary	Native American	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Multi-racial	Unknown	Total
Discovery Participants*	9	445	97	168	68	5	0	792
Distribution of Discovery Participants*	1.1%	56.2%	12.2%	21.2%	8.6%	0.6%	0.0%	100.0%

* Note that Discovery Participants include all students who received an offer to participate in a summer Discovery program in June, regardless of whether they end up attending.

An additional ~1,400 were invited to apply for Discovery, which provides opportunities for certain disadvantaged students who scored within a certain range on the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) during the 2023-2024 school year to attend a testing Specialized High School starting Fall 2024, and ~800 were approved to participate in the program.

Middle School Admissions

On April 3rd, approximately 60,000 6th graders received a middle school offer for fall 2024 admissions, down slightly from last year.

The data shows that 77 percent of applicants received an offer to their first choice, up from 74 percent last year and 93 percent received an offer to one of their top three choices, up from last year. Students received offers three weeks earlier than last year.

	2024	2023	2022
Number of MS applicants	56,206	58,019	57,958
Number of offers to application choices	54,239	55,820	55,584
% of applicants who received an offer to an application choice	97%	96%	96%

Kindergarten Admissions

Kindergarten admissions continued to see an increase, with approximately 56,000 children receiving offers, including those for Gifted and Talented programs. This includes approximately 2,500 offers to Gifted & Talented programs.

Kindergarten Applications and Offers, by Admissions Year

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Applicants	52,610	51,900	50,736	56,724	65,427	68,129
Total Offers	56,392	54,997	54,439	55,608	63,209	66,312

Note that prior to 2023 students could have received a separate kindergarten and G&T offer. All above numbers represent distinct students. Note that additional offers are made to families with MySchools accounts who do not submit applications.

For families that submitted applications:

- 81 percent of applicants received an offer to their first program choice.
- 97 percent of applicants received an offer to any choice on their application.

Percent of Families Who Received an Offer, By Choice

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Top Choice	81%	82%	79%	75%	71%	69%

Top 3 Choices	94%	95%	91%	87%	85%	83%
Any Choice from Application	97%	98%	95%	92%	91%	88

Pre-K Admissions

On May 14th, approximately 59,000 children received a pre-K offer for fall 2024 admissions, down 2 percent from last year. 84 percent of applicants received an offer to their first program choice, in line with last year.

Year-Over-Year Count of Pre-K Applications and Offers

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total Applicants	52,423	53,577	50,187	51,605	59,018	64,435	66,756
Total Offers	59,360	60,787	58,762	57,511	61,789	65,522	66,756

96 percent of applicants are receiving an offer to any choice on their application, the same as last year.

Note that additional offers are made to families with MySchools accounts who do not submit applications.

Percent of Families Who Received an Offer, By Choice

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Top Choice	84%	84%	83%	77%	77%	75%	75%
Top 3 Choices	94%	94%	94%	91%	90%	88%	88%
Any Choice From Application	96%	96%	96%	93%	93%	92%	92%

The remaining 4 percent of students did not receive an offer to an application choice but are on the waitlist for all programs on their application.

3K Admissions

On May 16th, approximately 42,000 children received a 3K offer for fall 2024 admissions, up 1 percent from last year and over 300 percent from 5-years ago. Demand for 3K seats continues to rise.

Year-Over-Year Count of 3K Applications and Offers

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Applicants	43,142	41,631	39,730	33,208	21,256	14,253
Total Offers	42,119	41,654	38,586	33,131	17,455	9,549

Note: Some offers counted above are to toddlers enrolled in childcare seats that did not submit applications. This is to ensure continuity of services. Additional offers are also made to children in low-demand neighborhoods that started applications but never submitted to ensure providers have the best chance of filling seats.

Among families that submitted applications:

- 64 percent of applicants received an offer to their first program choice.
- 84 percent of applicants received an offer to any choice on their application.

Percent of Families Who Received an Offer, By Choice

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Top Choice	64%	68%	63%	61%	46%	39%
Top 3 Choices	78%	82%	78%	76%	59%	50%
Any Choice From Application	84%	86%	84%	81%	64%	55%

Offer	94%	96%	92%	92%	82%	67%
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The 6 percent of children (~2,400) that did not receive a placement on offer day continue to receive offers directly from programs on a rolling basis. As of May 18th, approximately 675 of these children have received at least 1 waitlist offer.

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