

Dear reporter –

Today New York City Public Schools is releasing a summary of the fall 2025 admissions processes.

This year, improvements to our admissions process have resulted in better outcomes for families:

- For the first time, all 3-K applicants received an offer in May, and more applicants received an offer to their top choice schools than last year.
- A new tool was introduced in MySchools, to show high school applicants their chance of receiving an offer to different programs.
- More high school applicants received an offer to their top choice schools than ever before.
- Families experienced high satisfaction with MySchools, with an average family rating of 4.8 out of 5.
- Across all processes, applicants can now list unlimited choices on their application.

High School Admissions

On March 6th, approximately 72,000 8th graders received a high school offer for fall 2025 admissions, with 59 percent of applicants receiving an offer to their first choice (up from 51 percent last year), and 83 percent receiving an offer to one of their top three choices (up from 77 percent last year). For the third year in a row, offers were in the hands of parents before the independent school deposit deadline.

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of HS applicants	70,387	70,616	71,059	71,138
Number of offers to application choices	68,537	67,805	67,430	67,055
% of applicants who received an offer to an application choice	97%	96%	95%	94%

Chance of Offer

This year a new tool was launched in MySchools that showed each applicant if they have a low, medium, or high chance of getting an offer to high school programs. This gives families more information about the estimated chance of getting an offer to each program of interest, making it easier for them to build a balanced application. 88 percent of respondents to our post-application survey found this tool to be clear and helpful. Most families said they used the tool to find schools that increased their chances of getting an offer from their application, as evidenced by this year's outcomes.

Specialized High Schools

~26,000 8th graders took the SHSAT this year, and ~4,000 received an offer to a testing Specialized High School based on their exam score.

2025 Admissions—SHSAT Offers by Ethnicity and School, Discovery Invitations by Ethnicity

Tester Summary	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-racial	Native American	White	Unknown	Total
Total Testers	8,401	4,764	6,760	697	259	4,478	574	25,933
Distribution of Testers, by Ethnicity	32.4%	18.4%	26.1%	2.7%	1.0%	17.3%	2.2%	100.0%

Offer Summary	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-racial	Native American	White	Unknown	Total
Brooklyn Technical High School (13K430)	691	51	102	77	5	422	55	1,403
High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College (HSMSE) (05M692)	61	9	19	11	1	74	7	182
High School of American Studies at Lehman College (10X696)	33	6	18	12	0	47	16	132
Queens High School for the Sciences at York College (28Q687)	117	6	6	4	1	8	6	148
Staten Island Technical High School (31R605)	192	1	5	5	0	78	8	289
Stuyvesant High School (02M475)	509	8	27	42	0	142	53	781
The Bronx High School of Science (10X445)	422	21	55	43	3	155	39	738
The Brooklyn Latin School (14K449)	128	18	45	23	3	116	17	350
Total Offer	2,153	120	277	217	13	1,042	201	4,023
Distribution of Total SHSAT Offers, by Ethnicity	53.5%	3.0%	6.9%	5.4%	0.3%	25.9%	5.0%	100.0%

Discovery Summary	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-racial	Native American	White	Unknown	Total
Discovery Participants*	497	90	120	7	8	63	0	785
Distribution of Discovery Participants*	63.3%	11.5%	15.3%	0.9%	1.0%	8.0%	0.0%	100.0%

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

An additional ~800 students were approved to participate in the Discovery program, which provides opportunities for disadvantaged students who scored within a certain range on the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) to attend a testing Specialized High School.

Accelerated High Schools

We are proud to continue to expand access to accelerated education and rigorous coursework for students across the city, with cohorts of students joining the inaugural class at HBCU (Historically Black College & University) Early College Prep High School, and a new class of students joining the below accelerated high schools:

- Bard High School Early College – Brooklyn
- Bard High School Early College – Bronx
- HBCU Early College Prep

School	Total Offers	% Asian	% Black	% Hispanic	% Other	% White	% Missing Race	% Poverty	% SWD
Bard High School Early College Bronx (12X641)	117	15%	33%	38%	5%	s	7%	68%	6%
Bard High School Early College Brooklyn (19K965)	133	14%	50%	14%	9%	7%	8%	55%	7%
HBCU Early College Prep (29Q427)	107	s	77%	s	6%	0%	11%	52%	14%

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Middle School Admissions

On April 9, approximately 59,000 5th graders received a middle school offer for fall 2025 admissions. A similar percentage of applicants received an offer to their top choices as last year.

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Number of MS applicants	55,664	56,206	58,019	57,958
Number of offers to application choices	54,021	54,239	55,820	55,584
% of applicants who received an offer to an application choice	97%	97%	96%	96%

Kindergarten Admissions

On April 2, approximately 47,000 children received a kindergarten offer, including ~1,500 offers for Gifted and Talented programs.

For families that submitted applications:

- 83 percent of applicants received an offer to their first program choice, up from 81 last year.
- 98 percent of applicants received an offer to any choice on their application, up from 97 last year.

Kindergarten Applications and Offers, by Admissions Year

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total Applicants	46,373	52,610	51,900	50,736
Total Offers	47,327	56,392	54,997	54,439
Top Choice	83%	81%	82%	79%
Top 3 Choices	95%	94%	95%	91%
Any Choice from Application	98%	97%	98%	95%

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.

Pre-K Admissions

On May 13th, approximately 55,600 children received a pre-K offer for fall 2025 admissions. 80 percent of applicants received an offer to their first program choice.

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total Applicants	51,613	52,423	53,577	50,187
Total Offers	55,582	59,360	60,787	58,762
Top Choice	80%	84%	84%	83%
Top 3 Choices	92%	94%	94%	94%
Any Choice From Application	93%	96%	96%	96%

93 percent of applicants are receiving an offer to any choice on their application, down from 96 percent last year. The remaining 7 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 20, approximately 44,000 children received a 3K offer for fall 2025 admissions. Demand for 3K has risen over 200 percent since 2019, and for the first time this year all applicants received an offer.

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total Applicants	43,227	43,142	41,631	39,730
Total Offers	44,407	42,119	41,654	38,586
Top Choice	65%	64%	68%	63%
Top 3 Choices	80%	78%	82%	78%
Any Choice From Application	85%	84%	86%	84%
Offer	100%	94%	96%	92%

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.

Summer Rising

On April 9, approximately 114,000 students received a Summer Rising offer for summer 2025 admissions.

- A total of ~154K applications were submitted this year, up ~15,000 from last year.
- ~114K/74 percent of applicants are receiving an offer to an application choice, compared to ~110K/79 percent last year and ~94K/68% for summer 2023. Of students who received an offer,
 - 83 percent are receiving an offer to their first choice, same as last year.
 - 97 percent are receiving an offer to one of their top three choices, same as last year.

Fall 2026 Admissions Timeline:

Below are the application open, close, and offer release dates for each of the admissions processes. These dates are for students who are applying during the 2025-2026 school year for admission in the 2026-2027 school year.

*Please note: These dates are subject to change. Any changes will be announced and communicated directly to families. Sign up for updates [here](#).

High School Admissions

- Tuesday, October 7, 2025: High School Application, LaGuardia Application, and Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) Registration Opens
- Friday, October 31, 2025: SHSAT Registration Closes
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025: High School and LaGuardia Applications Close
- Thursday, March 5, 2026: High School Offer Release

Middle School Admissions Timeline

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025: Middle School Application Opens
- Monday, November 3, 2025: Deadline to register to test for Mark Twain I.S. 239 (21K239) and District 21 Talent Tests
- Friday, December 12, 2025: Middle School Application Closes
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026: Middle School Offer Release

Kindergarten Admissions

- Tuesday, December 9, 2025: Kindergarten Application Opens
- Friday, January 23, 2026: Kindergarten Application Closes
- Tuesday, March 31, 2026: Kindergarten Offer Release

3-K and Pre-K Admissions

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026: 3-K and Pre-K Applications Open
- Friday, February 27, 2026: 3-K and Pre-K Applications Close

- Tuesday, May 12, 2026: Pre-K Offer Release
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026: 3-K Offer Release

Gifted & Talented (G&T) Grade 1-4 Admissions

- Tuesday, April 21, 2026: G&T Upper Grade Application Opens
- Friday, May 8, 2026: G&T Upper Grade Application Closes
- Thursday, June 11, 2026: G&T Upper Grade Offer Release

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