

High School Admissions Specialized High Schools



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TONIGHT WE WILL TALK ABOUT...

- ✓ **The Nine Specialized High Schools**
- ✓ **Eligibility and Admissions Timeline**
- ✓ **How to Register for Auditions and the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)**
- ✓ **Preparing for Auditions and the SHSAT**
- ✓ **SHSAT Scoring and Offers**
- ✓ **Panel Discussion**
- ✓ **Question & Answer**

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

The Nine Specialized High Schools

Audition	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	
	Dance	Drama
	Instrumental Music	Technical Theater
	Fine Arts	Vocal Music
Take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)	The Bronx High School of Science	
	High School of American Studies at Lehman College	
	Brooklyn Technical High School	
	The Brooklyn Latin School	
	Stuyvesant High School	
	High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY	
	Queens High School for the Sciences at York College	
	Staten Island Technical High School	

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Are You Eligible?

To participate you must be a...

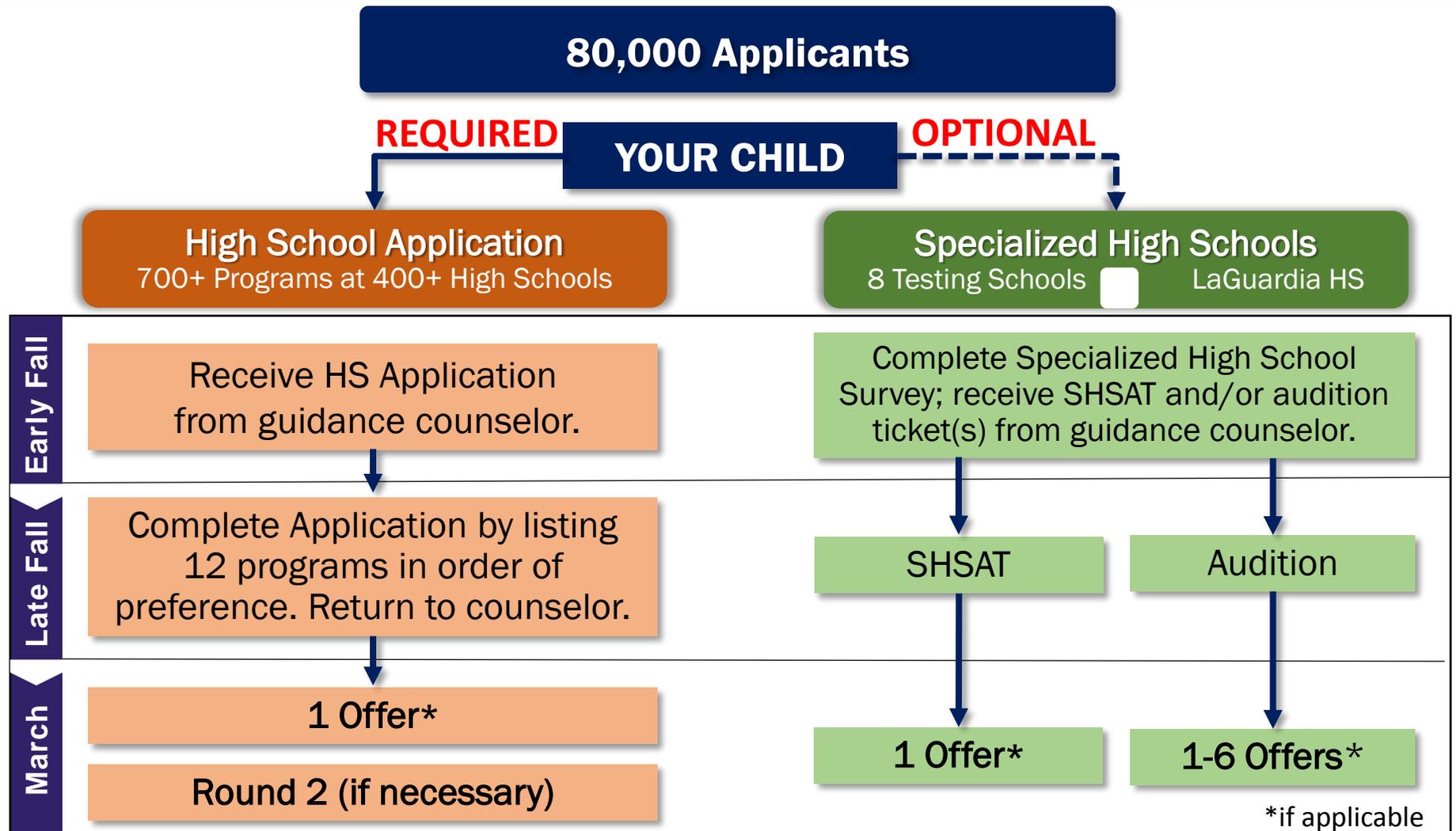
- NYC resident throughout the **entire** process
- **Current 8th grade or first-time 9th grade student**

If yes to both above, we welcome participation from:

- Public school students in:
 - District schools
 - Charter schools
 - Homeschooling
- Private school students
- Students new to New York City

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

A Basic Overview



APPLYING TO SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

Admissions Timeline



ATTEND the Specialized High Schools Family Workshop	July
REGISTER for SHSAT and LaGuardia High School Auditions through your counselor	Mid-September – Mid-October
RECEIVE tickets for SHSAT / LaGuardia High School Auditions	Mid-October
SHSAT: All 8 th grade students without accommodations	Late October
SHSAT: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All current 9th grade students• English Language Learners• Students with approved testing accommodations• Make-up Testing	Late October – Early November
AUDITION for LaGuardia High School	Late October – Early December
RECEIVE results (included in Round 1 results letter)	March

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How to Register

- **MEET** with your Guidance Counselor in September
 - Complete the Pre-Registration Survey
 - Notify the counselor of any Religious Observance or major testing conflicts
 - If applicable, review testing accommodations as documented on the IEP
- **RECEIVE** ticket for Audition/SHSAT in October from Guidance Counselor
 - Ticket must be signed by parent/guardian for admission
 - Student must bring to test/audition!
- **CONFIRM** ticket information is correct
 - Audition/SHSAT date and location
 - Accommodations
 - Grade level, name and student ID number

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Preparing for LaGuardia High School Auditions

- Students can audition for more than one studio
- Review the **Specialized High Schools Student Handbook** for:
 - Audition dates
 - Audition locations
 - Details on what to prepare
- **SEND** accommodations information to LaGuardia High School
- **SELECT & MEMORIZE** music pieces or monologues
- **PREPARE** portfolio, audition, or essay (*different for each program*)
- **BRING** a snack/water to the audition

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Preparing for the SHSAT

- **Review the Specialized High Schools Student Handbook:**
 - Registering for the SHSAT
 - Exam dates and locations
 - Requesting testing accommodations for Students with Disabilities or English Language Learners
 - Sample tests and answer sheet
- **Plan your time accordingly:**
 - The test is 150 minutes long and students must stay for the entire duration of the test.
 - There are no breaks during the 150 minutes. Bathroom breaks will come out of your time!
- **REMEMBER** to indicate the **correct order of school preferences** on the answer sheet – these choices are final and cannot be changed after the test date
- **BRING** snack/water to the exam

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SHSAT Scoring and Offers

- On the scheduled test date, students list the Specialized Testing High Schools in priority order on the answer sheet. **These choices are final.**
- The answer sheet, not the test booklet, is scored. All responses must go onto the answer sheet.
- Students' test scores are placed in order from the highest score to the lowest score.
- Offers are made based on:
 - student's score
 - student's priority of schools as listed on the answer sheet
 - seat availability

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SHSAT Scoring and Offers

After you Register

Guardian and student complete the grid on the test ticket indicating the student preferences for Specialized Testing High Schools.

On Test Day

Students enter these **SAME** preferences on their answer sheet.

After the Test

ONLY choices on the test day answer sheet are final.

EXAMPLES OF CORRECT GRID 5

5. CHOICES OF SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS								
Indicate your school choice in order of preference.								
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HS Math, Sci., & Engineering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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You **MUST** fill in a first choice school.

APPLYING TO SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

Accommodations

- Students with disabilities who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or approved 504 Accommodation Plans and English Language Learners (ELLs) are eligible for supports and accommodations on tests and auditions
 - ELL accommodations are available for students up to 2 years after they reach proficiency on the NYSESLAT
- Students should work with their school guidance counselor to confirm testing accommodations on test/audition ticket
- Students cannot opt-out of their accommodations on test/audition day unless they have written parent consent, including a signature on the test ticket.
- Please see the *Specialized High Schools Student Handbook* for more information

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The Day of the Audition / SHSAT

- Be prepared to arrive on time
 - Map your commute out the day before and check for public transit delays
 - Students arriving late are not guaranteed to audition or test
- Bring your signed audition/SHSAT ticket and water/snack
 - Students without tickets may not be allowed to audition or test
- Know the electronics policy for the SHSAT
 - You can bring a cell phone but it cannot be used in the building
- Know SHSAT testing procedures
 - All final responses must go on the answer sheet, not the test booklet
 - There are no breaks in the standard 150-minute test
 - Bathroom breaks will come out of the student's time

APPLYING TO SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

Did you know...

Specialized Testing High Schools

DO

- **Do** make offers based only on the SHSAT scores.
- **Do** release scores with Round 1 results in March.

Specialized Testing High Schools

DO NOT

- **Do Not** review state test scores, grades, attendance.
- **Do Not** have waitlists.

Specialized High Schools Panel Discussion

Bronx Science: We're Worth the Trip



Bronx Science offers a rich STEM curriculum within a well-rounded college prep program. With 3000+ students, and a committed faculty and guidance department, Bronx Science has something to offer every student.

- ◆ 32 AP classes and many post-AP, engineering and computer science classes
- ◆ Teacher office hours (Small Group Instruction) as part of the school day
- ◆ Intel Research program
- ◆ Nationally ranked Speech & Debate Team
- ◆ 43 PSAL Sports teams
- ◆ 80+ Clubs, S!NG, and two theater productions
- ◆ Two robotics teams
- ◆ Open campus with many food options
- ◆ A successful alumni network, including 8 Nobel Prize winners among other awards
- ◆ Private buses from Queens and Manhattan



The Bronx High School of Science
Dr. Jean M. Donahue, Principal

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discover
create

The Brooklyn Latin School



Brooklyn Technical High School

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Dr. Lisa Mars, Principal



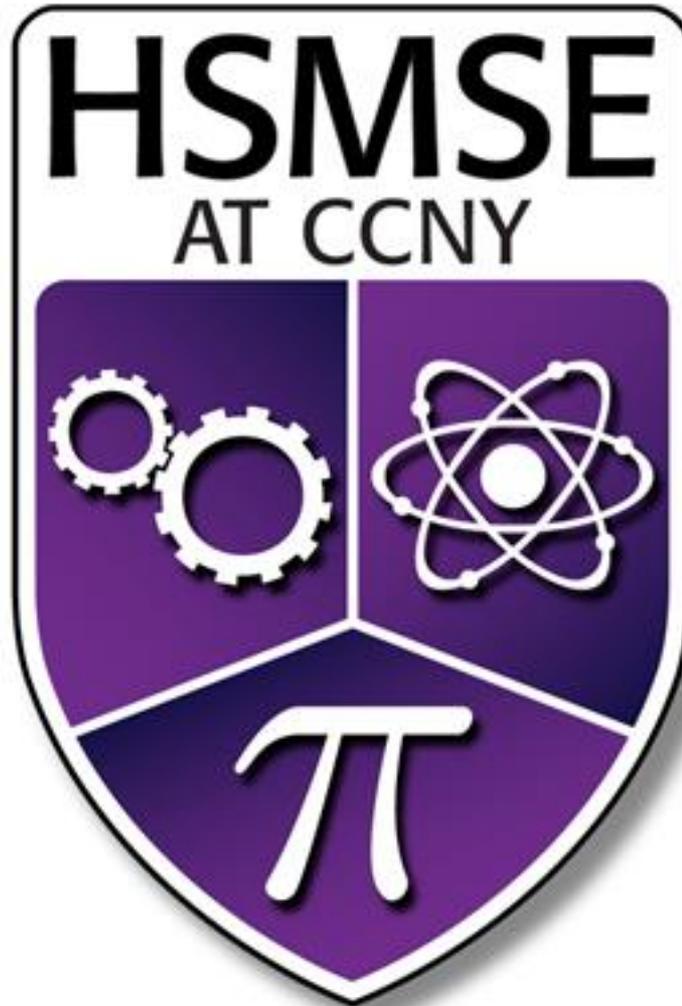
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**High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering
at the City College of New York**



Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

Lenneen Gibson, Principal
Greg Reo, Assistant Principal

Queens High School for the Sciences at York College (QHSS) is small familial high school nestled on the campus of York College with access to all the college amenities.

The school has a Joule program which prepares students for prestigious Math and Science competitions such as Intel and Siemens.

The QHSS Writing lab is a student run, teacher supervised writing lab which provides students support in their writing assignments.

Only 1 of 2 New York City high-schools to pilot AP Seminar.

Ranked number 6 in New York State according to The US News and World Report Best High Schools!



Staten Island Technical High School

Mark D. Erlenwein, Principal



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- **# 4 in NYS**



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SITHS's college preparatory curriculum provides a robust and innovative experience through courses in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), as well as the Liberal Arts, Health and Physical Education, along with a cutting edge Engineering and Work Based Learning program, along with extensive PSAL opportunities for the scholar-athlete. All 9th grade students receive a tablet computer to use in school and take home for four years via our 1:1 Digital Education Initiative.

STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL



We provide an environment which nurtures the special academic talents of our students and instills the intellectual, moral and humanistic values necessary for each child to achieve his/her maximum potential as a student and as a caring citizen of the world.

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