

# Middle School Enrollment

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Prepare: **Grade 4** • Apply: **Grade 5**

The middle school choice process aims to provide students with the opportunity to choose a middle school that suits their interests and needs. Most districts have choice processes in which you must submit an application indicating your middle school preferences. A few districts have primarily zoned middle schools in which your middle school is determined by your home address. The middle school admissions timeline is the same regardless of your district.

## Ways to Prepare and Resources

Middle School Directories for each choice district are available at public elementary schools, middle school fairs, enrollment offices, and on the Department of Education website. The directories provide detailed information about the choice process, program options, admissions priorities, and selection criteria. For districts with primarily zoned schools, there are information packets containing more information about the choice options in those districts. All of these middle school publications can be found online at [www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/middle/publications](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/middle/publications).

In addition, the Department of Education offers middle school fairs and open houses at schools in most districts throughout the fall. These events will give you an opportunity to learn more about your options and meet school staff members. To learn more about upcoming admissions events, visit [www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/middle](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/middle).

## Apply

Every 5th grade student attending a New York City public elementary school will receive a customized district-based middle school application. Your application will list all middle school choice programs to which you can apply. This may include programs in the district where you are zoned for middle school and/or programs in the district where you attend elementary school. You should rank the schools on your application in order of preference.

Students not currently enrolled in a New York City public elementary school will need to request an application for the district in which they reside from their local enrollment office. You can find your local enrollment office by calling 311 or visiting [www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/newstudents/beo](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/choicesenrollment/newstudents/beo).

If you're not sure which district you're in, call 311 or type your home address into the School Search tool at [www.nyc.gov/schools/schoolsearch](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/schoolsearch).

## Additional Options

In addition to the options listed on your middle school application, there are several specialized programs throughout the city that have school-based application processes, as well as a Citywide choice option. A list of these additional options is available in each Middle School Directory.

For more information about the middle school admissions process, call 718-935-2398.