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# The High School Application Process

## What Parents Need to Know

# Types of High Schools

- Catholic High Schools
- Specialized Public High Schools
- Traditional Public High Schools
- Private Schools



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# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

## Boys

Regis (M)

Xavier (M)

Fordham Prep (Bx)

Cardinal Hayes (Bx)

All Hallows (Bx)

## Girls

Notre Dame (M)

St. Vincent Ferrer (M)

St. Jean Baptiste (M)

Cathedral (M)

Academy of Mt. St. Ursula (Bx)



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# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (more examples)

Co-ed

Spellman High School (Bx)

Cristo Rey High School (M)

Families must qualify financially.

Students work one day a week, defraying the cost of tuition.



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# APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Ms. Recaido completes application for each student for the TACHS.
2. Ms. Kaszynski teaches Saturday TACHS Prep classes beg. 9/24.
3. Each student receives a Barrons prep book.
4. Students attend high school Open Houses (virtual).
5. Students choose three Catholic schools in priority order.
6. Students take the TACHS exam (online) on Friday, November 6.



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# APPLICATION PROCESS (continued)

1. OLL completes document for each student with 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card grades, conduct and effort grades, MAP and NYS scores, absence and lateness data.
2. Ms. Kaszynski writes recommendations.
3. Students receive acceptance notices after January 15.
4. Each school has specific registration information.
5. The first Wednesday in March has traditionally been the date for Catholic high school registration.



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# COMPETITIVE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Check website for additional requirements:

Application

Essays

In-house exam

Interview

Recommendations



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# SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

Awards are made on the basis of:

- High scores on the TACHS exam
- Results of a scholarship exam
- Standing in the eighth grade class
- Consideration of a financial aid application once a student is registered.



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# SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS

## Examples

Bronx HS of Science (Bx)

Brooklyn Latin School (Bk)

HS for Math., Science, and Engineering at City College (M)

HS of American Studies at Lehman College (Bx)

Stuyvesant HS (M)

Fiorello LaGuardia HS of Music & Art and Performing Arts (M)

Queens HS for the Sciences at York College (Q)

Staten Island Technical HS (SI)

Brooklyn Technical School (Bk)



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# Application Process

- Students who wish to take this exam let OLL know.
- OLL will put in an application for each interested student.
- Students take the Specialized High School Exam.
- The highest scoring students are accepted.

Exception:

La Guardia requires an audition (singing, dancing, drama, instrumental, painting, drawing., etc.)



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# WHO IS ACCEPTED?

For eight out of the nine schools, the highest–scoring students on the Specialized High School Exam are accepted. This is the sole criterion for acceptance.

For La Guardia, the audition plays a large part in who is accepted.

Results are mailed to the schools, usually in April.



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# TRADITIONAL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

- Beacon
- Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics
- Young Women's Leadership
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- High School for Health Professions and Human Services
- The High School of Fashion Industries
- Art and Design High School
- School of the Future High School



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# TRADITIONAL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

- Most public high schools are theme-based: 18 interest areas.
- Check their websites for entrance requirements:
  - Audition
  - Attendance at an informational meeting
  - Interview
  - Essay
- Some schools simply require that you enter their code on an application.



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# WHAT TO CONSIDER

- Percentage of students who graduate in four years
- The theme of the school
- Courses offered
- Athletics and clubs
- Size of school
- Seats vs. applicants



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# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Research the schools.
- You can choose up to 12 schools.
- Fulfill their requirements : portfolio, meeting, audition.
- List your twelve schools in priority order.
- OLL will enter the codes for your schools online.
- OLL enters your grades online.



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# ACCEPTANCES

- If a student takes the Specialized High School Exam, he/she will hear that he/she has been accepted by one school or that there is not an offer of acceptance, usually in April.
- If a student has given in twelve choices of high schools, he/she is likely to hear from one choice, usually in April.
- It is possible that one may not be accepted by any school in Round 1. One would then apply again in Round 2 to schools that have openings.



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# PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

Dalton

Brearley

Spence

Trevor Day

Calhoun

Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School

Friends Seminary

Horace Mann

Chapin

Collegiate

Nightingale-Bamford

Fieldston

Brooklyn Friends

Loyola



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# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Each school has their own individual application process so checking their websites is a must.
- Tuition is approximately \$50,000 a year.



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# ADVICE TO STUDENTS

YOUR GRADES ARE VERY IMPORTANT. TAKE SCHOOL SERIOUSLY AND ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST!



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# FINAL WORDS

- Our Lady of Lourdes School, in particular, Ms. Kaszynski and Mrs. Recaido, will help you with the high school application process.



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# QUESTIONS



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