

Planning for the High School Admissions Process

Community Education Council for District 3

Workshop

June 8, 2019



Points to Remember

HS Directory slimmed down this year. DOE has continued to develop its online myschools tool. Applications can be done online through myschools, or by handing in a form to your guidance counselor

Specialized Schools (no state action on mayor's proposal, active lawsuit regarding Discovery program)

Diversity

Diversity in Admissions Pilots (not released yet, watch for list late summer)

Screened & Audition Admission Methods

Understanding requirements (Sometimes due before DOE application deadline—December 2)

District 2 Priority

Be realistic about the numbers (look at how many seats were filled with the priority group)

Millennium (this year 95% seats went to the SOHO priority group)

Diversity in Admissions Pilots

- High schools that are participating in the diversity initiative will give a certain percentage of applicants in the incoming ninth and tenth grades an admissions priority. Applicants who qualify as economically disadvantaged, based on federal income guidelines, will have this priority.
- For example, in the 2018-2019 cycle, **Manhattan / Hunter Science High School** (03M541) extended Priority admission to applicants eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (based on family income) for up to 69% of seats.
- School principals work with the DOE Enrollment office to voluntarily decide on goals for diversity pilots.
- <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/meeting-student-needs/diversity-in-admissions>

Try to be flexible when considering schools

- Some start to narrow options too early
 - Pick specific admissions method, such as
 - Screened Only ... or ...
 - only pick schools of certain academic level ...
 - or other make-or-break criteria
 - can miss schools that may be a great option for student ... (ex: Harvest Collegiate, University Neighborhood School, Essex)
 - many vie for a short list of competitive schools
- Cast a wide net on general categories such as academic interests,
 - No other school system seems to offer the sheer breadth and depth of opportunities for students as New York City public high schools
 - Once you have broad group, then narrow down
 - You may be “surprised” – Ex: Manhattan/Hunter & Art and Design

Never Apples to Apples in School Offerings or how you analyze your options

Talk to your child about what's important to them

<u>Metrics might include ...</u>	<u>Curriculum and electives</u>	<u>Review of web sites (some have videos/virtual tours)</u>
Graduation Rates	<u>Quality of instruction</u>	<u>Reputation of school</u>
College Readiness Index	<u>Include special interests?</u>	<u>Uniforms required?</u>
SAT/AP Test scores	<u>Afterschool programs</u>	<u>How support IEP</u>
Attendance	<u>Options for Sports</u>	
<u>Disparity in school-wide scores</u>		
<u>Gen Ed versus Specialized Education</u>	<u>Might friends go to same school?</u>	<u>Focus on schools with specific admission method</u>
<u>Opportunities for college credit</u>	<u>Distance of commute</u>	<u>Presence of metal detectors</u>
	<u>Transfer between trains/buses?</u>	
<u>Colleges/careers for graduates</u>	<u>Quality of school facilities</u>	<u>Safety</u>
<u>Homogeneous/mixed learners</u>	<u>Who recommended school?</u>	<u>Accessible</u>
<u>Demographics/Diversity of students/staff</u>	<u>Gut feel from tour or open house</u>	<u>Specific admission methods</u>

Applying to Schools with Multiple Programs

High School for Environmental Studies
Honors Program Screened Admissions
22 Gen Ed Seats 860 applicants 39 applicants per seat
Environmental Studies Ed Opt Admissions
215 Gen Ed Seats 1,571 applicants 7 applicants per seat

Other Schools with Screened Honors programs
(not as competitive ... yet)

- University Neighborhood High School
- Gramercy Arts High School

Ask what flexibility the school supports if
student wants to explore different change
direction

- Example of Art and Design

College Credit / Experience

Some schools have multiple options (AP and College Now, for example)

- **Early College Programs**

- Bard High School Early College

- Baruch (D2 Priority!)

- City College Academy of the Arts

- Inwood Early College for Health and Information Technologies (9-14)

- Manhattan / Hunter Science High School

- Manhattan Early College of Advertising (9-14)

- **AP Courses**

- Including AP for All Program (receive college credit based on university policies, score on AP exam)

- **College Now**

- Students take classes at various CUNY campuses as part of junior and/or senior year. Examples:

- Frank McCourt, University Neighborhood High School

- <http://www2.cuny.edu/academics/school-college-partnerships/college-now/>

- **Also ...** Ask how school supports college search – college office, tours

Performance Assessment Schools

- Instead of most of the Regents exams, take an alternate form of assessment
 - In all schools, still take at least one Regents, usually ELA
- New York Performance Standards Consortium
 - www.performanceassessment.org

Beacon High School	East Side Community School
Essex Street Academy	The Facing History School
Harvest Collegiate High School	Humanities Preparatory Academy
Institute for Collaborative Education (ICE)	International High School at Union Square
Landmark High School	Manhattan International High School
School of the Future High School	Vanguard High School

Arts Endorsement

- Along with requirements for high school diploma, also take additional credits and assessments in Dance, Theater, Music or Visual Arts
 - Some of programs also offer CTE certification
 - For commercial arts, maybe look at – animation, illustration, graphic design, architecture, photography, film, video, fashion design, cartooning, digital media

Art and Design High School	Beacon High School
Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	Grammercy Arts High School
The High School of Fashion Industries	Professional Performing Arts High School
Reporatory Company High School for Theatre Arts	Talent Unlimited High School
Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts	

CTE Endorsement

- CTE = Career and Technical Education
- Focus on specialty area matching/exceeding industry expectations and direct experience such as internships
- Some schools offer “some” CTE courses, such as LaGuardia, Brooklyn Tech, and Talent Unlimited
- CTE Schools require all students to participate in a CTE program
- 27 schools in Manhattan offer one or more CTE programs
 - List available upon request for all five boroughs
 - <http://cte.nyc/>

Academic programs with CTE disciplines in Manhattan

Academic Schools in Manhattan offering individual CTE programs		
District	School	CTE Program (s)
1	University Neighborhood High School	Hospitality and Tourism
2	High School for Health Professions and Human Services	Medical Lab & Assisting
2	High School of Economics and Finance	Business // Accounting // Finance
2	Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School	Business, Management and Administration // Hospitality & Tourism
2	Manhattan Business Academy	Entrepreneurship-Virtual Enterprise
2	Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers	Law and Public Safety
2	Talent Unlimited High School	Dance // Drama
2	Urban Assembly Maker Academy	Digital Media & Computer Science
2	Urban Assembly School for Global Commerce	Scientific Research and Engineering // Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
3	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School for Music & Arts and Performing Arts	Technical Theatre
3	The Maxine Greene High School for Imaginative Inquiry	Business, Management and Administration
5	Columbia Secondary School	Scientific Research and Engineering
5	High School for Mathematics, Science & Engineering at City College	Scientific Research and Engineering
6	High School for Law and Public Service	Law and Public Safety

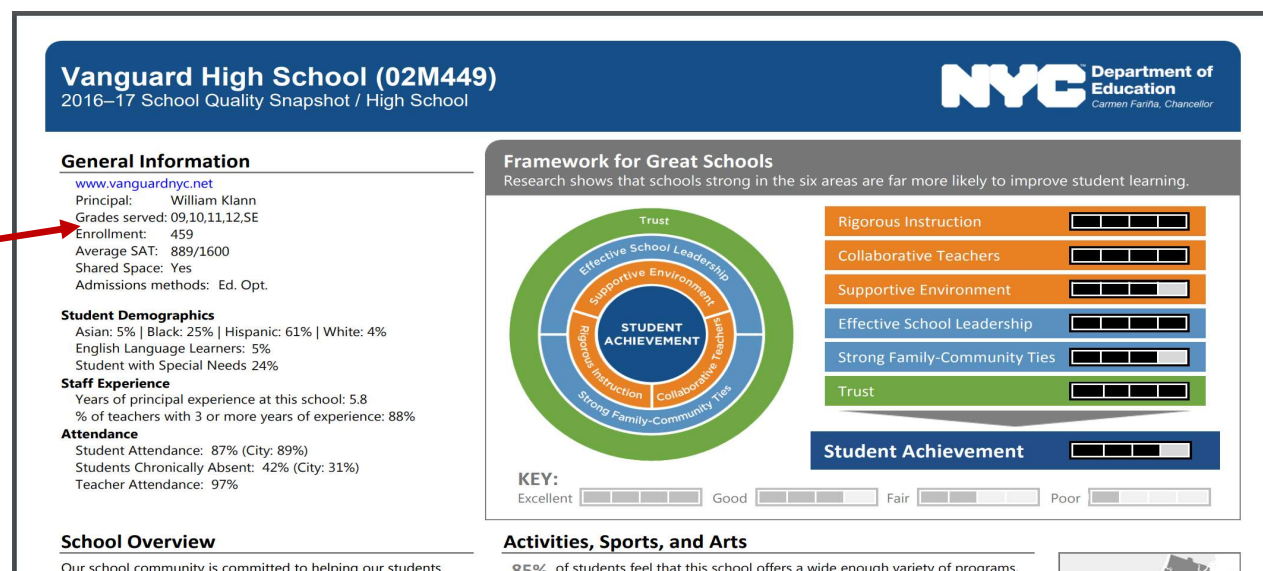
CTE schools in Manhattan

CTE Schools in Manhattan		
District	School	CTE Program (s)
2	Academy for Software Engineering	Computer Science and Software Engineering
2	Art and Design High School	Apparel Design // Architectural Design // Cartooning // Animation // Commercial Photography // Film and Video Production // Graphic Design // Illustration
2	Business of Sports School	Business Management and Entrepreneurship
2	Chelsea Career and Technical Education High School	Computer Installation and Repair // Computer Systems Networking // Graphic Design
2	Food and Finance High School	Culinary Arts
2	High School of Fashion Industries	Commercial Arts and Illustration // Fashion Design // Fashion Merchandising/Marketing // Visual and Fashion Merchandising
2	Manhattan Early College School for Advertising (9 to 14)	Computer Software and Media Applications // Graphic Design // Information Technology
2	Stephen Mather for Building Arts and Craftmanship High School	Building Arts and Landscape Management-Historic Preservation
2	Union Square Academy for Health Sciences	Health Sciences // Dental Lab Technician // Pharmacy Technician
2	Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology	Digital Design and Animation // Information Technology & Systems // Software Engineering
2	Urban Assembly New York Harbor School	Aquaculture // Marine Systems Technology // Ocean Engineering // Marine Biology Research // Vessel Operations // Professional Scuba Diving
6	Inwood Early College for Health and Information Technoloaies (9 to 14)	Information Technology // Business

Statistics from NYC & NYS

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/find-a-school>
(also links to this info on InsideSchools.org site)

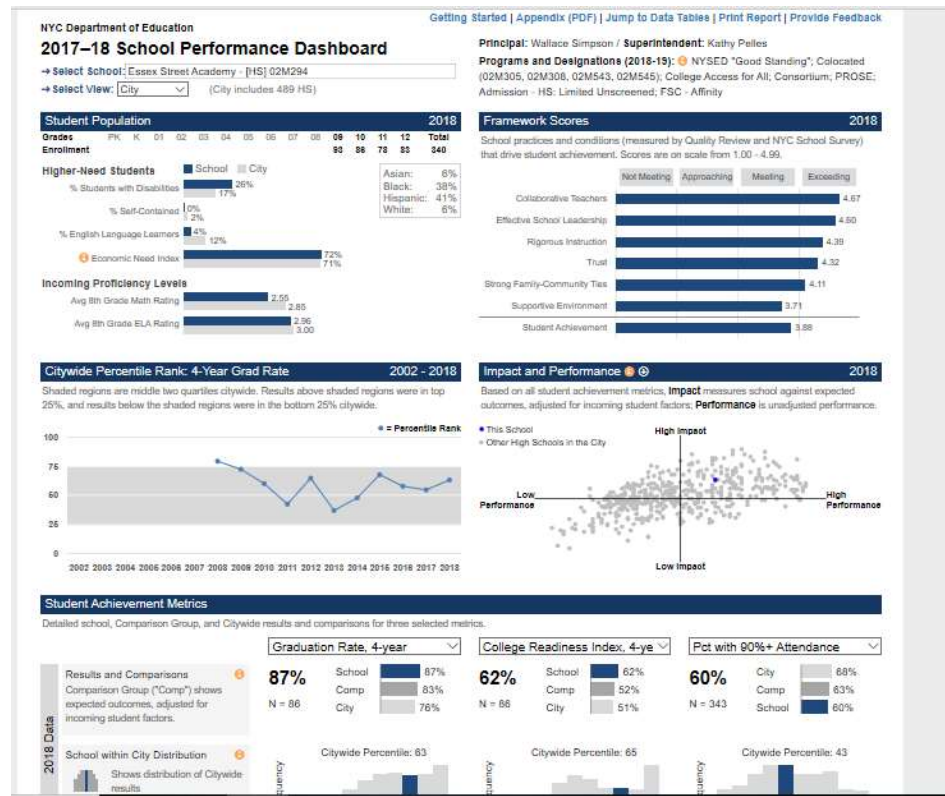
School Quality Snapshot & Guide
School Survey
Progress Report
Quality Review
Budget
Expenditures
Register



Attendance	Annual Arts in School Report	CEP
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- Many metrics available on DOE website
- Links to these metrics also on InsideSchools
- Demographics/Diversity
- ELL/SWD Percentages
- Attendance, graduation, testing metrics

Other Resources: InsideSchools.org

- Have a new guided search tool as well
- Reviews based on InsideSchools staff visits to the schools (keep in mind not every school is visited every year, so may be a lag if the school has been changing)

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Do any of these special situations apply to you?

- ☐ I have an IEP and want a school that serves children with disabilities well.
- ☐ I need a wheelchair accessible school
- ☐ I recently arrived in the US or I am still learning English
- ☐ None of the above

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Guided Search Results

[Narrow my search](#)

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SORT BY

College Readiness

Displaying **all 16** schools

The distance shows how far the school is from **19 E 129th St, New York, NY 10035, USA**.

Schools You May Be Eligible For	Distance	Admissions ⓘ
Manhattan Village Academy Learn more > Manhattan Gramercy + Add to favorites 1 2 3 4 5 N Q 6 P M R W 3 D Staff Pick Staff Pick for Special Ed 98% graduate ready for college. ⓘ	5.37 mi	Very high demand
Manhattan / Hunter Science High School Learn more > Manhattan Upper West Side	3.35 mi	Very high demand

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Discover your best options

Middle SchoolHigh School

Central Park East High School

Grades: 9-12

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Our Insights

What's Special

Quality special ed; good college help; many sports teams

The Downside

Some classrooms are cramped

Central Park East High School (CPE) offers field trips, strong academics, and a full-time college counselor who has helped students get into some top colleges. The school has more sports teams than are typically offered at a small school, including a football team made up of students from a number of high schools in northern Manhattan. It has a beautiful outdoor track shared by other schools in the building.

The high school, which occupies the basement, ground floor and part of the third floor of the Jackie Robinson Education Complex, successfully integrates students receiving special education services into regular classes, many of which have two teachers. Admissions has become fiercely competitive, with nearly 5,000 applicants for 100 seats.

Principal Bennett Lieberman encourages teachers to plan lessons together because one of the problems students encounter when

School Stats

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Programs & Admissions

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Citywide Average Key

This school is BetterNearWorse than the citywide average

Is this school safe and well-run?

How do students perform academically?

Who does this school serve?

How does this school serve special populations?

For more information about our data sources, see About Our Data - More DOE statistics for this school

Who qualifies for GE seats and SWD seats:

[Seats for General Education \(GE\) Students](#): Available for all students and those that receive less than 20% special education services on their IEP.

[Seats for Students with Disabilities \(SWD\)](#): Available for students who receive 20% or more special education services on their IEP.

The DOE Student Information System will calculate whether your child is eligible for an SWD seat, but you should be in the know as to whether they qualify and why.

[What counts towards the 20%?](#)

Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT)

Special Education Classes (Self-Contained)

Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS)

[What does not count toward the 20%?](#)

Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Physical Therapy

Includenyc.org offers guidance to parents of students with IEPs

Examples: SWD seats vs GE seats

- Maria is in a special class setting for a combined 20 periods per week:
- $20/35=57\%$
- Maria's application **will count** towards SWD seats
- William receives SETSS once a day for 5 total periods per week:
- $5/35=14\%$
- William's application **will not** count towards SWD seats because he is below the 20% rule. He would be eligible for GE seats.