NYU Educational News Brief – January 2019

In this News Brief, you can learn about NYC elementary school admissions, preschool programs, and other New York City resources

NYU Work Life Opened in Fall 2018

Established by the Office of the Provost, NYU Work Life is now located at 245 Mercer Street. Work Life provides family care resources and helps support faculty and employees through major life events. To sign up to receive their upcoming newsletter, please complete this form.

NYC Public Kindergarten Applications are Due Monday, January 14

If you are NYC resident with a child born in 2014, do not miss the January 14th deadline to apply for admission to NYC public Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

Enrollment in kindergarten is guaranteed. Nevertheless it is strongly advisable that families whose children are applying to independent private schools, parochial schools, charter schools, or testing for the G&T participate in this process as well.

Use the NYC DOE’s Mapping System to locate your zoned school and other schools in the neighborhood. List in priority order your zoned school and up to 11 additional choices. Your child will be waitlisted on all schools listed ahead of your zoned school; waitlisted schools usually offer seats between late August and mid-October. Admissions offers will be sent in March.

Learn more about the application process on the NYC Department of Education website. Apply online via the DOE application site, by phone at 718-935-2400, and in person at a Family Welcome Center. But, do not miss the Monday deadline.

NYC Gifted & Talented Program for Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 3

Testing for G&T eligibility is taking place during the month of January. All families who submitted an application this Fall should have received notification of their child’s test date in December. If you submitted the RFT form by the deadline and did not receive your test date confirmation, email Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov or call 718-935-2009.

Students who take the test this January will learn their test results in the Spring. If your child is eligible to apply for G&T placement you will get a G&T Application and a list of G&T program options along with your score report. Recent experience is that placement offers are typically sent in May and the deadline to accept an offer follows in June.

A couple of miscellaneous pointers:
Prepping for the test is not required or advisable, you can however provide your children with prior exposure to what the test will look like by reviewing with them the practice test found in the 2019 Elementary and Gifted & Talented Handbook.

Don’t forget to bring your child's birth certificate or passport to your G&T Test appointment to verify their date of birth.

If you child is sick on the day of the test, all is not lost - simply notify the school or the testing site and they will work with you to reschedule the assessment as testing appointments become available within the defined testing period.

NYC PreK For All Application Available in Early February with March 15 Deadline

All families with children born in 2015 are eligible to apply to PreK for September 2019. Free full-day (6 hours, 20 minutes long) PreK programs are available in public Elementary Schools, PreK Centers, Charter Schools, and in many Early Childhood Education Centers throughout the City.

A streamlined application provides families with the ease of prioritizing and applying to up to 12 programs. Families are urged to list only those schools to which you would send your child.

Steps to identify schools:

1. Find your zoned school
2. Read school profiles and watch videos on InsideSchools
3. Review individual school websites
4. Review the DOE-prepared materials designed to support your search
5. Attend parent tours and open houses as available
6. Carefully review the PreK Directory about each school including 2015 enrollment

Online information about the process, directories of PreK options by borough, information sessions and tours, and more is available.

Sign up for email updates from the NYC DOE to stay up-to-date on topics that interest you.

Two Resources to Help You Stay Up-To-Date about NYC Public Education

- Chalkbeat NY
- InsideSchools

Get Involved in Community School District 2

- Learn about Community Education Councils, sign up for the District 2 CEC list serv, attend meetings, and share your opinions.
- Learn about work of Community District 2, sign up for Education Committee’s list serv, attend meetings, and consider serving.
- Become an active parent in your child’s school.

Discover Interesting and Fun Things to Do on Cold Winter Days
Sign up for parenting emails:

- Red Tricycle – [www.redtri.com](http://www.redtri.com)
- Macaroni – [www.macaronikid.com](http://www.macaronikid.com)
- NY Family - [www.newyorkfamily.com](http://www.newyorkfamily.com)