EDUCATIONAL NEWS BRIEF – March 2019

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

NYU Work Life Now Open
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 PreK For All Applications – Deadline Approaching, Friday, March 15
All families with children born in 2015 are eligible to apply to PreK for September 2019. Free full-day (6 hours, 20 minutes) 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 or programs 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, including information about the process, directories of schools/programs by borough, info sessions and tours, and more
5. Attend parent tours and open houses as available in both public schools and early childhood education centers
6. Carefully review the PreK Directory about each school including program enrollment
7. Search the PreK Program Finder and review the PreK Snapshot of each school that interests you
8. Sign up for email updates from the NYC DOE to stay up-to-date on topics that interest you

School Enrollment - Looking Ahead:

- **Elementary School – Kindergarten:** All families who submitted an application by the January 22 deadline will receive a placement offer in late March 2019. Families must accept their placement by April.
- If you missed the January 22 application deadline, you can submit an application at any time. Placement offers for late applications will be made in June 2019.

What happens if you do not get into your first choice school? Don’t’ be disheartened:

1. There is still a chance, because you are waitlisted at all schools listed higher than the school in which you were placed.
2. Be sure to contact those schools listed at the top of your list to let them know you are very interested to attend their school. Ask where you are on their waitlist.
3. It is not uncommon for new opportunities to enroll in a waitlisted school following G&T registrations in June and as late as the Fall as people make different enrollment choices, or move out of the neighborhood or City.

Still looking at school options?
Charter school applications are due Monday, April 1. You can search school options throughout NYC’s five boroughs on the NYC Charter School Center.
Public Gifted & Talented Schools/Programs: Score reports will be distributed in April 2019.

- Students with a score of 90 and above will receive a list of schools options along with their score reports. Children who score a 90 and above will be eligible for their District-wide programs and those who score 97 and above are eligible for Citywide G&T schools.

- Once scores are distributed, families have the opportunity to tour schools under consideration, rank school preferences, and submit their application by the deadline.

- Final placement offers will be sent in June 2019 along with the deadline to accept an offer in June 2019.

Middle School: Schools that require auditions, interviews, assessments, or portfolios for admission are now complete. Your child may also be eligible to apply to newly opening middle schools. If these options exist, you will be notified directly about the “New Schools Round.”

- Placement offers to schools from the Main Admissions Round and the “New Schools Round” will be sent in April 2019. Students who applied in both rounds will have to choose one.

High School: A letter with placement offers for Round 1 will be distributed in March 2019. This letter will include the schools from your high school application as well as the result of application and testing for a specialized school if applicable. If your student receives multiple offers, he/she will need to select one.

- **When you receive your offer and are ...**
  - **HAPPY** with your match, be sure to accept your Round 1 offer by the deadline.
  - **UNHAPPY** with your match, take a deep breath and reconsider the school in which your student was placed. If there is an opportunity to visit the school again be sure to sign up. If there is not a formal meeting or open house for accepted students, contact the Parent Coordinator and ask if you can visit one morning.
  - **STILL UNHAPPY** after reconsidering your child’s placement, then you can apply to a school with open seats in Round 2. Please be aware that the calculated risk is that if you are accepted at another school during Round 2 you will lose your placement in Round 1.

If you did not receive a match, you must apply to high schools with open seats in Round 2. If you are not happy with the outcome of Round 2, you can then file an appeal.

- Opportunities about Round 2 Schools will be available on the DOE website, including
- A Round 2 High School Fair
- Open Houses offered Round 2 schools. Keep an eye on the DOE calendar for some dates and times and call a school to request a visit.
- Advice from InsideSchools

Don’t Want to Go it Alone?
Talk with your school’s guidance counselor and network with your friends and colleagues.

Introduce Your Children Theatre in Downtown Manhattan

**Tribeca Performing Arts Center** is running two plays as part of their Family Programming: The Ugly Duckling on March 16 & The Magic School Bus on March 23.