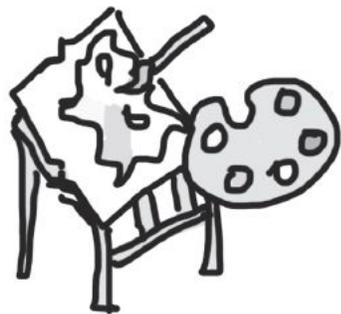


Welcome to Middle School Admissions



**For families in District 15
Applying now for Fall 2019**

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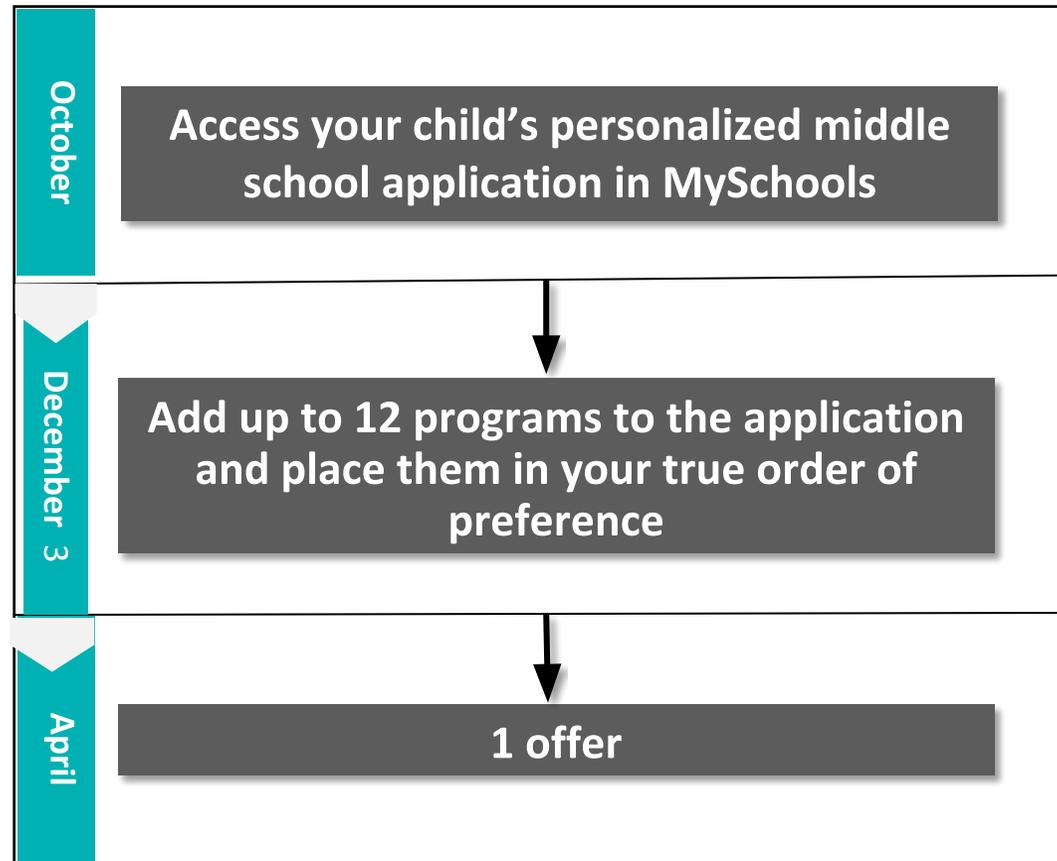
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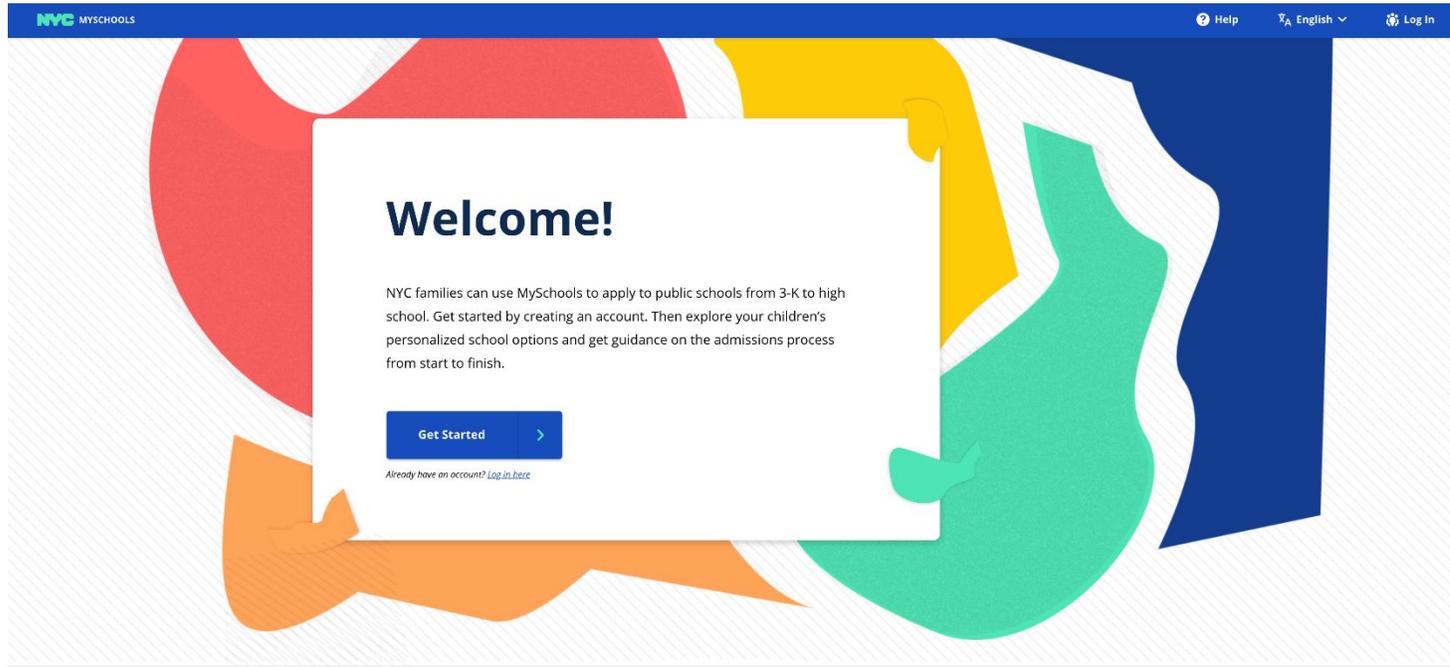
How do students apply to middle school?



MySchools is both an online directory and your child's personalized application. It will include as options every middle school that your child is eligible to attend.

Will the D15 Plan change how students apply to middle school?

NO. The only change in the application process is that all families across the city can apply to middle school online.



1. Access and review your child's application

This fall, your child's elementary school will share clear directions for how to create a MySchools account and access your child's personalized online middle school application.

When you access the application, **be sure to review all information about your child:**

- ✓ Make sure all personal information, including your child's address, is correct.
- ✓ Make sure your child's academic record is accurate.
 - District 15 schools will **NOT** see your child's academic record or use this information to select students.
 - However, if you apply to boroughwide and citywide programs that consider academics, they will be able to see this information.

If you see anything on your application that is inaccurate, contact your child's current elementary school as soon as possible.

2. Learn about schools

All the DOE public schools that your child can apply to will be included as options for their personalized application in MySchools. There are three types of middle schools for D15 students:

District Schools—District 15

Open to all students who live and/or attend public elementary school in District 15

If your child lives in one district and goes to school in another, they are eligible to apply to district schools in both districts.

Boroughwide Schools—Brooklyn

Open to all students who live or attend public elementary school in Brooklyn

Citywide Schools

Open to all students who live in NYC

Charter schools have a separate admissions process and are not part of the middle school application.

3. Choose schools for your child's application

Explore your middle school options in MySchools and add programs of interest to your Saved list. Go to open houses and the District 15 Middle School Fair, and ask questions.

How do you choose where to apply? Consider the following:

Travel

How will your child get from home to school each day?

How long is the commute?

Visiting the school is a good way to see what this trip is like!

Programs and courses offered

Does the school have a Dual Language program in your child's home language?

Are there specific academic courses, clubs, activities, or sports that appeal to you and your child?

School size

How many students go to the school?

Mission and vision

What makes the school special?

All District 15 schools welcome, support, and provide programs for English Language Learners and students with disabilities.

4. Complete your child's application

- Add up to 12 program choices to your child's application.
- Be sure to place them into your true order of preference, with your favorite program as #1.
- Submit the application by **December 3, 2018**.

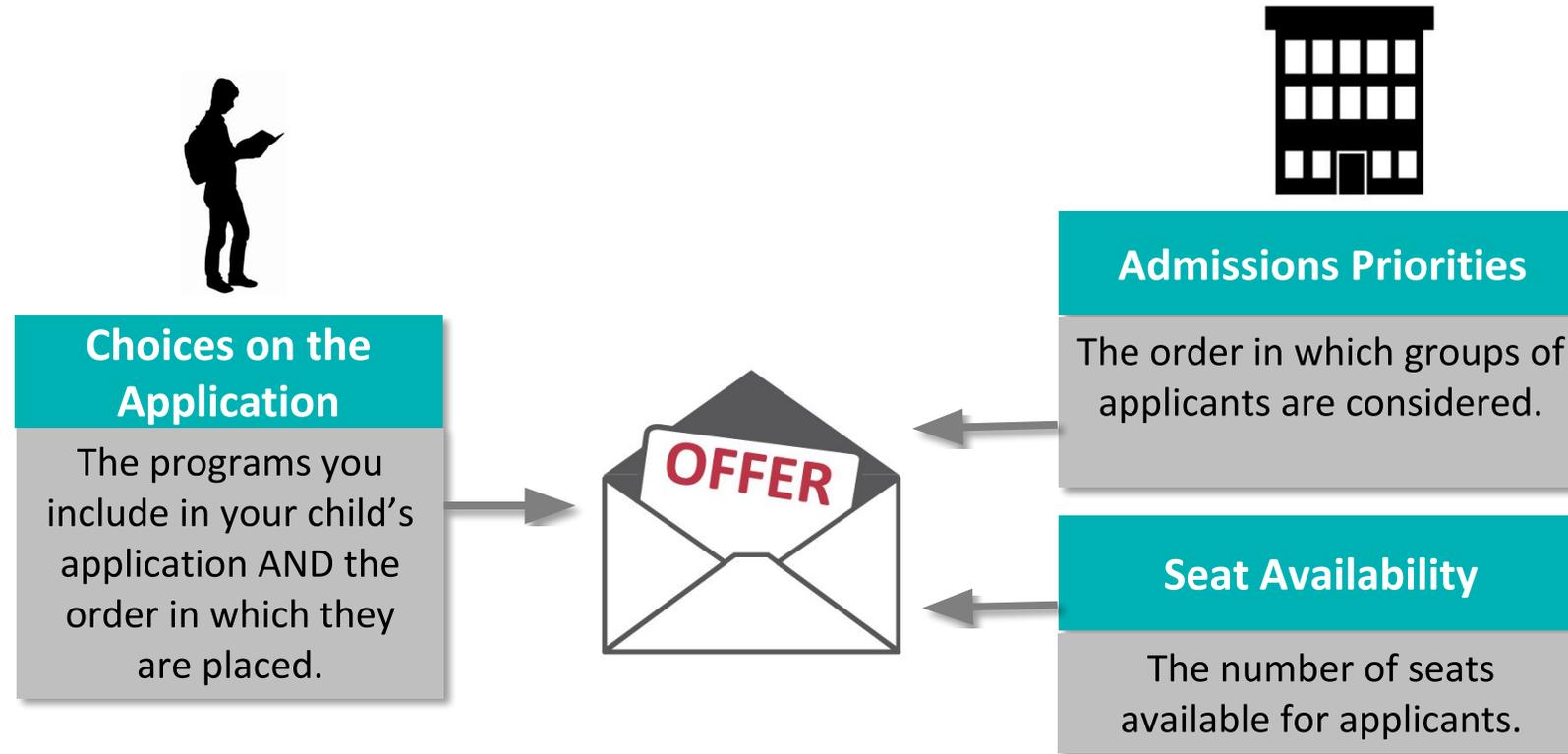
Need help?

- Talk to your school counselor
- Visit a Family Welcome Center
- Call us at **718-935-2009**

TIP | After adding your favorite programs, consider adding more choices to your application. Remember, if you do not get an offer to a program from your application, you will be matched to a program with availability in your district.

How do students get middle school offers in

D15?



Some boroughwide and citywide middle schools, as well as some district schools outside of District 15, also use admissions methods to evaluate and select students.

Do students application choices

YES. The most important factor in deciding where your child goes to middle school is how you complete their middle school application.

- Always place your choices in your true order of preference, with your favorite program as #1. There is no advantage to placing them in any other order.
- Each child will be considered first for their first-choice school, then for their second-choice school, and so on.



Will the D15 Plan change how students are matched to schools?

YES. To ensure that all students have access to all D15 middle schools, two key changes are being made:

- **No More Screened Schools** – All district middle schools in D15 will now use an open admissions method. This means they will no longer screen or select students based on their academic records.
- **Diversity in Admissions Priority** – The following applicants will now have an admissions priority for 52% of seats at each D15 middle school:
 - Students from low-income households
 - Students in temporary housing
 - English Language Learners

Will the D15 Plan change how students are matched to schools?

A random number is used to determine which students are matched with seats during random selection.

- First, every applicant is assigned a random number.
- Next, applicants who are students from low-income households, students in temporary housing, and/or ELLs are matched in random-number order to their highest possible application choices until 52% of available seats at each D15 middle school are filled.
- Finally, all other applicants (including any remaining students from the groups listed above) are matched in random-number order to their highest possible application choices until all available seats are filled. If there are more applicants than available seats at a school, the students with the strongest random numbers are matched first until all seats are filled.

Seats for Students With Disabilities

Each Middle School program has a specific number of seats available for incoming students. Available seats are divided into two groups:

- One group of seats is reserved for students who are part of the general education population and students who receive special education instructional programming for 20% or less of their academic program (GE).
- The second group of seats is for students who receive special education instructional programming for more than 20% of their academic program (SWD).

Student applications will be automatically assigned to one group of seats based on the information in ATS. For students with disabilities, this is based on their current Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Up to 52% of SWD seats and 52% of GE seats will be prioritized.

This means that all students, regardless of their IEP status, should rank schools on their application in their true order of preference.

Key dates

Fall	Attend open houses and middle school fairs Contact schools directly to learn when to visit, and come to the District 15 Middle School Fair on October 17.
Late October	Access the middle school application in MySchools
December 3	Apply to middle school by December 3, 2018
April	Get your child's middle school offer

Resources

Learn more

- 2019 NYC Middle School Directory | schools.nyc.gov/Middle
- Middle school admissions email list | schools.nyc.gov/Connect
- Your zoned school | schools.nyc.gov/Find-a-School
- D15 Working Group's recommendations | d15diversityplan.com
- How do students get matches? | vimeo.com/288796889

Get help with your application

- Your school counselor
- Visit a Family Welcome Center | schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters
- Office of Student Enrollment | **718-935-2009**