

CEC 3



Middle School/ High School Admissions Interim Update

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District 3 MS/ HS Admissions - Interim Update

Bring Community Together and Share Information on Admissions Updates

Objective

- Update 5th and 8th grade students and families
- Collect unresolved questions
- Seek process- and data-related suggestions

Focus

- Process; not policy!
- What we know; what we still need to find out

Information

- This information has been compiled by the volunteer parent members of the CEC to the best of their understanding, we are not the DOE and do not represent the final word the centralized admissions process

Middle School Admissions - District 3

One-Year Pause on Middle School “Screening”

Timeline

- MySchools remains admissions portal
- Application Period: January 11 to February 9
- Matching / Offers: “Spring” (April or later)
- Waitlist process will remain in place

Admissions Priority

- Geographic (No Change): District Priority remains
- Continuing (No Change): Rising 6th graders retain priority at K-8 school
- SWD (No Change): SWD admissions set asides remain
- Sibling (Modified): No sibling priority for middle school.
- D3 Diversity in Admissions (Modified): 25% of offers prioritized for students who qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRL)

Matching Process

- Algorithm (No Change): Algorithm matches students to school
- Student Rank (No Change): Students rank schools in order of preference
- School Rank (New): Updated process for school matching with students

School Ranking

- Schools no longer “rank” students
- No use of NYS tests, student performance, school-based assessments
- **Unanswered:** Does Central DOE assigns each student a persistent “rank” to be used by all schools

High School Admissions

Geographic Priority Phased Out; School-Based Screening Maintained

Timeline

- MySchools remains admissions portal
- Application Period: January 18 to February 22
- SHS Exam Registration January 15
- Matching / Offers: “Spring” (March or later)
- Waitlist process will remain in place

Admissions Priority

- Geographic: District priority eliminated; Borough priority next year
- Continuing (No Change): Rising 9th graders maintain priority
- SWD/ DIA (No Change): SWD admissions and DIA programs remain
- Sibling (No Change): No sibling priority for high school

Matching Process

- Algorithm (No Change): Algorithm matches students to school
- Student Rank (No Change): Students rank schools in order of preference
- School Rank (No Change): Schools rank students in order of preference

School Ranking

- Schools may continue to set rubrics and rank students; attendance not allowed
- Encouraged “to make a concerted effort towards greater equity in their processes, either by electing to remove additional screens now, or implementing a DIA priority”
- Ranking is “calculated” by DOE and rubrics published in MySchools

Specialized Schools

- Exam Registration: December 21 to January 15- with ranking of SHS
- Exam Administration: At enrolled school (or DOE site) starting January 27
- Audition Registration: By February 22
- Audition Administration: Submit auditions thru Virtual Submission System

Middle School Characteristics

All District 3 Middle Schools provide a strong academic program and are ready to educate all learners

Location

- Distance from home, transportation

Size

- Large (1,000 +), mid (300-600) and small (<300) schools

Programming

- Academic: Arts, Language, Electives vary
- Extracurricular: Clubs and athletics vary
- Focus: Dual Language Programs, Project Based Programs, School Partnerships

District 3 – Middle School List

17 Schools Offer Middle School Programs serving students in District 3

PreK/ K- 8th

P.S. 76

P.S. 165

P.S. 180

P.S. 191

P.S. 333 Manhattan School for Children

P.S. 334 Anderson School

P.S. 859 Special Music School

5 - 8th

M.S. 243 Center School

6 -8th

M.S. 54 Booker T. Washington

M.S. 245 The Computer School

M.S. 247 Dual Language Middle School

M.S. 250 West Side Collaborative Middle School

M.S. 256 Lafayette Academy

M.S. 258 Community Action School

M.S. 421 West Prep Academy

M.S. 862 Mott Hall II

8- 12th

M.S. 291 West End Secondary School

Middle School Admissions

FAQs

<https://www.doed3.org/admissions>

How does the lottery work?

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school>

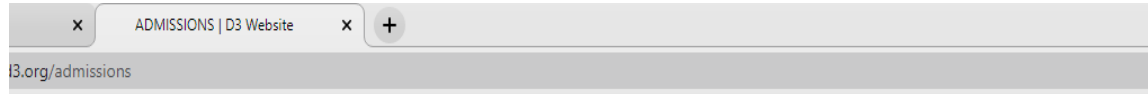
District 3 families will have the same school choices as in past years, and families will continue to rank up to 12 programs in their true order of preference. In the matching process, the schools each family has listed and the order in which they are listed will continue to drive admissions outcomes. In this admissions cycle, screened schools will transition to an open admissions method. This means that if there are more students than available seats, applicants will be randomly selected for seats.

Will the DOE be prioritizing placing students in the middle school closest to their home address?

There are no zoned middle schools in District 3, so students do not have a priority to middle schools based on their home address.

Does the lottery apply to Center School?

Yes, the Center School will transition to an open admissions method. Will Center School consider letting kids in for 6th grade? The Center School will continue to only admit students into grade 5 during the admission process.



Middle School Admissions

Below you will find links to all of our middle schools' websites and known open house dates. If there is no open house date listed please visit the school's webpage for information. At the bottom of the page are FAQs about our admission process for the 2021-2022 school year.

MS 54

<https://www.ms54.org/>

Open House: Thurs, 1/28/21 @ 6:30

PS 76

<https://psis76.org/>

Open House: Check Website



www.doed3.org

Information on D3 Middle Schools available on the D3 website

Where to find more information

- D3 website: www.doed3.org

This has a listing of all D3 Middle schools, where to find open house dates/links, the D3 Middle School Directory

- CEC 3 website: www.cec3.org

Middle School information page includes historical information on D3 schools including a video of last years Middle School Principals Forum

- www.myschools.nyc

DOE listings for each school and the portal for submitting your application

- DOE www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment

DOE information on how that application process works. A helpful video on the lottery process is available at: www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade

Middle School Admissions: General Discussion

Open Community Discussion/ Feedback

Open Questions

Open questions answered by CEC or collected for responses by DOE

Process Enhancements

Given these changes, how can we make the process easier this year?

Data Requests

What additional information would you like from our Middle Schools to better inform the process?