



Public School 174
William Sidney Mount



Parent Information Session Middle School Process

Thursday, January 7, 2021 2pm-3pm

Friday, January 8, 2021 10am- 11am

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Timeline

- In mid-December, Enrollment mailed directly to each home---
Welcome Letter with unique creation code -Setup MySchools.nyc account
- Beginning week of January 11--- MySchools.nyc opens for online application.
- Deadline is February 9.
- Spring – Receive one offer.
- Waitlist for all rankings higher than your offer .



Student Name:
Student ID number:
Account Creation Code:
Grade:
Official Name:
Current School: P.S. 174 WILLIAM SIDNEY MOUNT (28Q174)

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*Letter has details on
application process.*

Welcome to Middle School Admissions

This year, your child will apply to middle school. Much is different across our city and country right now—from how children attend school to how we share public spaces. Yet whatever this school year brings, we will be here to support you and your child through middle school admissions. This letter will help you get started!

Your child can apply to up to 12 middle school programs with one personalized application.

Throughout this process, you will use one website, MySchools, to explore middle schools, register for tests/auditions, submit your application, and get a middle school offer. MySchools and your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) are separate websites; you will use separate accounts to log into each one:

- You'll use MySchools (MySchools.nyc) this year to explore school options, submit your child's application, and get your middle school offer, and get waitlist information.
- You'll use NYCSA (MyStudent.nyc) during each school year to see your child's grades, attendance, fitness results, and schedule, as well as get emergency alerts and school-specific updates.

Right now, you can...

1. **Subscribe for email updates** at schools.nyc.gov/SignUp | We'll send you admissions tips and updates, including when the middle school application period will open and close.
2. **Set up your MySchools account** at MySchools.nyc. Here's how:
 - **Click or tap "Get Started."** Follow the on-screen instruction. Then check your email for a message from MySchools. In that email, click the link to access your MySchools account.

Once you've created a password, write it here for your reference: My password is _____
 - **Click "Add a child"** to connect your child to your account. On the next screen, enter your child's 9-digit student ID number (OSIS). You can find this ID number on their report card or request it from their current school.
 - Enter your child's unique MySchools Account Creation Code, shown below. (Not the same as your NYCSA code)

Your Account Creation Code:

Do not share this code with anyone and keep it in a safe place. If you have more than one child applying to school this year, you will get one letter like this for each child. If you need to access your child's records but are not the parent/guardian addressed in this letter, please contact your child's school or call 718-939-2009.

Fall 2021 Admissions

“New”---

- Using “**Open admissions** method”- this year.
random selection/ lottery for all screened, talent schools.
- Academic ,composite scores not used.
Ex Mark Twain G&T School is open to all students- no talent test.
- After deadline/portal closes-----
Each application is assigned a completely random # generated by computer.

Middle School Admissions Eligibility remains unchanged

- Zoned school priority over non zoned.
- Zoned district then non district.
- No sibling priority in Middle School.



December 18, 2020

Chancellor Carranza's memo

Dear Families,

This has been a year of new challenges and difficult choices, testing our collective strength and endurance as we have faced the unknown together. We have had to reinvent the building blocks of public education in the nation's largest school system, from how to "go to class," to grading policy, attendance, and everything in between.

Today I am writing with an update on another fundamental pillar of your child's education: enrolling in middle school for next September. I want to thank you for your patience as we have worked for months to talk to families and conduct careful analysis to develop a new middle school admissions policy that meets this challenging moment. This new policy will better support your child's learning journey, and that of their fellow 70,000 fifth graders, as we look ahead to Fall 2021.

We have made some changes to the middle school enrollment process this year. This year's middle school application will open the week of January 11. New York City Department of Education (DOE) middle schools will not use academic records, auditions, or other screens or assessments to evaluate or admit students this year. Schools will maintain priority for students living in the district, because we heard from families across the city that they want to attend middle school closer to home. If a school has more applicants than available seats, offers will be made using a random lottery. In a small number of schools that have launched their own Diversity in Admissions pilots, they will admit priority groups of students first based on their school plans.

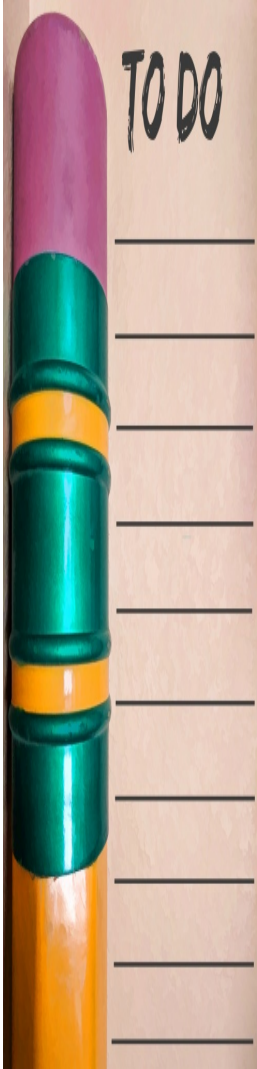
Here is why.

New York City is home to nearly 200 middle schools—40% of all middle schools—that "screen" students for admission using academic records, auditions, attendance, discipline records, special assessments, interviews, or other measures. They've historically used these academic and other records from a student's fourth grade to determine if they're suitable for entry to the school.

This year, we do not have much of this typical screening information because of the effects of the pandemic. The State did not administer standardized tests for fourth graders last year. The grading policy required revision to meet the unprecedented ending to the last school year. Attendance and other key policies shifted to accommodate the circumstances families were enduring because of the pandemic. Generally speaking, the measures these screened schools traditionally relied on for making admissions decisions are no longer available.

What's more, as Chancellor, it is my responsibility to deliver the highest-quality education possible to each of your children, so that they are prepared for a successful, productive life, and empowered with the skills they need to chase their dreams. There are inequities in our City and in our school system that have been exacerbated this year by the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 health crisis has had on our communities of color, our immigrant families, the students whose parents never had the option to work from home, and more. When I've spoken to families, students, and leaders of screened schools about potential changes, they have articulated the ways these policies can be an obstacle to that goal for many students, because the screening criteria can be so closely connected to a student's housing stability and economic status.

That is why, now more than ever, it is so important to deliver the proven benefits of more inclusive classrooms to our students. Inclusive learning environments are proven to encourage the development of critical thinking skills. They are linked to long-term success and life opportunities and lead to higher graduation achievement and better access to social and professional networks for more students.



MySchools.nyc

Online directory at MySchools.nyc
Beginning January 11 – February 9

Step 1

Setup account at MySchools.nyc with Creation code.

Step 2

Beginning week of January 11 through February 9 --- login to MySchool.nyc
Each student's personalized application will map/list schools eligible to apply to based upon home address. Click on school of interest, it will provide school details.

Step 3

Rank maximum 12 schools/program choices.
Families should list in your genuine true order of preference.
Include your zoned school.

Step 4

Search, Apply, Submit, receive Receipt of your submission with schools listing.


Changed your selection after "Submit"? You may change as many times your submission before February 9 deadline. A new Receipt will be generated.

Middle School Admissions Checklist

Get ready for middle school! All New York City 5th graders—and 6th graders at schools that end in 6th grade—can apply to middle school this winter.

The middle school application opens the week of January 11, 2021, and the deadline to apply is February 9. Apply to up to 12 programs on your child's application; list programs in your true order of preference, with your first choice at the top as #1.

Any Time of Year

- Use the searchable middle school directory at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/MySchools) to explore school options.
- Check schools' websites: find resources and learn if schools will be hosting any virtual events.
- Learn about admissions, watch our video series, and get all the latest updates at [schools.nyc.gov/Middle](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Middle).
- Find your school district (1-32) and learn if your child has a zoned school or schools by entering your address at [schools.nyc.gov/Find-a-School](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Find-a-School) or calling 311.
- You can get personalized support on- or offline, including by phone—see  below.

December 2020

- Set up your MySchools account so you'll be ready to apply! In mid-December 2020, welcome letters were mailed to all current 5th grade DOE public school students; this letter includes your child's unique MySchools account creation code so you can access your account and add them to it.

January - February 2021

- The middle school application opens the week of January 11. We'll let you know when the application is open. Then, you can log in to your MySchools account to see your child's options, save favorite programs, and build your application.
- ★ **Apply to middle school by February 9, 2021.** Submit your application online at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.schools.nyc.gov), through your school counselor, or through a Family Welcome Center.

Spring - Summer 2021

- Add your child to additional waitlists and check your place on any waitlist with MySchools. If a program can make your child a waitlist offer, they will contact you directly.

MySchools.nyc

Throughout the admissions process, use this resource to learn about middle schools. When the application period opens, log in to your account to save favorite programs, build your application, and submit it.

[schools.nyc.gov/Middle](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/Middle)

Find the latest admissions information, deadlines, and updates. Watch videos to learn about middle school admissions, including how to use MySchools.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Talk to your child's current school counselor throughout the process.

[schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)

You can also contact a Family Welcome Center or call us at 718-935-2009 to get personalized support. We can help you explore your middle school options, access your MySchools account, and apply.

Your Middle School Program Options

First, learn where your child can apply

Until the week of January 11 | Before the application opens, the public MySchools directory shows all middle schools in the city.

Check any program's eligibility on its MySchools page to see if your child can apply.

District programs	District programs may be open only to students who live or go to school in that district; others may be open only to students in a very specific area, or zone. Your child can apply to programs in their middle school district and in the district where they attend elementary school (if it is different).
Boroughwide programs	Boroughwide programs are open to students who live and/or go to school in the same borough as the school. If, for example, your child lives in Brooklyn, they are eligible to apply to boroughwide programs in Brooklyn.
Citywide programs	Citywide programs are open to all students who live in New York City.

Beginning the week of January 11 | When the application is open and you are logged in to [MySchools.nyc.gov](https://myschools.nyc.gov), your personalized directory will display all of (and only) the options where your child can apply.

Then, learn your child's chances of getting an offer to specific programs

NOTE: This year, programs that formerly screened applicants will not use students' academic information for admissions. Instead, for all students entering middle school in fall 2021, these programs will make offers using the admissions factors already used by most NYC middle schools, as listed below. Screening is paused because the measures traditionally relied on for evaluating applicants are not available this year.

Pausing screens increases access to more schools for more students. A key benefit is that inclusive learning environments are proven to encourage the development of critical thinking skills. They are linked to long-term success and lead to higher graduation achievement and better access to social and professional networks for more students. We will engage further with school communities to determine the role of screens in future years.

These admissions factors can help you better know your child's chances for each program.

The number of program choices you add to your child's application and the order in which you place them matter	You can apply to up to 12 programs. After listing favorite programs, consider learning about and adding additional choices to your application. Applying to more programs will not affect your child's chances of matching to a top choice. There is no better strategy than placing programs in your genuine, true order of preference. Schools will not know if they were your first or tenth choice. You will always be considered for your first-choice program first. If you don't get an offer to your first choice, then you will be considered for your second-choice program as if it were your first choice, and so on.
The number of available seats at different programs varies.	Each program admits both general education students (GE) and students with disabilities (SWD); for admissions purposes, programs set seats aside for students in each designation. Your application will indicate GE or SWD; this is not something you choose. A program's number of applicants per seat (which you can view in MySchools) helps show how in-demand, or popular, a program was last year. Higher-demand programs have many more applicants than available seats, which means a lower chance of getting an offer. If you apply to high-demand programs, also apply to programs that have fewer applicants per seat.
Some programs use admissions priorities, meaning they admit specific groups of applicants (such as students who live in the zone) before others.	If there are more applicants to a program than seats available, applicants are admitted in priority-group order: all applicants in priority group 1 are considered for offers before any applicants in priority group 2, and so on. Some schools (and all District 15 middle schools) use a Diversity in Admissions priority: for a portion of seats, they prioritize specific groups of applicants, such as students from low-income families, who live in temporary housing, or who are English Language Learners. Find any program's priority groups on its MySchools page. Apply to some programs where your child is in the first priority group. Whether you list a program first or last, your child will keep the same priority to attend it.
Each applicant is assigned a random number by a computer, as in a lottery.	When there are more applicants than seats, these random numbers are used (within priority groups) to determine who gets offers to a program first, and in what order. To see how students get offers using priority groups and random selection, watch the animation at schools.nyc.gov/faq/lottery-roll-over .



Open Admissions

(NEW)

Random Selection

Each application is assigned a random # after deadlines/portal closes.

Spring

You will receive one offer.

Waitlist.

Any school ranked above the offer received will be automatically waitlisted.

Resources–

Enrollment has series of 3 videos, more video to follow visit [-school.nyc.gov](https://www.school.nyc.gov) [Middle School \(nyc.gov\)](https://www.middle-school.nyc.gov)

