

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

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INFO SESSION

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DECEMBER 17, 2024

# AGENDA

- Transition to Kindergarten
- Types of Schools in NYC
- Timeline for Applying to Kindergarten
- Gifted & Talented Programs
- Turning 5 Process
- NYC DOE Admissions Events
- Applying to Charter Schools



## TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

- Starting kindergarten is an important time for young children. Supporting these transitions for children and families is critically important because even positive changes can be challenging.
- Throughout the year and especially in May and June, our teachers prepare children for this 'end of the year' transition through, books, discussions and related activities.
- The month of June is filled with 'fun' activities to celebrate the year. In late June, we plan our "Moving On" ceremony for children moving on the kindergarten, which honors our children's growth and accomplishments.

## TYPES OF SCHOOLS IN NYC

- **Public:** The New York City Department of Education operates public schools in the city. It's the largest system of schools in the United States and is headed by the school's chancellor in conjunction with a leadership team.
- **Charter:** Charter schools are public schools that operate independently of the Department of Education under a charter from the State Board of Regents or the State University of New York. Charter schools receive public funding on a per-pupil basis and enrollment is based on a lottery.
- **Parochial/Private:** Private schools are privately owned and funded without the assistance of local, state, or federal governments. These schools rely on tuition to operate.



# TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO KINDERGARTEN

- **December-January:**
  - Explore schools, attend Open Houses, Make decisions
- **January 24, 2025**
  - Kindergarten Application is due!
- **April-May**
  - Get your offer
  - Accept your offer
  - Register at your child's new school in person.

# THE DEADLINE FOR NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS IS **JANUARY 24, 2025.**

## Welcome!

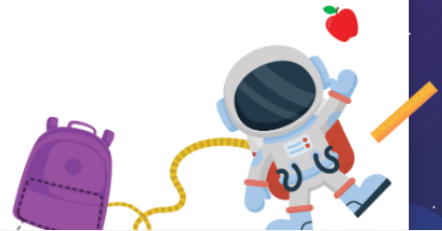
NYC families can use **MySchools** to apply to public schools from 3-K to high school. Get started by creating an account. Then explore your children's personalized school options and get guidance on the admissions process from start to finish.

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You have to create a MySchools account to complete the Kindergarten Application. If you have older children in public schools or have applied for 3K or 4K, you should already have an account.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED (G&T)

- This year, families can apply for the Gifted and Talented (G&T) program directly through their child's kindergarten application. To be considered, you must apply separately for the G&T programs at each school you would like your child to attend.
  - City-wide G&T
  - District G&T
- Once your application is submitted, your child's teachers will complete an evaluation using a checklist provided by the Department of Education (DOE).
- <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/gifted-talented>

## TURNING 5 PROCESS

- Families of children with disabilities entering kindergarten in September will take part in the Turning 5 Process, which is how special education services and supports are determined for children entering kindergarten.
- Families must still complete the Kindergarten Application and placement will be determined following observations and additional evaluations, if necessary.
- We will hold a dedicated Turning 5 Meeting in early January.



# NYC Elementary Admissions



## Kindergarten Video Series

The NYC Department of Education has created an 8 video series to walk families through the Kindergarten application process.

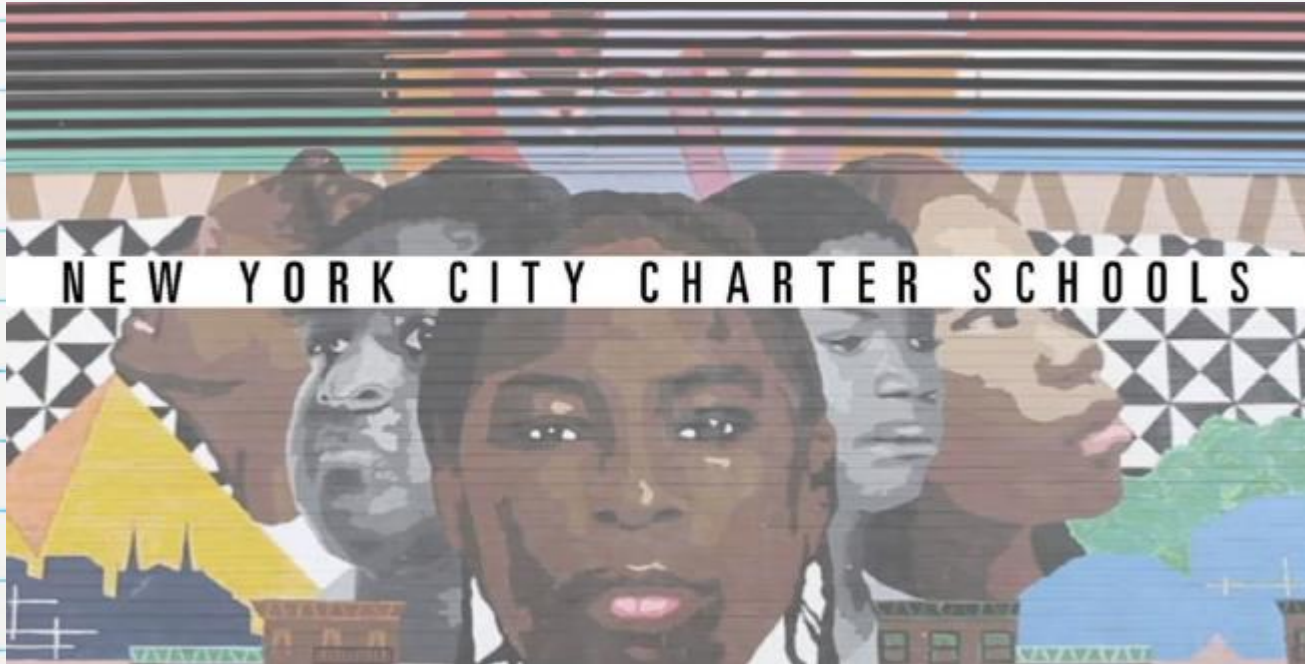
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# NYC DOE ADMISSIONS EVENTS

- **December 17, 6pm to 7pm** | Interpretation in: Spanish, Korean and Bengali, American Sign Language (ASL)
- **December 19, 2pm to 3pm** | Interpretation in: Arabic, Haitian Creole, Russian, American Sign Language (ASL)
- **January 7th, 6pm to 7pm** | Event held in Chinese, Mandarin only
- **January 16, 6pm to 7pm** | Interpretation in: Chinese (Mandarin), French, Urdu, American Sign Language (ASL)
- **January 22, 6pm to 7pm** | Event held in Spanish only
- **February 5th, 6pm to 7pm** | Interpretation in: Arabic, Haitian Creole, Russian, American Sign Language (ASL)
- **February 13, 2pm to 3pm** Interpretation in: Bangla, Korean, Spanish, American Sign Language (ASL)
- **February 25th, 6pm to 7pm** Event held in Arabic Only. No additional interpretation.

## How to join:

- Each event will be hosted live. Join us on Zoom at the event's start time here by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/ESEvents2024-2025>
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NYC Charter School Center is an online hub where families can explore Charter Schools in their neighborhoods and learn how to apply.

<https://nyccharterschools.org/what-are-charter-schools/>

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP AFTER THE WORKSHOP  
REACH OUT TO YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE!