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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 to kindergarten, which honors our children's growth and accomplishments.





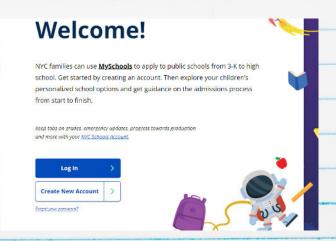


TYPES OF SCHOOLS IN NYC

- •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.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Tuesday, December 9, 2025
 - Kindergarten Applications Open
- Friday, January 23, 2026
 - Kindergarten Applications Close
- Tuesday, March 31, 2026
 - Kindergarten Offers Released



You will need to create a MySchools account to complete the Kindergarten Application. If you already have older children in public school or previously applied for 3K or Pre-K, you should already have an existing account.



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

https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/kindergarten

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- When applying to kindergarten, you apply to specific programs, not just the school building.
- Most schools offer one program, but some offer multiple options families can choose from including:
 - Kindergarten
 - Gifted and Talented (G&T)
 - Dual Language (DL)
- If a school offers multiple programs, each one will appear separately
 on the application. You can apply to more than one program at the
 same school if you want to be considered for multiple pathways. The
 application will show both the school name and the program name
 so you can clearly identify each option.

PRIORITY FOR GENERAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Zoned Schools

- Most schools have a zoned program, meaning each school has a geographic area assigned to it.
- Families who live in zone receive the highest priority for admission.
- Zoned students are typically guaranteed a seat as long as they apply on time.

Sibling Priority

 Children who have a sibling currently attending a school are given high priority regardless of zoning status.

District Priority

 Applicants who live within the same community school district as the school typically receive priority over those applying from outside the district.

Applicants Outside the Zone or District

• Families who live outside the zone or outside the district may still receive offers, but only if seats remain after higher-priority groups are placed.

Applying on time ensures you receive full consideration for all priority levels.

- G&T Programs Offer accelerated instruction opportunities.
- Available only in select elementary schools.
- How to Apply: Add G&T programs to your kindergarten application just like any other program.
- Eligibility is evaluated after the application is submitted.
 - Current Pre-K Students are evaluated by their pre-k teacher based on classroom observations and developmental benchmarks. DOE coordinates directly with the pre-k program. No action needed from parents.
- Only children who list G&T programs on their application will be reviewed for eligibility.
- Listing a G&T program does not guarantee placement.



DUAL LANGUAGE

- Programs where students learn in two languages throughout the school day. Most programs follow a 50/50 model, meaning half the instruction is in English and half in the partner language.
- Partner languages vary by school and may include Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, Bengali, Polish, Russian, and others.
- Program Goals: Help students become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural.
 - Any family may apply to a Dual Language program. For some programs, English Language Learners may receive priority to ensure balanced enrollment.
- No prior exposure to the partner language is required for English-proficient children unless stated by the school.



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Kindergarten French Dual Language (14K110)

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

The NYC DOE offers virtual information sessions on Kindergarten admissions. Each session reviews the elementary admissions process including school and program options, admission priorities, and how to use MySchools.nyc. All sessions cover the same information, so you only need to attend once. Time will be provided for questions following the presentations.

- December 11, 2pm to 3pm
- December 16, 6pm to 7pm
- December 18, 2pm to 3pm
- January 15, 6pm to 7pm
- January 22, 6pm to 7pm | Event held in Spanish only.
- February 5, 6pm to 7pm
- February 13, 2pm to 3pm

How to join:

•Each event will be hosted live. Join the Zoom at the event's start time here by clicking here:

https://bit.ly/ESAdmissionsEvents2025-2026

Webinar ID: 993 5967 0772

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Public schools that operate independently from the NYC Department of Education but are still publicly funded.
- Each charter school is run by its own board and follows a charter, that outlines its mission, academic approach, and accountability requirements.
- Schools often offer unique instructional models, extended school days, or specialized themes.
- Charter schools do not participate in the standard NYC kindergarten application.
- Each school manages its own admissions process and timeline.
- Most schools use a lottery system when they have more applicants than available seats.
- To apply, families must apply directly to each charter school they are interested in.
- 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/

TURNING 5 PROCESS

- The Department of Education is required to determine if the children who will go to Kindergarten in September 2026 will still need services.
- This is separate from the Kindergarten Application process. It just happens around the same time of year as the Kindergarten application. Every child needs a Kindergarten application.

TURNING 5 PROCESS

- Who are the children in the *Turning 5* process
- Who will start the Turning 5 process
- What is the CPSE and the CSE?*
- What is a "zoned school"?
- Who will be in charge of developing a new IEP?
- What is an IEP?
- When will all of this happen?

CPSE – <u>Committee on Preschool Special Education</u> CSE – <u>Committee on Special Education</u>

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IEP Team – Individual Education Plan Team

EVALUATION INFORMATION

- How will the IEP Team know my child?
 - Evaluation Reports from the initial evaluations
 - Provider updates
 - Teacher assessment
 - IEP Team member classroom observation/Teacher discussion
- The DOE Team will review your child's file and determine whether any new evaluations are needed.
- You may also request a new evaluation in area of concern, such as speech or physical therapy at this time

THE IEP MEETING

- Attendees (Parent; Your Child's Teacher)
- Review all information
- Ask for your input and the teacher's input
- Decision on special education needs:
- Classification
- Program Recommendation
- Consent for the program

SUGGESTIONS

- Request a copy of DOE'S Kindergarten Orientation Guide for Families with Disabilities - turning5@schools.nyc.gov
- Write down your questions and ASK them at the IEP meeting
- Keep your IEP (Keep all of them)
- Ask who can help you if services don't begin in September
- Ask whom you can call if you have questions over the summer about the placement
- Call us with your question

hello Kindergarten!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE!