

What do I need to bring with me to a Referral Center?

Students can go to a Referral Center for a consultation without a parent. If you are 17 years old or younger and want to enroll in a new school or program after your Referral Center visit, you will need your parent's or guardian's consent and/or participation, depending on the school or program you choose.

You should bring your transcript with you. If you are a student with an individualized

education program, you should bring that as well. If you don't have access to either, staff at the Referral Center will be able to help you.

If you can't get through to a Referral Center, call or email:

District 79
Office of Student Support Services
917-521-3639
YouthHelp@schools.nyc.gov

Referral Centers for High School Alternatives

The Bronx 718-842-9200	Bronx Regional HS, 1010 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, 3rd Floor Train: 2 or 5 to Prospect Avenue Bus: Bx4, Bx6; Bx17
Brooklyn 718-636-5770	832 Marcy Avenue, Room 501A Train: A to Nostrand Bus: B26, B43; B44; B52
Manhattan 212-244-1274	269 W. 35th Street (at 8th Avenue), 7th Floor Train: 1, 2, 3, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, N, Q, R, V, W to 34th Street Bus: M10; M11; M16; M20; M34
Queens 718-739-2100	162-02 Hillside Avenue, Room 109 Train: E, F to Parson Boulevard Bus: Q25; Q34; Q43; Q65
Staten Island 718-273-3225	450 St. Marks Place Bus: S42, S46, S48, S51, S61, S62, S66, S67, S74, S76, S78

I'm having trouble finishing high school. How do I continue my education?

WE CAN HELP YOU **STAY** IN SCHOOL



Did you know?

Last year, more than 25,000 NYC students chose to continue their education at an alternative high school setting.

Finishing high school can be hard. How can I catch up once I've fallen behind?

Referral Centers for High School Alternatives provide advice on high school alternatives, help students enroll in GED programs when appropriate, and connect students to related support (such as childcare, counseling, drug treatment and housing referrals).

Who should go to the Referral Centers?

You should go to a Referral Center if you are under 21 years old, live in New York City and don't have a high school diploma, but want to continue your education and need additional support to re-connect with school.

What if I am 21 or older?

If you are 21 or older, you can get free educational services through the Office of Adult and Continuing Education (OACE).

For more details visit:
<http://adultednyc.org>

Referral Centers are here to help you plan your education, including college and/or career.

Staff at the centers can tell you about high school alternative programs, including: GED Plus, Young Adult Borough Centers (YABCs), Learning to Work (LTW) and Transfer Schools.

The Referral Centers can help you determine a plan to complete high school even if you:

- Missed a lot of school or had attendance problems
- Stopped going to school or dropped out
- Have become pregnant or a parent
- Need drug treatment services
- Had legal troubles
- Are new to the U.S. and want an alternative to high school

Talk to a staff member at your school or a Referral Center (see locations on the back) for more information.

How can the Referral Centers for High School Alternatives help me?

Referral Centers can help you:

- Learn about your rights as a NYC Department of Education student
- Plan to overcome any barriers that prevent you from coming to school
- Understand your high school transcript
- Choose between GED and high school diploma programs
- Explore all possible paths to a high school diploma, or enroll in a GED program
- Get referrals for childcare, social work, drug treatment and housing

Referral Centers have guidance counselors, social workers and specialists to advise you.

- Figure out what you need to get into college
- Learn about vocational and career options

How do I contact the Referral Centers for High School Alternatives?

Please call the Referral Center in your borough (the list of centers is provided on the back). Staff at the center will be happy to answer any questions you have.

How do these Referral Centers differ from Borough Enrollment Offices?

Referral Centers help students enroll in GED programs, provide advice on high school alternatives and connect students to related support to help NYC public school students continue their education.

The Borough Enrollment Offices manage all enrollment functions for general and special education students including:

- High school registration
- School assignment for elementary and middle school students who do not have zoned schools

Borough Enrollment Offices help students enroll in NYC public schools and complete school transfers.

- Documented transfer requests
- Support for admissions processes
- Other enrollment functions

Type "borough enrollment offices" into the search box at <http://schools.nyc.gov> for more information and locations.