

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

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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?

In New York City, students have the right to a free public education through the year they turn 21 years old. The NYC Department of Education has many options to help students get back on track to high school graduation and even offers a free GED program for students between 18 and 21. The Referral Centers can help students understand and access the options that are right for them.

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. Everyone is welcome to learn more about their options.

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://adulthoodnyc.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:

- Explore all possible paths to a high school diploma, or enroll in GED Plus;
- Plan to overcome any barriers that prevent you from coming to school
- Learn about your rights as a NYC Department of Education student;
- Understand your high school transcript;
- Get referrals for services such as childcare, social work, drug treatment and housing;
- Learn about other programs that District 79 offers.

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 Plus, 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.

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

Please bring a photo ID and your most recent transcript, if you have them. If you do not have a photo ID, ask the School Safety Agent at the entrance to call the Referral Center so that someone may accompany you to the center. If you have a copy of your individualized education program (IEP), bring that too.

Students who are 17-years-old will need a parent or guardian present to enroll in a new school or GED Plus.

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

Open school days from 8:30am–2:30pm

The Bronx 718-842-9200	Bronx Regional HS, 1010 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, Room 436 College and Career Resource Center: 8am–4pm Train: 2 or 5 to Prospect Avenue Bus: Bx4, Bx6; Bx17
Brooklyn 718-636-5770	832 Marcy Avenue, Room 501A College and Career Resource Center: 8am–4pm Train: A to Nostrand Bus: B26, B43; B44; B52
Manhattan 212-244-1274	269 W. 35th Street (at 8th Avenue), 11th Floor College and Career Resource Center: 8am–4pm 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 College and Career Resource Center: 8am–4pm Train: E, F to Parson Boulevard Bus: Q25; Q34; Q43; Q65
Staten Island 718-273-3225	450 St. Marks Place College and Career Resource Center: 8am–4pm Bus: S42, S46, S48, S51, S61, S62, S66, S67, S74, S76, S78