

## Proposed Truncation of Middle School Grades: Enrollment Information for K-8 Families

### Overview

If the proposal to truncate P.S. 161 The Crown (“P.S. 161”) is approved, all currently enrolled students will have the opportunity to continue their education at P.S. 161.

#### Grades K – 5

- Current fifth grade students will have the opportunity to graduate from P.S. 161 at the end of this school year and will participate in the Middle School Choice process this year to enroll in sixth grade at a choice middle school or zoned middle school for September 2012. These students will also have an opportunity to submit a new school application in March, to apply to new schools that may open in September 2012.
- Current kindergarten, first second, third and fourth grade students will remain at P.S. 161 until the end of the school year and then will continue on to the next grade level at P.S. 161 in September 2012; these students can remain at P.S. 161 through fifth grade.

#### Grades 6 – 8

- Current eighth grade students will have the opportunity to graduate at the end of this school year.
- Current sixth and seventh grade students will move on to the next grade at P.S. 161 in September 2012.
- P.S. 161 will not take in a new sixth grade class in 2012.

### Transferring to another school

#### Can my child transfer to another school?

All students should remain in their current school until the end of the school year. If you have a hardship issue, you should meet with your child’s guidance counselor or parent coordinator to find out about required documentation for transfer requests. There is no guarantee for a transfer.

#### If I apply for a transfer for my child, do I get to choose the school?

You may express a preference when you request a transfer, but transferring to a requested school may not be possible. Transfers will be offered based upon available seats.

### Enrolling at your zoned school

#### Can my child go to his or her zoned school?

If you have a zoned middle school, you may request to have your child attend the zoned school. To find your zoned school, visit [www.nyc.gov/schools](http://www.nyc.gov/schools) or call 311. If you are interested in enrolling your child at your zoned school, please speak to your child’s guidance counselor. The guidance counselor will follow up with the Office of Student Enrollment to find out if there are available seats at the zoned school.

### Promotion Policy

#### What if my child is not promoted?

If your child is not promoted at the end of this school year, he or she will remain in the same grade. Students in seventh and eighth grade will attend P.S. 161. Current sixth grade students who are not on track to be promoted should meet with their guidance counselor. We will address each student’s needs to determine the best middle school option.

### Information for 5th Grade Students

#### If my child applied to P.S. 161 on his or her Middle School Choice Application, what will happen?

This school will be removed from your list of ranked schools. The schools lower on your ranked list will be moved up on your application, in the order of preference that you listed.

**Questions?** If you have questions, speak with your child’s principal, guidance counselor or parent coordinator. If you are not able to reach staff members at your child’s school, call 311.