

# PLAN AHEAD

## CITYWIDE

SEPT 20 & 21  
10am - 3pm

# HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

### PLAN

- **Research participating schools and understand the layout of the Fair before you visit.** With over 400 schools and 700 programs, the Citywide High School Fair will be more valuable for families with a clear idea of which schools they are interested in speaking with.
- Each floor hosts schools from a different borough, so **come prepared!** Wear comfortable shoes and be ready to speak with different representatives – including high school students.
- **Meet with your guidance counselor.** Your guidance counselor has resources and information that will help you whittle down all your options to make a comprehensive list of schools.
- **Know the schedule.** Information sessions on the high school admissions process will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; a session on Arts programs will be held at 2 p.m.
  - Block out some time during the Fair to attend an information session in the auditorium, especially if you did not attend the summer Family Workshops.
- **There is limited cell phone service.** Make a plan in case you get separated from your family.

### BRING

- **A tote bag.** You will receive a lot of information from schools and tables, so bring something to carry it all.
- **Pen and paper** for notes and other information.
- Your **list of schools and programs** that interest you and questions to ask school representatives.
  - See the back of this sheet for a worksheet to get started!
- **An open mind!** You might not stick to the list--there are many new schools you may not know about--so be open to other possibilities. You may not need to visit every floor.

### TAKE HOME

- **An updated list** of all the schools and programs you visited that interested you.
- **Pamphlets** from schools, a High School Directory, and any other publications you may need.
- **Dates** for open houses, information sessions, and/or school tours.
- **Contact information** for school staff members in case you want to ask follow-up questions after the fair.

## REMEMBER!

- Be sure to sign in at every table you visit! Have your OSIS number handy and include your middle school. Remember, you need to sign in in order to get priority to Limited Unscreened programs!

## HELPFUL QUESTIONS....

**School Culture:** How do students interact with each other and their teachers? What is the average class size? Is there a dress code? Is there an advisory program? Are there opportunities to participate in community service or internships?

**Typical Ninth Grade Program:** What time does the day start and end? What time do students generally finish their extracurricular activities? Are there any ninth grade-specific offerings?

**Class Options:** What are some examples of courses students can take? What are your most popular courses? What language classes do you offer? What if I'm not sure what my areas of interest are yet?

**School Communications:** How does your school communicate with students and families?

**College and Career Readiness:** How are students supported through college admissions? Where do students typically go for college? What certification programs does the school offer?

**Screened Program Admissions:** What are the selection criteria for screened programs? Are certain criteria weighed more heavily than others?

## MY QUESTIONS...

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## CHEAT SHEET

Academic programs that interest me:	What's my preferred location and/or commute?
Extracurricular activities that interest me:	Do I have a Zoned program?
<b>Schools to Speak with:</b>	<b>Contact, Notes, &amp; Info Session Dates:</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
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