

# IT'S ELEMENTARY!

Start Your Child's Journey in NYC Public Schools



Elementary education prepares your child for success in school and life, and this workbook will help you make one plan for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented Admissions. Learn the steps and timeline for applying to all three admissions processes and find the right program choices and services for your child. All NYC families are welcome to apply.

## Get Help in Your Language

Translated resources are available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu at [schools.nyc.gov/Elementary](https://schools.nyc.gov/Elementary). Call 718-935-2009 to get over-the-phone interpretation in more than 200 languages.

## Office of Student Enrollment

-  [schools.nyc.gov/Elementary](https://schools.nyc.gov/Elementary)
-  [ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov)
-  718-935-2009



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# WELCOME TO PRE-K FOR ALL

Opportunity starts now. Pre-K for All brings free, full-day, high-quality pre-K to every New York City child, preparing our youngest scholars for success in Kindergarten and beyond. Your child can apply to pre-K in the year they turn four. These resources will help in your Pre-K Admissions journey.

## Request Help

[maps.nyc.gov/prek/get-in-touch.html](https://maps.nyc.gov/prek/get-in-touch.html)

Request a call from the Pre-K Outreach Team and get help completing your Pre-K Application. Fill out the online form to get started.

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## Pre-K Directory

[schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/PreK/Resources](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/PreK/Resources)

Explore your options in the NYC Pre-K Directory. Get a directory for your borough at schools, Family Welcome Centers, and on our website.

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## Pre-K Finder

[maps.nyc.gov/prek](https://maps.nyc.gov/prek)

Use Pre-K Finder to research pre-K programs. Check back often for newly added programs that you can put on your pre-K application.

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## Website

[nyc.gov/prek](https://nyc.gov/prek)

Check this website throughout the year to get more information and resources about Pre-K Admissions.

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## Email

[schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe](https://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe)

Sign up for the Pre-K Admissions email list to get the latest updates and key date reminders.

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## Phone

718-935-2009

Call if you have questions about Pre-K Admissions.

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## Office of Early Childhood Education

[schools.nyc.gov/EarlyChildhood](https://schools.nyc.gov/EarlyChildhood)

Learn about the benefits of early childhood education and about the instruction offered in pre-K programs.

# ACTION STEPS CHECKLIST

NOV / DEC

## Understand Your Options

- Use Pre-K Finder ([maps.nyc.gov/prek](https://maps.nyc.gov/prek)) to research pre-K programs. Check back often for newly added programs that you can put on your pre-K application.
- Use the NYC Pre-K Directory to learn about Pre-K Admissions and to mark the program choices that you're thinking about.
- Narrow choices by calling or visiting programs to see if they're a good fit for your child. Find out about open houses and program tours at [nyc.gov/prek](https://nyc.gov/prek).

JAN / FEB

## Apply to Pre-K by February 24, 2017

- You can list up to 12 choices on your Pre-K Application – remember to include the program code and to list more than one choice. The application period opens January 17, 2017. Apply one of three ways:
  - **Online:** [schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](https://schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline)
  - **Phone:** 718-935-2067
  - **Family Welcome Centers:** [schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)

APRIL

## Get an Offer in Late April 2017

- In April, you will get an offer letter. This letter will let you know where your child will go to pre-K.

MAY

## Accept Offer and Pre-Register by Early May 2017

- To accept an offer, you must pre-register at the school.
- To pre-register, visit the program in person with your child and bring all required documents.



# WELCOME

## TO KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS

Kindergarten is a new and exciting time for children and families. In New York City, your child can apply to Kindergarten in the year they turn five. These resources will help in your Kindergarten Admissions journey.

### **Kindergarten Directory**

[schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/Resources](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/Resources)

Explore your options in the NYC Kindergarten Directory. Get a directory at schools, Family Welcome Centers, and on our website.

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### **Website**

[schools.nyc.gov/Kindergarten](https://schools.nyc.gov/Kindergarten)

Check this website throughout the year to get more information and resources about Kindergarten Admissions.

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### **Email**

[schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe](https://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe)

Sign up for the Kindergarten Admissions email list to get the latest updates and key date reminders.

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### **Phone**

718-935-2009

Call if you have questions about Kindergarten Admissions.

# ACTION STEPS CHECKLIST

NOVEMBER

## Understand Your Options

- Find your zoned school by calling 311 or using School Search ([schools.nyc.gov/SchoolSearch](http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolSearch)).
- Research choices in your district using the NYC Kindergarten Directory. Hint: Your district is the district of your zoned school.
- Visit schools to learn more.
- Develop your list of schools. You can list up to 12 choices on your application.

DEC / JAN

## Apply to Kindergarten by January 13, 2017

- You can list up to 12 choices on your Kindergarten Application – remember to include the program code and to consider more than one choice. The application period opens November 30, 2016. Apply one of three ways:
  - **Online:** [schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](http://schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline)
  - **Phone:** 718-935-2067
  - **Family Welcome Centers:** [schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](http://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)

MARCH

## Get an Offer in March 2017

- In March, you will get an offer letter. This letter will let you know where your child will go to Kindergarten.

APRIL

## Accept Offer and Pre-Register by Early April 2017

- To accept an offer, you must pre-register at the school.
- To pre-register, visit the school in person with your child and bring all required documents.



# WELCOME

## TO GIFTED & TALENTED ADMISSIONS

Gifted & Talented (G&T) programs are one way the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) supports the educational needs of exceptional students. You can apply to G&T Programs when your child is in pre-K, Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. These resources will help in your Gifted & Talented Admissions journey.

### **G&T Handbook**

[schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/GiftedandTalented/Resources](https://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/GiftedandTalented/Resources)  
Learn about the admissions process and get practice tests. Use the handbook for the year your child was born (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009).

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### **Website**

[schools.nyc.gov/GiftedandTalented](https://schools.nyc.gov/GiftedandTalented)  
Check this website throughout the year to get more information and resources about Gifted & Talented Admissions.

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### **Email**

[schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe](https://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe)  
Sign up for the Gifted & Talented Admissions email list to get the latest updates and key date reminders.

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### **Phone**

718-935-2009  
Call if you have any questions about Gifted & Talented Admissions.

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### **Office of Assessment**

[school.nyc.gov/Academics/ELL](https://school.nyc.gov/Academics/ELL)  
Learn about English Language Learner (ELL) services as well as Bilingual and English as a New Language (ENL) programs.



# ACTION STEPS CHECKLIST

OCT / NOV

- Read through the Gifted & Talented Handbook.
- Attend an Elementary Admissions information session in your school district.
- Submit the Request for Testing (RFT) by November 14, 2016:
  - **Online:** [schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](https://schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline)
  - **In Person:** At your child's current public school
  - **In Person:** At a Family Welcome Center ([schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters))

DECEMBER

- Receive confirmation of your child's testing appointment.
- Prepare for the G&T Test with your child by reviewing the practice test in the G&T Handbook.

JANUARY

- Your child will take the G&T Test either at their current public school or on the weekend at a testing site.

APRIL

- Receive your child's score report.
- If your child is eligible, submit the G&T Application online or in person at a Family Welcome Center by April 24, 2017.

JUNE

- Offer letters sent to families.
- The deadline to accept or decline offers is June 16, 2017.



Visit a Family Welcome Center to speak with staff about Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented Admissions. Please call 718-935-3500 or visit [schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters) to learn when Family Welcome Centers are open.

	DISTRICTS	FAMILY WELCOME CENTER
BRONX	7, 9, 10	1 Fordham Plaza, 7th Floor Bronx, NY 10458
	8, 11, 12	1230 Zerega Avenue, Room 24 Bronx, NY 10462
BROOKLYN	17, 18, 22	1780 Ocean Avenue, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 112340
	20, 21	415 89th Street, 5th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11209
	19, 23, 32	1665 St. Mark's Avenue, Room 116 Brooklyn, NY 11233
	13, 14, 15, 16	29 Fort Greene Place, Basement (BS12) Brooklyn, NY 11217
MANHATTAN	1, 2, 4	333 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, Room 1211 New York, NY 10001
	3, 5, 6	388 West 125th Street, 7th Floor, Room 713 New York, NY 10027
QUEENS	24, 30	28-11 Queens Plaza North, 3rd Floor Long Island City, NY 11101
	25, 26	30-48 Linden Place, 2nd Floor Flushing, NY 11354
	27, 28, 29	90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, 1st Floor Jamaica, NY 11435
STATEN ISLAND	31	715 Ocean Terrace, Building A Staten Island, NY 10301

**School Food**  
[schoolfoodnyc.org](https://schoolfoodnyc.org)  
 877-363-6325

**Special Education**  
[schools.nyc.gov/academics/SpecialEducation](https://schools.nyc.gov/academics/SpecialEducation)

**School Health**  
[schools.nyc.gov/offices/Health](https://schools.nyc.gov/offices/Health)

**Transportation**  
[optnyc.org](https://optnyc.org)  
 718-392-8855

**English Language Learners**  
[schools.nyc.gov/academics/ELL](https://schools.nyc.gov/academics/ELL)