

Get to Know District 75 Schools

Frequently Asked Questions for Teacher Candidates

What is District 75?

District 75 is a specialized district within the New York City Department of Education devoted to providing educational, vocational, and behavior support programs for approximately 24,000 students with moderate to severe disabilities. The district has sites located across New York City and provides services to students in a variety of supported environments, which include multi-site special education schools, home and hospital instruction, institutional facilities and inclusive settings in community schools and community-based vocational training sites.

What student population represents District 75?

District 75 has a unique population of students with moderate to severe disabilities. Students who attend District 75 schools may be on the autism spectrum, emotionally challenged, multiply-disabled, speech and language impaired, intellectually disabled, or learning disabled.

What grade levels do District 75 schools support?

District 75 schools vary in grade level, supporting students from Pre-K to age 21 throughout New York City. Candidates interested in teaching in a District 75 school should be familiar with the classroom structures that support District 75 students. Please visit schools.nyc.gov and search for “District 75 Specialized Schools” for more details on the types of settings available to students.

Note: Many students in District 75 have their own paraprofessional assigned to them as mandated by their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

What type of certification is needed to teach in a District 75 school?

District 75 principals are looking for teachers who have their Students with Disabilities (SwD) certification, or will have the Students with Disabilities certification by the beginning of September. There are several types of SwD certificates, each with their own set of requirements:

- SWD Birth – Grade 2;
- SWD Grade 1 – Grade 6; and
- SWD Grade 7 – 12 Generalist as well as specialties in Math, Social studies, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and English.

District 75 teachers are required to have the SwD certificate that corresponds with the grade level they are teaching. For example, an individual teaching a grade level 2/3 District 75 class is required to have a SWD grade 1-6 certificate. In addition, teachers in a District 75 middle or high school will be expected to have strong content knowledge in their core subject (e.g. math, science, social studies or, English).

There is also a need for candidates who are certified to teach the following subjects:

- Bilingual SwD
- Speech and Language Disabilities
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Blind and Partially Sighted
- English to Speakers of other Languages
- Physical Education
- Vocational Subjects
- Art, Music and other core subjects

For more information on certifications and requirements, please visit the New York State Education Department (NYSED) website, nysed.gov and select “Teacher Certification” under *Quick Links*. You can also contact NYSED at (518) 474-3901.

What is the application process for teaching in a District 75 school and when can I apply?

To be considered for a teaching position within a District 75 school, interested candidates must complete the NYC Department of Education’s Online Teacher Application by going to www.TeachNYC.net. Those interested in teaching in District 75 through an alternative certification route such as the NYC Teaching Fellows should also visit the program’s website for application instructions (www.nycteachingfellows.org).

The following are a few tips to consider when completing the Online Teacher Application to help make you an attractive candidate for a District 75 school:

- District 75 schools operate throughout the year (see below for more info). Candidates are encouraged to complete the Online Teacher Application as soon as it goes live in order to be visible to principals who want to hire teachers for their open positions early;

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- In the Employment Preference section of the Online Teacher Application, check all applicable options about teaching in a District 75 school (e.g. interest in teaching in District 75, class preference: 6:1:1, 12:1:1, etc.); and
- Showcase applicable experiences and certifications you have that will convey your knowledge/strength to support and teach our District 75 students (i.e. TEACCH certification, Applied Behavioral Analysis knowledge (ABA), Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) knowledge, etc.). Be sure you also include any special skills and hobbies that may be of interest to principals such as cooking, dance, music, theatre etc.

I am graduating winter quarter/semester. Will there be open positions for the current school year that I can apply to and if so, how do I apply to be considered for the open positions?

Yes, there will be teaching opportunities available for the current school year. While all candidates are welcome to apply for a mid-year teaching position, please be advised that there will be a limited amount of mid-year teaching opportunities for the current school year.

Candidates graduating during the winter quarter or semester who are on track to receive their certification by February will not be required to complete the Online Teacher Application. Candidates will be considered a mid-year teacher applicant and will be required to follow the directions of resume submission to the NYC Department of Education via the college or university attended. **Please be advised that the mid-year classification relates to the 2015-2016 school year only.**

Where are District 75 schools located?

District 75 schools and programs are located throughout all five boroughs in New York City: The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Staten Island. The district consists of 60 school organizations with 350 sites, including home and hospital instruction settings, and vision and hearing services. Each District 75 school organization has a main special education school and one or more off-sites to support the special needs and grade levels of our District 75 students. Many District 75 sites are co-located with district schools. Qualified candidates may be hired to teach in any site within the school organization depending on the location of the open position.

Is the District 75 school year schedule the same as non-District 75 NYC Department of Education public schools?

District 75 schools operate on a traditional 10 month schedule. However, in order to meet the unique needs of its student population, the district runs a summer school program called Chapter 683 for students mandated for a 12 month program on their IEP. This program begins in early July and ends in mid-August. District 75 teachers who work in Chapter 683 have the opportunity to earn an additional 17.5 percent of their current annual salary as compensation for working the six-week summer program. Positions are posted in early spring for internal candidates to apply.

Where can I find a listing of all District 75 open positions?

The NYC Department of Education does not publicly showcase a comprehensive listing of open positions for any of its public schools. Candidates interested in teaching in a District 75 school should research school(s) of interest and email their resumes and cover letters to the principals of those schools. A listing of our District 75 schools by borough can be found by visiting schools.nyc.gov and search "District 75 Citywide Programs." From there, click "About District 75 and select "Schools and Sites".

Does the NYC Department of Education have career fairs for their District 75 schools? If so, when are they?

Yes, the NYC Department of Education has career fairs for District 75 schools. Career fairs are hosted during the summer from June through September. Please be advised that to increase your chances of receiving an invitation, you should express interest in teaching within a District 75 school on your Online Teacher Application. Also, please be advised that the career fairs have limited capacity so you may not be invited to all events.

Where can I find additional information about District 75 schools?

To learn more about District 75 schools please visit www.TeachNYC.net and click on the tab "Teaching in NYC" then select "Working in Our Classrooms" and scroll down to "District 75 Citywide Special Education Programs".

Thank you for your interest in teaching in our District 75 schools!