

MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEY 2018

How do you use State ELA and Math test scores in your admissions process? What is the application process for students without State test scores?*

DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CONTACT INFO	NOTES
Brooklyn D13	Academy of Arts & Letters MS 492	225 Adelphi St Brooklyn, NY 11205 (718) 222-1605	Principal John O'Reilly signed a letter with other administrators advocating against using NYS test scores in admissions. A&L does not consider NYS test scores for applicants - uses other holistic assessments. Lottery used for admissions with D13 priority and they are unlikely to have spots for out-of-district students. Guidance Counselor
Brooklyn D13	PS/MS 8	37 Hicks St Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 834-6740	NYS test scores are not used at all to evaluate any applicants to MS 8 which is a "limited unscreened" school; the borough enrollment office selects students by lottery according to the following priorities only: 1) Continuing 5th grade students 2) Students residing in the elementary school zone who sign in at an event 3) Students and residents of District 13 who sign in at an event 4) Students residing in the elementary school zone and 5) Students and residents of District 13. 2018 DOE District 13 Middle School Directory; confirmed with Eileen Carrier, Parent Coordinator
Brooklyn D15	William Alexander Middle School MS 51	350 5th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 369-7603	MS 51 screens and ranks applicants based on 4th grade final report card grades (45%), NYS test scores (20%), attendance and punctuality (10%), and academic and personal behaviors (25%). Missing test scores will be replaced with an additional 10% in Math and 10% in ELA report card grades. (MS 51 website)
Brooklyn D15	New Voices School of Academic & Creative Arts MS 443	330 18th St Brooklyn, NY (718) 965-0390	"Prospective students are required to come to New Voices for an interview and audition. New Voices is looking for hardworking children who are interested in the arts and would feel comfortable in an arts-based program. New Voices does not base acceptance on NYS test scores. See info on New Voices website ." Enid Parra, Parent Coordinator, New Voices, MS 443
Brooklyn D15	The Math & Science Exploratory School MS 447	345 Dean St Brooklyn, NY (718) 330-9328	NYS test scores are not part of the admissions process. Admissions decisions are based solely on "the 4th grade report card and our own assessment." Arin Rusch, Principal
Brooklyn D15	Peter Rouget MS 88	544 7th Ave Brooklyn, NY (718) 788-4482 x165	"MS 88 examines each child individually and holistically. We review report card grades, attendance, behavior and NYS test scores. Students who do not take the NYS tests will not be penalized and other selection criteria (report card grades, attendance and behavior) will be reviewed instead." Jessica Forman, Guidance Counselor, Park Slope Education Campus at Middle School 88
Brooklyn D15	Charles Dewey IS 136	4004 4th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11232 (718) 840-1950 Fax: (718) 965-9567	"We look at NYS scores but only as a portion of our decision-making process. We look to educate the entire child so it would be a great injustice to put emphasis only on tests. We put equal emphasis on report card grades and teacher comments. We also look very carefully at a student's attendance, tardiness, conduct, grades and disciplinary history. If there are no NYS test scores, we look strictly at the report cards. We are in search of good citizens who want to be good students who are willing to work hard to set goals and surpass expectations. Our school admission rubric is on file with the middle school admissions office and we are always open for tours or telephone call inquiries." Eric Sackler, Principal
Brooklyn D15	Sunset Park Prep MS 821 (info from 2014)	4004 4th Ave Brooklyn, NY (718) 840-1951	"We consider attendance, previous school report cards, and NYS test scores. If a student does not have a NYS test score, we would need the most recent report card from the school they attend as well as an interview. In an interview, we are looking for a student who is willing to work hard and has a desire to learn." Jennifer Spalding, Principal & Lauren Scott, Assistant Principal
Brooklyn D15	Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies (BCS) MS 448	610 Henry Street Brooklyn, NY 11231 (718) 923-4700	"BCS does not use NYS test scores for admissions. What is most important to BCS is that students who come here are able to do the collaborative kind of learning and projects that we do at our school. We look at the work habits that are on the teacher reports, and attendance. Our goal is to create a diverse group of learners. We want our school to represent the diversity that is Brooklyn." Amanda Boege, BCS Lower Grades Director
Brooklyn D15	Carroll Gardens School for Innovation MS 442	500 19th Street Bishop Ford Complex Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 369-4480	MS 442 is a small Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) school. They do not use NYS test scores in the selection process. They are a screened school that seeks to create a diverse student body and inclusive school culture. Students come from both the surrounding neighborhood, other parts of Brooklyn, and even other boroughs. Selection criteria includes: 1) Academic and personal behaviors, 2) Attendance and punctuality, 3) Final 4th Grade report card, 4) Interview, and 5)

			Writing sample. Confirmed with Gina Keller, Parent coordinator.
Brooklyn D15	Park Slope Collegiate K464	237 7th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 832-4301	"We are not using the NYS test scores at all in our admissions process." Jill Bloomberg, Principal
Brooklyn D15	MS 839	713 Caton Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11218 718-686-2730	"Admissions is lottery based and does not look at State test scores or report cards nor do we interview children for admissions." Jennifer Maldonado, Parent Coordinator
Brooklyn D15	School for International Studies K497	284 Baltic Street Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 330-9390	"NYS test scores are weighted as 40% of the student's application. Students who do not have NYS test scores will have their 4th grade report card weighed more heavily. There is also emphasis on interest in IB philosophy and attendance records. Attendance at open house and school tours is strongly encouraged." Stu Chasabenis, Director of Admissions
Manhattan D01	Tompkins Square Middle School M839	600 East 6th Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10009 (212) 995-1430	"We do not look at the state test scores as an admission criteria at all." "Admissions is based on current teacher evaluation, attendance, and a group interview. Academic performance is only one of several factors considered, and ideal candidates value learning and collaborate well in pairs or small groups. In addition, the student must be able to work well in a diverse community of students." TSMS website and confirmed by Shirley Lee Wong, Parent Coordinator
Manhattan D01	University Neighborhood Middle School M332S	220 Henry Street, 3rd Floor New York NY 10002 (212) 267-5701	"Selection Criteria: Attendance Attendance at an Open House/School Tour Final 4th Grade Report Card, Punctuality" District 1 NYC Middle School Directory
Manhattan D01	East Side Community High School M450S	420 E 12th St, New York, NY 10009 (212) 460-8467	"Admissions Priorities: This school will give priority to applicants eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) for up to 62 percent of the seats Selection Criteria: Attendance Attendance at an Open House/School Tour Demonstrated Interest: School Visit or Written Contact Priority to Siblings. Punctuality" District 1 NYC Middle School Directory
Manhattan D02	School of the Future M413S	127 East 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010 (212) 475-8086	Not having a NYS test score won't hurt an applicant at all. Admission is based on grades, interview, & portfolio. (Vilmary Pichardo, Community and Parent Coordinator)
Manhattan D02	NYC Lab School M312M	333 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011 212-691-6119	Students would not be penalized for applying without test scores. Admission would be based instead on grades and attendance. (Source: Jennifer Schatz, Guidance Counselor)
Manhattan D02	The Clinton School M260S	10 E 15th Street, New York, NY 10003 (212) 524-4360	Admissions to Clinton is based on: Attendance/Punctuality 30%, Grades, 35%, ELA Test Scores 17.5%, Math Test Scores 17.5%. For applicants without NYS test scores, in general, ELA and Math grades will be used as in place of scores (Jill Bennett, Parent Coordinator)
Manhattan D02	Salk School of Science M255M	320 East 20th St. New York, NY 10003 (212) 614-8785	"Our admissions committee will evaluate all of the following and assign points: Salk interview (15%), Salk on demand writing task (20%), Salk science activity (15%), academic and personal behavior ratings in SEMS (15%), attendance/lateness (4%), core course grades in SEMS (15%), and NYS math and ELA test scores (8% each). For those students without any test scores, then the test score component will be eliminated from the evaluation and all other criteria will be increased proportionally. Once points and weights have been calculated, students will receive an overall score, which will be translated into the student's rank for SEMS." Confirmed by Rhonda Perr, Principal The Salk School of Science.
Manhattan D02	Simon Baruch Middle School M104N	330 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010 (212) 674-4545	
Citywide	Mark Twain School for the Gifted & Talented IS 239	2401 Neptune Ave Brooklyn, NY 11224 (718) 266-0814	"NYS test scores are not used at all to evaluate any applicants. Any NYC resident can request to be tested by Mark Twain in up to two talent areas. Twain solely uses the results of its own school talent tests for admissions decisions." 2018 Middle School Directory; confirmed with Jack Braunstein, Admissions Officer
Citywide	Institute for Collaborative Education (ICE)	345 East 15th Street 5th Floor New York, NY 10003 (212) 475-7972	NYS test scores are not used at all to evaluate any applicants to ICE. All applicants are evaluated on (1) the final 4th grade report card and (2) a writing sample; further screening is based on an interview. ICE website and 2018 Middle School Directory
Citywide	Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS) MS 408	328 West 48th Street New York, NY 10036 Phone: (212) 247-8652 Fax: (212) 247-7514	"PPAS uses the following rubric for evaluating applicants: Audition 50%, Core Class Grades 20%, Attendance 20%, NYS Math and ELA Scores 10%. For applicants WITHOUT NYS test scores, the 10% weight will be shifted to core class grades. If you only have one of the tests, that score will count for 5% of the weight and the other 5% will be shifted to core class grades. Students

			without test grades are not penalized in our screening process." PPAS Website ; confirmed with Teri Gindi, Parent Coordinator
Citywide	The Anderson School PS 334	100 West 77th Street, New York, NY 10024 (212) 595-7193	The Anderson School uses the following rubric as the initial screening of applicants for 6th grade (subsequent screening includes on-site testing and interview): Attendance/Punctuality 30%, 4th Grade Report Card 30%, NYS Test Scores 40%. For applicants without NYS test scores, the initial screening rubric increases the weight of the 4th Grade Report Card to make up for the missing test scores. They "do not penalize students for not having taken the state exams." Donna Smiley, Community Coordinator
Citywide	New Explorations into Science, Technology and Math (NEST+m)	111 Columbia Street New York, NY 10002 (212) 677-5190	NEST+m uses the following rubric for evaluating applicants: 4th Grade Report Card 50%, Attendance 5%, NYS Math and ELA 45%. For applicants WITHOUT NYS test scores on their application, the other factors are weighed more heavily. (Steve Herson, Assistant Principal of Supervision Grades 6-8
Citywide	Hunter College High School (Admission for Grade 7)	71 East 94th Street New York, NY 10128 (212) 860-1261	"Hunter uses the 5th grade NYS tests to determine who may sit for the HCHS entrance exam. Students WITHOUT 5th grade NYS test scores, must either score in the 90th percentile on one of the following national exams: ERB Comprehensive Testing Program 4, TerraNova, Stanford Achievement Test, Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP 4), or Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) OR they must submit evidence of academic qualifications, a letter of recommendation, and a request to take a HCHS "qualifying exam" in November (for a fee) to determine eligibility for the HCHS entrance exam in January." HCHS website and Kyla Kupferstein Torres, Director of Admissions
Charter Schools	Any charter school located in NYC		All charter schools in NYC admit students by lottery with preference for students who reside in the district where the school is located. NYS test scores are not considered in any way in charter school admissions decisions in NYC.

* Families are encouraged to contact middle schools directly to confirm admissions policies.