

# Need a School?

We have a seat for you.

## Early Childhood Programs 3-K and Pre-K

Children can start 3-K in the calendar year they turn three. Children can start pre-K in the calendar year they turn four. Families can explore options online and join waitlists for programs at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov).

Some 3-K and pre-K programs offer year-round care and education for up to 10 hours a day to children who qualify based on family income and needs—learn more at [nyc.gov/PreK](https://www.nyc.gov/PreK) or [nyc.gov/3K](https://www.nyc.gov/3K).

## Elementary School Kindergarten to Grade 5

Children start kindergarten the calendar year they turn five. Students who have completed grade 5 can start middle school. Most children attend their zoned elementary or middle school—find yours at [schoolsearch.schools.nyc](https://www.schoolsearch.schools.nyc.gov).



Have a zoned school and want to attend it? Enroll directly at that school.



Don't have a zoned school or want to explore other options? Contact programs directly or visit a Family Welcome Center ([on.nyc.gov/FWC](https://www.on.nyc.gov/FWC)).

## Middle School Grades 6 to 8

## High School Grades 9 to 12

Students who have completed grade 8 can start high school.

Explore high schools and programs online at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov). Then visit a Family Welcome Center ([on.nyc.gov/FWC](https://www.on.nyc.gov/FWC)) to discuss your options and enroll.



### For children entering 3-K, pre-K, kindergarten, grade 6, or grade 9:

Visit [on.nyc.gov/Enrollment](https://www.on.nyc.gov/Enrollment) to learn if applications or waitlists are open—during these times, you can use MySchools to apply or add your child to programs' waitlists.



### Child Care for Eligible Families

NYC BrightStarts programs provide year-round care for children aged 6 weeks to 2 years old for up to 10 hours a day. Eligibility is based on income and needs. Learn more at [on.nyc.gov/BrightStarts](https://www.on.nyc.gov/BrightStarts).



## Find Your District And Zoned School

Most children attend their zoned school for elementary and middle school. Learn which school district you live in, if you have a zoned school, and that school's contact information by calling 311 or entering your address at [schoolsearch.schools.nyc](https://schoolsearch.schools.nyc).

If you don't have a zoned school, you can contact schools directly to enroll, or you can visit a Family Welcome Center to learn about your school options.



## Find Your Local Family Welcome Center

Family Welcome Centers serve NYC families all year round with enrollment and admissions. We have locations in every borough and are open Monday through Friday all year round. Please check [on.nyc.gov/FWC](https://on.nyc.gov/FWC) for the most up-to-date information on hours and locations.


### When you contact or visit us, please let us know:

- Your child's first name, last name, and date of birth
- If support is needed in another language
- If you (the child's parent/guardian) are deaf or hard of hearing

Check [on.nyc.gov/NewStudents](https://on.nyc.gov/NewStudents) to learn what to bring when you register for school.



## Use MySchools to Find Schools and Apply

 **MySchools.nyc** is a searchable online directory of NYC public schools and programs, as well as a personalized application system for families.

- Explore school options any time of year in our public directories.
- Create an account to apply to school when applications are open.
- Missed the application period? When waitlists are open, you can use MySchools to add your child to programs' waitlists.
- Find out when applications and waitlists are open at [on.nyc.gov/Enrollment](https://on.nyc.gov/Enrollment).
- Learn more about waitlists at [schools.nyc.gov/Waitlists](https://schools.nyc.gov/Waitlists).