

MONTH	SCHOOL TYPE*	DETAIL	ASSETS NEEDED	ASSETS	STATUS
*KEY: PUBLIC/PUBLIC Specialized/INDEPENDENT/BOARDING/PAROCHIAL/ALL/Other					
FALL of 7th Grade:					
Convey the importance of good grades, great attendance and punctuality with your child because when all eyeballs are on your kiddo, it will be too late to change any deficits					
SPRING of 7th Grade:					
Test preparations get underway; consider a tutor for weak areas and plan your strategy in terms of practice testing. Public school tours and open houses begin so plan ahead. Discuss as a family your child's initial thoughts on public, specialized, independent, parochial, boarding, charter and other school options. Consider financial need, legacy or sibling considerations at independent schools as well as grades, test taking success and the work involved by the family as a whole to pursue multiple options simultaneously.					
JANUARY					
FEBRUARY					
	Get Ready	Either now's the time to take a sabbatical or work with your family to divide and conquer because life is about to get nuts. Get to know your kid's HS placement counselor and get your tools ready now.	Gather your child's assets including former grades, videos and photos for extracurricular sports, dance, art and other areas of strength to be showcased during the admissions process.		
MARCH					
	Register for Spring tours	Check out NYC DOE website for Public and Specialized School Tours			
	Register for Spring tours	Consider relevant Independent Schools to Tour and sign-up			
	Test preparations	Line Up Test Practice and preparation needs. Ask around to find reliable support options			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- ISEE + SSAT Mock test or timed practice test for baseline score to confirm best test choice for child + hone study schedule and focus for summer			
APRIL					
	Spring tours for NYC DOE Schools	Public and Specialized School Tours			
	Spring tours for Independent Schools	Independent School Tours			
	Test preparations	Begin Test Practice, Vocabulary review and other relevant needs			
MAY					
	Spring tours for NYC DOE Schools	Public and Specialized School Tours			
	Spring tours for Independent Schools	Independent School Tours			

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SUMMER after 7th Grade:					
<p>Test preparations get underway; consider a tutor for weak areas and plan your strategy in terms of practice testing.</p> <p>Continue to research school choice. Consider best fit schools based upon all relevant priorities including financial need, legacy or sibling considerations at independent schools as well as grades, test taking success and the work involved by the family as a whole to pursue multiple options simultaneously.</p>					
JUNE					
	NYC DOE Public	June: NYC DOE High school handbooks distributed			
	Test preparations	Consider Summer Test preparation options or tutoring needs- SSAT/ISEE/ SHSAT or subject specific needs such as math or writing support			
JULY					
	NYC DOE Public	July: NYC DOE High admission workshops			
	Test preparations	Consider Summer Test preparation options or tutoring needs- SSAT/ISEE/ SHSAT or subject specific needs such as math or writing support			
AUGUST					
	NYC DOE Public- Open house SignUps	Open houses and Tour sign ups for Fall			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- ISEE + SSAT Mock test or timed practice test for baseline comparison to confirm best test + hone study schedule and focus for fall			
	Independent + Boarding	- Register for SSAT or ISEE tests			
FALL of 8th Grade:					
<p>Test preparations get underway; consider a tutor for weak areas and plan your strategy in terms of practice testing.</p> <p>Public school tours and open houses begin so plan ahead. Discuss as a family your child's initial thoughts on public, specialized, independent, parochial, boarding, charter and other school options. Consider financial need, legacy or sibling considerations at independent schools as well as grades, test taking success and the work involved by the family as a whole to pursue multiple options simultaneously.</p>					
SEPTEMBER					
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Schedule meeting with your placement counselor to discuss school choice options			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Contact schools of interest about open house and information session dates			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- work on School applications and draft essays			

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	Independent + Boarding	- Check Parents League Schedule for Independent & Boarding School Fairs			
	Independent + Boarding	- Register for SSAT or ISEE tests			
	Parochial	- Interested in Parochial Schools? Register for the TACHS- Test for			
	NYC DOE Public	- NYC DOE High school fairs- citywide and borough specific			
	NYC DOE Public	- Review audition dates in the High School Directory and register for auditions for arts programs			
	NYC DOE Public	- Check the high school website for important dates: nyc.gov/schools/ChoicesEnrollment/High			
OCTOBER					
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Firm up your school application list and share with school placement counselor			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Request Transcript release forms from school to high schools			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Continue School applications and essays			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Mock Interview with a teacher or family friend for practice & have child share essay with teacher for support			
	NYC DOE Public	- Attend the Citywide and Borough High School Fairs			
	NYC DOE Public	- Receive the high school application			
	NYC DOE Public	- Receive a SHSAT test ticket and/or LaGuardia audition ticket from your			
	NYC DOE Public	- Take the SHSAT and/or audition for LaGuardia			
	NYC DOE Public	- Review Admissions Priorities for each school			
NOVEMBER					
	NYC DOE Public	- Take the SHSAT for students with accommodations			
	NYC DOE Public	- Audition for LaGuardia ongoing			
	NYC DOE Public	- Get your application ready: 1) make sure each code listed on the application is accurate; 2) sign the application; 3) make a copy of the application			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Check your commute for schools of interest			

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	Relevant for All School Choice	- Attend auditions and interviews; complete school-based assessments and/share portfolios			
DECEMBER					
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Wrap up school visits			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Attend auditions and interviews; complete school-based assessments and/share portfolios			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- All standardized testing should be complete			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Your school will submit supporting documents to prospective school			
	NYC DOE Public	- Submit your completed application to your guidance counselor by December 1			
	NYC DOE Public	- Complete HS Application on MySchools or give to school counselor			
	Parochial	- Catholic school applications due			
		- RELAX an ENJOY your holiday!			
WINTER of 8th Grade:					
JANUARY					
	Relevant for All School Choice	- All School visits and interviews should be complete within first couple weeks of January			
	Relevant for All School Choice	- Attend auditions and interviews; complete school-based			
	Independent Schools	- Prospective NYC Independent Schools Admissions Committee period			
	Parochial	- Catholic High Schools release admissions notices			
FEBRUARY					
	NYC DOE Public	- No action – high school matching in progress			
	Independent Schools	- Receive acceptance letters from independent schools			
	Independent Schools	- Acceptance responses for Independent schools and articulate interest for waitlisted schools			
	Independent Schools	- Revisit period for NY Independent Schools (Admitted Students Only)			
	Boarding Schools	- Prospective Boarding School Admissions Committee Period			

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	Parochial	- Catholic acceptance reply cards			
SPRING of 8th Grade:					
School placement results and acceptance notices; Confirmation of acceptance and deposits/tuition made					
MARCH					
	NYC DOE Public	- NYC DOE Main Round results distributed; letters due 2 weeks			
	NYC DOE Public	- Confirmation of Specialized High School placement			
	NYC DOE Public	- NYC DOE Round 2 application			
	NYC DOE Public	- Return acceptance of public school offer to DOE			
	Independent Schools	- Confirm Independent School Offers + Deposit for Independent schools along with acceptance confirmation due			
		-Waitlists updated and notice made			
	Boarding Schools	- Boarding Schools release admissions notices			
	NJ Schools	- NJ Independent Schools release admissions notices			
		- Spring tours for next grade begin			
APRIL					
	NYC DOE Public	- NYC DOE appeal process starts			
	Boarding Schools	- Boarding School Contracts due			
	NJ Schools	- NJ Independent School contracts due with deposit			
MAY					
JUNE					
GRADUATION from 8th Grade					