

# NYC Kindergarten Applications

*A Parent-to-Parent Conversation*

December 21, 2023



# Program

- Introduction of Parent Panel
- Short Presentation on Kindergarten Applications
- The G&T Process
- Answer Submitted Questions
- Open for Questions from Attendees

# Our Parent Panel

1. **Deborah Alexander**
2. **Hunter Dare**
3. **Craig Slutzkin**
4. **Lisa Marks**



# Key Dates

## Kindergarten (and Kindergarten Gifted & Talented) Admissions

- **Tuesday, December 5, 2023:** Kindergarten Application Opens
- **Friday, January 19, 2024:** Kindergarten Application Closes
- **Wednesday, March 27, 2024:** Kindergarten Offer Release



# Application Process

- Open MySchool account
- Research schools online
- Attend school open houses
- Apply to up to 12 programs; schools may have gen ed and G&T program.

# Your Student

## Admissions Priorities

Where you live: zone or geographic priority

Sibling at the school

Family Income/ELL/STH: Low income students may qualify for DIA  
(Diversity in Admissions)

## Lottery Number

Used when there are more applicants than seats



# Kindergarten Program Priorities

- Sibling
- Zoned / District
- Diversity in Admissions

Priority to applicants eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (based on family income) and/or English Language Learners after zoned students are admitted.

Priority to applicants eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (based on family income), applicants living in temporary housing or public housing, and/or English Language Learners for 30% of seats.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/meeting-student-needs/diversity-in-admissions>



# Kindergarten G&T Program Priorities

- Sibling
- District
- Diversity in Admissions

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# Gifted and Talented Process

- List G&T programs on your application – district and/or citywide
- The application will trigger the PreK teacher to evaluate your child
  - 2023 G&T Teacher Recommendation Criteria (will be posted on PLACE NYC)
- Factors for G&T placement: sibling in the program, teacher recommendation and favorable Lottery Number
- G&T Stats: For fall 2023 admissions, there were 771 kindergarten G&T applicants in **District 30**. Of those, 674 (87%) were eligible for placement, of which 142 (21%) were made offers to some programs.
- Your chances of an offer depend on supply and demand of G&T in your district.



# Lottery Numbers

- Every student is assigned a random number “lottery number” by the DOE
- You will find this on your child’s profile in MySchools
- Lottery numbers are used within screened groups when there are more applicants than seats; lottery numbers are also used to break ties

First two characters of NYC school admission random numbers – Percent of students with same number or better (theoretical distribution)

00 0.4%	20 12.9%	40 25.4%	60 37.9%	80 50.4%	a0 62.9%	c0 75.4%	e0 87.9%
01 0.8%	21 13.3%	41 25.8%	61 38.3%	81 50.8%	a1 63.3%	c1 75.8%	e1 88.3%
02 1.2%	22 13.7%	42 26.2%	62 38.7%	82 51.2%	a2 63.7%	c2 76.2%	e2 88.7%
03 1.6%	23 14.1%	43 26.6%	63 39.1%	83 51.6%	a3 64.1%	c3 76.6%	e3 89.1%
04 2.0%	24 14.5%	44 27.0%	64 39.5%	84 52.0%	a4 64.5%	c4 77.0%	e4 89.5%
05 2.3%	25 14.8%	45 27.3%	65 39.8%	85 52.3%	a5 64.8%	c5 77.3%	e5 89.8%
06 2.7%	26 15.2%	46 27.7%	66 40.2%	86 52.7%	a6 65.2%	c6 77.7%	e6 90.2%
07 3.1%	27 15.6%	47 28.1%	67 40.6%	87 53.1%	a7 65.6%	c7 78.1%	e7 90.6%
08 3.5%	28 16.0%	48 28.5%	68 41.0%	88 53.5%	a8 66.0%	c8 78.5%	e8 91.0%
09 3.9%	29 16.4%	49 28.9%	69 41.4%	89 53.9%	a9 66.4%	c9 78.9%	e9 91.4%
0a 4.3%	2a 16.8%	4a 29.3%	6a 41.8%	8a 54.3%	aa 66.8%	ca 79.3%	ea 91.8%
0b 4.7%	2b 17.2%	4b 29.7%	6b 42.2%	8b 54.7%	ab 67.2%	cb 79.7%	eb 92.2%
0c 5.1%	2c 17.6%	4c 30.1%	6c 42.6%	8c 55.1%	ac 67.6%	cc 80.1%	ec 92.6%
0d 5.5%	2d 18.0%	4d 30.5%	6d 43.0%	8d 55.5%	ad 68.0%	cd 80.5%	ed 93.0%
0e 5.9%	2e 18.4%	4e 30.9%	6e 43.4%	8e 55.9%	ae 68.4%	ce 80.9%	ee 93.4%
0f 6.3%	2f 18.8%	4f 31.3%	6f 43.8%	8f 56.3%	af 68.8%	cf 81.3%	ef 93.8%
10 6.6%	30 19.1%	50 31.6%	70 44.1%	90 56.6%	ao 69.1%	co 81.6%	fo 94.1%
11 7.0%	31 19.5%	51 32.0%	71 44.5%	91 57.0%	b1 69.5%	d1 82.0%	f1 94.5%
12 7.4%	32 19.9%	52 32.4%	72 44.9%	92 57.4%	b2 69.9%	d2 82.4%	f2 94.9%
13 7.8%	33 20.3%	53 32.8%	73 45.3%	93 57.8%	b3 70.3%	d3 82.8%	f3 95.3%
14 8.2%	34 20.7%	54 33.2%	74 45.7%	94 58.2%	b4 70.7%	d4 83.2%	f4 95.7%
15 8.6%	35 21.1%	55 33.6%	75 46.1%	95 58.6%	b5 71.1%	d5 83.6%	f5 96.1%
16 9.0%	36 21.5%	56 34.0%	76 46.5%	96 59.0%	b6 71.5%	d6 84.0%	f6 96.5%
17 9.4%	37 21.9%	57 34.4%	77 46.9%	97 59.4%	b7 71.9%	d7 84.4%	f7 96.9%
18 9.8%	38 22.3%	58 34.8%	78 47.3%	98 59.8%	b8 72.3%	d8 84.8%	f8 97.3%
19 10.2%	39 22.7%	59 35.2%	79 47.7%	99 60.2%	b9 72.7%	d9 85.2%	f9 97.7%
1a 10.5%	3a 23.0%	5a 35.5%	7a 48.0%	9a 60.5%	ba 73.0%	da 85.5%	fa 98.0%
1b 10.9%	3b 23.4%	5b 35.9%	7b 48.4%	9b 60.9%	bb 73.4%	db 85.9%	fb 98.4%
1c 11.3%	3c 23.8%	5c 36.3%	7c 48.8%	9c 61.3%	bc 73.8%	dc 86.3%	fc 98.8%
1d 11.7%	3d 24.2%	5d 36.7%	7d 49.2%	9d 61.7%	bd 74.2%	dd 86.7%	fd 99.2%
1e 12.1%	3e 24.6%	5e 37.1%	7e 49.6%	9e 62.1%	be 74.6%	de 87.1%	fe 99.6%
1f 12.5%	3f 25.0%	5f 37.5%	7f 50.0%	9f 62.5%	bf 75.0%	df 87.5%	ff 100.0%

Theoretical Percentiles of the two first characters of the lottery numbers

<https://medium.com/algorithm-in-the-wild/gaining-in-sights-from-the-nyc-school-admission-lottery-numbers-42dd9a98b115>



# What Should I Do Now?

Research the schools

MySchool directory

Local Facebook groups

Parent networks

Check school websites for tour dates



# Questions to Ask the Schools

1. How is the school rolling-out the new phonics-based Literacy curriculum in the lower grades?
2. How many ICT classrooms are there?
3. If G&T, how is the curriculum different from the gen-ed classes?
4. How much nightly homework is there?
5. What trips do the teachers incorporate into their Units of Study?
6. What are some enrichment /speciality classes & programs at the school? (I.E. do they have a Science teacher? Library? Do they participate in NDI dance program, other programs?)
7. What afterschool programs are available?
8. When/what capacity are parents invited to participate in school life/events?
9. What do you want me to remember about this school?

# Ask Us

Q & A