

QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING THE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS



The high school application process can be intimidating for students and their families in New York City. It can be even more of a challenge for students who receive special education services. Below is a list of some of the key questions you can ask in order to find the high school that will best support your child's learning and growth.

SUPPORTS OFFERED

- How does the school support your child's specific disability?
- How many students receive special education services at the school?
- Does the school have specialists? If so, how many are there, and what do they specialize in?

LOGISTICS

- Where do you want your child to attend school: close to home, in a different neighborhood, or in a different borough?
- Do you want your child to attend a school with many or fewer students?
- What volunteer opportunities do parents have with the school?

ACADEMICS

- Is there a special curriculum your child wants or requires?
- Does the school offer tutoring or counseling?
- How does the school prepare students for the Regents exams?
- Does the school post homework online?

PROGRAMS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Does the school have enough programs available?
- What sort of extracurricular activities does your child want to participate in?
- Is the school located in the same building as other schools, and if so, does it share classes and afterschool programs?

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

- How does the school help its students transition into life after high school?
- What is the graduation rate for the school?
- What types of programs, jobs, and schools do students transition to after graduation?