



KINDERGARTEN G&T ADMISSIONS FAQ

Fall 2024



What is the Eligibility Process?

For current pre-K students at DOE/district schools, Pre-K Centers, NYC Early Education Centers (NYCEECs), or charter schools:

Anyone who adds a G&T program to their kindergarten application will be evaluated by their current pre-K teachers.

What do Pre-K teachers look for?

As teachers consider a student's readiness for accelerated learning, they are asked to consider how learning behaviors might be demonstrated and/or be presented based on each child's unique developmental trajectory by thinking about:

- the entire year's learning experience with each individual child;*
- each individual child holistically;*
- each child from a strengths-based perspective;*
- observed behaviors that may occur more than once (consider a wide range of observations and not a minimum/maximum number);*
- the various and many ways children express what they know and are able to do;*
- The end-of-year expectations as outlined in The New York State Prekindergarten Learning standards*

Teacher/Program Nomination Form contains three sections. Teachers are asked to use authentic assessment data collected throughout the 2022-23 school year, to check the behaviors a child demonstrates. Children do not need to display behaviors in each category to demonstrate readiness for accelerated learning.

How are Kindergarten G&T offers made?

- After all applications are submitted and eligibility is determined, all eligible applicants are considered for offers.*
- Offers are determined based on families' application choices, seat availability, and admissions priorities. All G&T programs give an admissions priority to siblings of current students.*
- Due to limited seats, not all eligible applicants will be made offers.*
- Eligible applicants may be placed on programs waitlists if seats are not available.*
- All kindergarten applicants who apply by the deadline will receive an offer letter in spring 2024. This offer may be to a Gifted and Talented program or another kindergarten program.*



1ST-4TH GRADE G&T ADMISSIONS FAQ

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How do I apply?

- Eligible families with children entering grades 1, 2, 3 or 4 grade can apply to G&T programs in fall 2023.
- The application will be available in the Spring

Who can participate?

- **For current Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders in DOE public schools**
 - Students are considered eligible if they have course grades of a 3 or 4, or the equivalent, on their report card for Math, Reading and Writing. Students may not have ever had a 1 in any marking period in any of these courses. Available grades for the current school year as of March were used to determine eligibility.
 - Eligible students received a letter in the mail inviting them to apply.
 - Current students in district G&T programs can only apply to Citywide G&T programs, not other district programs.
- **For current Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders in charter, private or parochial schools**
 - For your child's application to be considered, be sure to do the following:
 - Submit a G&T application online with [MySchools](#) or through a [Family Welcome Center](#).
 - AND
 - Submit your child's grades to a Family Welcome Center.
 - Homeschool grades cannot be used to determine eligibility for G&T programs.
 - The DOE will determine which charter private and parochial school applicants qualify as eligible based on converting your child's grades to a 4-point scale.

How are Grade 1-4 G&T Offers Made?

- Offers for eligible applicants will be determined based on families' application choices, programs' seat availability, and admissions priorities. All G&T programs give priority to siblings of current students..
- All applicants will receive a results letter. This letter may include a G&T offer and any information about waitlist.



6TH GRADE G&T ADMISSIONS FAQ

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Who can apply?

- Apply to middle school when your child is in their last year of elementary school. Your child must be both of the following to apply:
 - A NYC resident **AND**
 - A current fifth grade student, or a current sixth grade student if their elementary school ends in sixth grade

Citywide programs are open to all NYC students.

How do students get offers?

Students get offers to programs based on four key factors:

1. **Your application choices.** The number of program choices you add to your child's application **AND** the order in which you place them matter! Add 12 choices to your child's application in your true order of preference.
2. **Each program's available seats.** The number of available seats varies from program to program.
3. **Your priority group for each program.** Some programs give an admissions priority to specific groups of applicants before others, such as to students who live in a specific zone or district. If there are more applicants to one of these programs than seats available, applicants are admitted in priority-group order: all students in a program's priority group 1 will be considered first. Then if seats are still available, students in that program's priority group 2 will be considered next, and so on. Learn which priority group your child is in for each program. They will be in different priority groups for different programs.
4. **The Program's Admissions Method.**
 - a. For screened programs, students are ranked based on a composite of their course grades on a 1-4 scale from fourth grade. Offers are made to ranked students by priority group and in ranking number order. If your child's school does not use a 1-4 grading scale, for purposes of admissions to middle school only, the DOE converts grades to a 1-4 scale.

How do I get my Middle School offer letter?

- In the spring, students get their middle school offers. All applicants get a middle school offer; most students get an offer to attend one of the programs ranked on their middle school application, but it is not guaranteed. Your child's offer letter also includes a list of programs where they've been waitlisted.
- Your child is automatically on the waitlist for any program that you listed higher on their application than the program where they received an offer. For example, if your child received an offer to your third-choice program, they are automatically waitlisted at your first-choice and second-choice programs.
- After initial offers are made and while waitlists are open, you can add your child to additional waitlists.
- You can also check your child's place on the waitlist for any school, in real time.
- Waitlist offers are made based on seat availability, as well as the same admissions priorities and admissions methods described on the DOE page and detailed in MySchools.
- Schools will be in touch directly if a seat opens up and they can make your child a waitlist offer.