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This Family Update provides important information about Summer Rising 2026, high school offers for fall 2026, Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs), Civics Week, and the 2026 NYC School Survey.

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Summer Rising 2026

NYCPS is partnering with the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to offer Summer Rising in 2026. Summer Rising connects elementary and middle school students to fun, hands-on experiences that strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skills. Summer Rising is **free**, and open to any NYC student currently in kindergarten through grade 8. More information regarding programming dates and hours will be shared at schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising when the application opens on March 3.

Summer Rising includes NYCPS-led academics and enrichment activities held by DYCD Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Free breakfast and lunch are provided. For more information, please visit schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising.

Summer Rising MySchools Application

The application is open from **March 3–March 27, 2026**. To apply, log in to your MySchools.nyc account if you already have one, or create one using your email address, your child's nine-digit student ID number, and their MySchools account creation code, which you can get from your child's school. If you have used MySchools to apply for summer or school year programs, your child may already be added to your account. Note that MySchools is a separate account from your NYCSA.

There are no limits to how many programs families can add to their application. Adding more programs increases your chances of being placed in a program of your choice.

This process is **not** first-come, first-served; all applications received by the deadline will be treated the same based on admissions priorities. You can make changes to your application any time within the application period. For further questions, visit schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising or contact your school.

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and 504 Plans

Students attending 12-month/Extended School Year (ESY) special class, Nest, or Horizon programs will receive the services recommended on their IEP at an ESY, District 75 (D75), Nest, or Horizon Summer Program site.

Families who wish to participate in a 12-month IEP program (including ESY, D75, Nest and Horizon) and extended-day CBO-led enrichment through Summer Rising should apply using MySchools. Specific instructions will be placed in MySchools.

If your child will only be participating in Nest or Horizon (until 12:00 p.m.), D75 (until 2:30 p.m.), or ESY programming (until 2:00 p.m.), and you do *not* want extended day enrichment for your child, contact their school instead of using MySchools to apply.

High School Offers for Fall 2026

If your child applied to high school for fall 2026 by the December 3, 2025, deadline, you will receive their offer on **March 5, 2026**. Log into your [MySchools](#) account to view the offer and any waitlist placements (if applicable), along with information on next steps. To learn how offers are made, visit schools.nyc.gov/HS.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March [parent-teacher conferences \(PTCs\)](#) are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ways to support them at home with their teachers. PTCs are remote this school year, but in-person options may be available. Translation and interpretation services are also available upon request. PTC dates may vary by school; your child's teachers will help you schedule your PTC. Visit schools.nyc.gov/ptc for more guidance.

- **Thursday, March 5:** Afternoon and evening conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
- **Thursday, March 12:** Afternoon and evening conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
- **Wednesday, March 18:** Evening PTCs for high school students, K–12, and 6–12 schools
- **Thursday, March 19:** Afternoon PTCs for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools

Civics Week

From March 9–13, join us for [Civics Week](#) with activities that celebrate youth voice, civic empowerment, and voter registration. Learn more and check out our Civics for All comics series at schools.nyc.gov/CivicsForAll.

2026 NYC School Survey

Complete the annual **NYC School Survey** by **April 1, 2026**! NYCPS families and students in grades 6–12 can provide direct feedback regarding your experiences in our schools that helps us improve learning environments, curricula, support services, and more. Submit your survey today by mail or online in one of 13 available languages at NYCSchoolSurvey.org or log in to your New York City Schools Account ([NYCSA](#)) at SchoolsAccount.nyc.