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Dear Families,

Starting **December 9th**, families with children born in **2022** can apply to kindergarten for the **2027-28 school year**. Applying to kindergarten is an exciting milestone, and we are here to help!

You can use MySchools.nyc to search and apply to programs of interest at NYC Public Schools. You can list as many program choices as you're interested in, including those outside your zone or district.

> Be sure to list programs in **true preference order**, even if they're at the same school. For example, if you prefer a Gifted & Talented (G&T) program over a standard kindergarten program at the same school, list the G&T program higher.

Many schools offer more than one program. Below are the four program types that a school may offer:

Kindergarten

All schools offer a standard kindergarten program designed to serve all learners.

- **Zoned programs** give the highest priority to families living within a designated geographic area.
- **Non-zoned programs** prioritize siblings, current pre-K students, or those who reside in the district.

Dual Language

Students are taught in two languages, with the goal of becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. English-proficient students and English Language Learners learn academic subjects together while sharing language and culture.

Citywide or District G&T

G&T programs offer accelerated instruction to eligible elementary school students.

- **District G&T programs** prioritize siblings and families residing in the district.
- **Citywide G&T programs** prioritize siblings but do not give priority to families residing in the district.

If you list a G&T program on your child's application, eligibility will be determined by their current pre-K teacher or via an interview. For more eligibility information, visit our webpage: schools.nyc.gov/GT.

District 24 STEM Discovery

Located in District 24 in Queens, these programs focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students explore real-world challenges using the engineering design process and computational thinking to build problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Questions? Call us at 718-935-2009 or email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

Thank you,
Elementary School Admissions Team