Name_____ Class: _____

Researching High Schools-Practice Sheet

(Keep this sheet/you can also find it in Google Classroom)

Main Round - Pathway 1

Step 1: Researching

1. Join "High School Happenings" on Google Classroom if you haven't - code kcfu3w76
2. Go to www.is125q.org
3. Click on "High School Resources"
4. Click on "NYC HS Directory"
5. Type in the name of the school you are looking for or use the filter tools to see a list of schools based on interests/borough/size/admissions methods etc.
6. Log into your MySchool account (www.myschools.nyc) to bookmark your interested schools ⭐

Step 2: Questions to keep in mind when researching high schools

1. Can you get to the school?
    - Is it close or far? → Click the address to go to google maps
2. Is it a good school?
    - Look at the Performance section → Graduation Rate & College/Career enrollment
3. Can I get in?
    - What programs are offered?
    - Is it a DIVERSITY IN ADMISSION program?
    - What do I need to do to get into the program? → Look at the Admission Method
        - Screened = Grade Screening
        - Screened with Assessment = needs additional work (examples: essays/videos/exam)
        - Audition = Performing Arts Program, must audition
        - Ed. Opt = Randomly chosen
        - Test = Specialized HS Exam
        - Language Criteria = ELL Program

***No idea where to start? Check out the Suggestion Sheet.

Step 3: Your Info

What are your:

- Interests:
- Group # in MySchool

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Step 4: Practice HS sheet

High Schools & Program Name

Please note that you can apply to two different programs in the same school. There is a separate practice sheet for LaGuardia HS and the other 8 specialized high schools.

School	Program name
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BALANCED APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, use this checklist! Does your application have...

- ☐ **12 program choices,** ANY of which you'd be happy to attend. Finding more programs that interest you and adding them to your application increases your chance of getting an offer to a program you want.
- ☐ **Your program choices in your true preference order.** Always place the programs on your application in your true order of preference, with your favorite program as #1. There is no better strategy!
- ☐ **Not just high-demand programs.** Fewer applicants per seat at a program means a higher chance of getting an offer there.
- ☐ **Some programs where you are in priority group 1.** Being in a program's first priority group means a higher chance of getting an offer to it.
- ☐ **A mix of admissions methods.** If you're applying to any screened or audition programs, be sure to also include some programs that use other admissions methods.

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Step 5: Audition high schools (optional)

1. Google “High School Auditions NYC” and click on the 1st link
2. Look at audition options by “schools or category”
3. See the list of high schools and look for the school(s) you chose. *Important: you will see many high schools under the same category. This is great because if you choose 2 high schools in the same category it means you are submitting the same video/performance/portfolio for both high schools.*
4. You can click on “submit audition materials”-and a video will show how to submit audition materials (watch video up to -2:10 minutes)

Resources

- HS Presentation
- HS Suggestion Sheet
- HS Directory
- Virtual High School Room
- Videos Tutorials!!!
- Diversity In Admissions
- I.S. 125 School Website - See HS Tab
- 23-24 Google Classroom for 8th graders (code syrp2az)

High School Links for Admissions

- Beacon - https://www.beaconschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2020764&type=d&pREC_ID=2103140
- Manhattan Hunter - https://www.mhshs.org/application-information
- Bard High School - https://bhsec.bard.edu/queens/admission/applying/
- Townsend Harris - https://www.thhs.qc.edu/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1269371&type=d&pREC_ID=1485956
- Baccalaureate - https://www.bsge.org/9th_grade_admissions
- NEST+M - https://nestmk12.net/admissions/upper-grade-admissions

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