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Middle and High School Admissions Updates

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The DOE is revising the 2019–20 middle and high school admissions processes for fall 2020 enrollment, based on feedback from families and schools. These improvements will make admissions simpler for school staff and give schools more control in filling available seats. It will also increase the reliability of the number of students your school can expect in September. This will allow for more transparent communications with families about your school's seat availability. Updates to the admissions process include the following:

- **One Main Application Round:** Families will apply using a single application (October–December), and receive a single school offer in March.
 - For high school, there will be no Round 2 application. For middle school, there will be no appeals application round. Instead, schools will have waitlists in MySchools, which will be available for use once offers are released.
- **Waitlists:** Schools will begin using waitlists to fill any vacant seats by contacting and making offers to families (March–September).
- **Family Welcome Center Support (FWC):** Families will be able to visit a FWC for enrollment support as soon as offers are released (March–ongoing).

Note that the main round that occurs throughout the spring will continue to have the same admissions process as in previous years for schools and families. This means that middle and high school applications are open from October through December, with offers released in March for middle and high schools. Families will continue to list up to 12 school choices, in order of preference, on their application; students will be matched to the highest possible school on their application. Also note that students with extenuating circumstances, who seek hardship transfers, can receive in-person support at a FWC as soon as offers are released.

Training opportunities on enrollment processes will be offered in the fall, followed by more in-depth training on waitlists for your staff this winter. Families will also receive information on updates to the process. For more information, including FAQs, see this [document](#).

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