

# **New York City Department Of Education Announces Start Of Kindergarten Admissions Process**

*Families Should Apply Directly to Schools By March 4, 2011*

The New York City Department of Education today announced key enrollment dates for families of children who will begin kindergarten in September 2011. Families should apply in person between January 10 and March 4 at their zoned school. Families may also apply to any other schools which their children are eligible to attend. Schools will notify families about assignment offers beginning March 21. To accept an offer, families must visit the school that made the offer between March 28 and April 15 and pre-register their children.

Children are eligible to start kindergarten in September if they were born in 2006, and are residents of New York City. Families must show the following documentation when they apply to a school:

- Proof of residence. This consists of any **two** of the following documents:
  - A residential utility bill (gas or electric) in the resident's name and dated within the last 60 days;
  - Documentation or letter on letterhead from a federal, state, or local government agency indicating the resident's name and address and dated within the last 60 days;
  - An original lease agreement, deed, or mortgage statement for the residence;
  - A current property tax bill for the residence;
  - A water bill for the residence dated within the last 60 days;
  - Official payroll documentation from an employer dated within the last 60 days, such as a form submitted for tax withholding purposes or payroll receipt (a letter on the employer's letterhead will not be accepted);
- Child's birth certificate or passport;
- Child's immunization records;
- Names of any siblings who will be enrolled in grades 1-5 at the school in 2010-2011.

Zoned schools will give priority to students who live in that zone, as they have in the past. Schools will make assignments according to the following priorities, listed from highest to lowest:

1. Zoned students with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school in 2011-2012;
2. All other zoned students;
3. Students residing in the school's district but outside the school's zone, with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school in 2011-2012;
4. Student residing outside of the school's district with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school in 2011-2012;
5. All other students residing in the school's district but outside the school's zone,
6. All other students.

Families can visit the Department's Web site at [www.nyc.gov/schools](http://www.nyc.gov/schools) or call 311 to locate their zoned school.

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