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Important Dates 2023

- Tuesday, 10/3 HS and SHSAT registration opens
- Friday, 10/27 SHSAT registrations closes
- Monday, 11/6 SHSAT test tickets released
- Wednesday, 11/8 SHSAT school day testing
- Weekend testing dates: 11/18, 11/19, 12/2, 12/9
- Friday, 12/1 HS application closes; deadline to submit LaGuardia application and audition materials
- Thursday 3/7/2024 Offer released

Why Is High School Important

• Different high schools have very different academic rigorousness. Some high schools send 25% of its graduation class to Ivy League colleges while others have very low graduation rates.

• To prepare yourself or your child for college and career success, it is important that you or your child attend a high school that prioritizes college readiness.



Getting Into High School

- A very complicated process.
- More than 400 public high schools and over 700 programs in New York City
 - Some high schools have more than one program
 - You may apply to multiple programs at the same high school
- Specialized High Schools vs competitive screened programs at regular high schools
- Important to make informed decisions

Resources

MySchools (https://www.myschools.nyc/en/)

• Online application portal allows you to explore NYC public schools and programs, find choices for your application, and apply—all in one place.

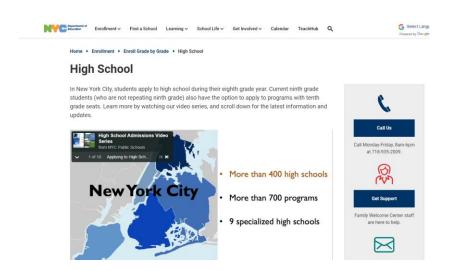
DOE Website

https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/specialized-high-schools

Replaces previous year's SHSAT handbook and includes two sample exams



https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school





Factors To Consider

- Travel and distance
- Specific interest and focus
 - Science & Math, Humanity, Performing Arts, etc.
- Student: Faculty ratio
- Class size
- Facility

- Graduation rate
- Matriculation/College
 Placement statistics
- For Private School: tuition and financial aid
- Curriculum and homework load
- Extracurricular Options

Five Admissions Paths for Students



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Specialized High School

	1	2	3	4	5
	Optional path	Optional path	Required path	Optional path	Optional path
Admission Methods	Specialized High Schools	Audition Schools	Other Public High Schools	Charter High School	Private High School
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About The SHSAT

- SHSAT stands for Specialized High School Admissions Test
- It is currently the <u>SOLE criteria</u> for entry into the 8 of the city's 9 specialized high schools
 - LaGuardia is based on talent auditions
- In fall 2023:

Who	When	Where	
Current 8 th graders in a middle school that ends at grade 8	November 8th	At their school	
Current 8 th graders in a secondary school that ends at grade 12, charter, private, independent or homeschool	Saturday, November 18 or Sunday. November 19	DOE Central Location: District 20,21,22 – James Madison HS	
All 8 th grade MAKE UP		District 15 – Brooklyn Tech District 31 – SI Tech	
All 9th grade students	Sunday, December 3 or Saturday, December 9		

• Approximately 30,000 students take the test each year and 4,000 are offered admission. Admission to Stuyvesant is around 800 students per year.



SHSAT Scores

Specialized High School Cut-off Scores / High Scores

SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOL	2023	2022	2021	2020
Stuyvesant HS	561	563	560	566
HS For Mathematics, Science, And Engineering At City College (HSMSE)	518	532	515	523
Staten Island Technical HS	521	527	525	531
The Bronx High School of Science	521	524	517	532
Queens High School For The Sciences At York College	527	523	481	535
High School Of American Studies At Lehman College	510	516	488	520
Brooklyn Technical High School	503	506	492	507
The Brooklyn Latin School	493	497	481	498



SHSAT – What's on the Exam

- 180 minute exam. No breaks. Students with testing accommodations will be allowed additional time
 - IEPs will be accommodated according to the IEP
 - ELLs (includes those who became proficient in 2021 and 2022) will have 2x time.
- 57 ELA Multiple Choice questions
 - 10-12 revising / editing questions that tests your grammar knowledge
 - 7-8 revising / editing questions from 1 passage
 - 3-4 standalone revising / editing questions (standalone sentence or paragraph)
 - 45-47 reading comprehension questions across 5-6 passages that includes literature and poetry passages (traditional standardized tests have mostly non-fiction)
 - Includes 10 field questions that **do not count towards the student's score.** Students will **not** know which questions are field questions.
- 57 Math Questions
 - 5 are grid in questions. No choices provided.
 - 52 Multiple choice questions.
 - Includes 10 field questions that **do not count towards the student's score.** Students will **not** know which questions are field questions.
- All multiple-choice questions will have **4 answer choices**.



How are offers made?

- This year, at the time of exam registration, students list the Specialized Testing High Schools in priority order. These choices are final after the registration deadline: Friday, October 27th.
- After all tests are scored, students' test scores are placed in order from the highest score to the lowest score.
- Offers are made, in turn, based on
 - student's score
 - student's priority of choices
 - seat availability

Conclusion: Please rank your choices in the order of your TRUE preference!



Diversity Initiative - Discovery Program

- Since a few years ago, specialized High Schools now reserve 20% of their seats for Discovery Program
- To be eligible for the Discovery program, a Specialized High Schools applicant must:
 - Be one or more of the following: a student from a low-income household, a student in temporary housing, or an English Language Learner who moved to NYC within the past four years; and
 - Have scored within a certain range below the cutoff score on the SHSAT;
 and
 - Attend a high-poverty school. A school is defined as high-poverty if it has an Economic Need Index (ENI) of at least 60%. You can see a school's historical ENI by visiting the <u>School Performance Dashboard(Open external link)</u> and selecting the school from the list.
- Last year, we had several students who scored in the 470 and 480 range who
 received admissions into Stuyvesant through the Discovery Program

How is the SHSAT Scored?

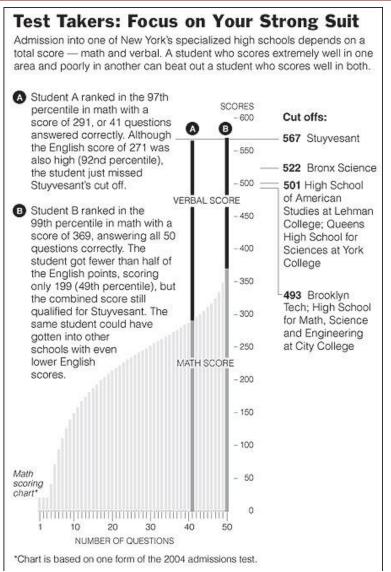
Section	# of Questions	Total Raw Score	Scaled Score
Math	57	47 (1 point per question; 10 are field questions)	0 - 350 Varies by test form
ELA	57	47 (1 point per question; 10 are field questions)	0 - 350 Varies by test form

Acceptance is based on the **COMBINED** math and verbal **SCALED** scores!

Takeaways:

- 1. Do not spend too much time on any one question. They are all of equal value!
- 2. Do not leave any questions blank. There is no penalty for wrong answers.
- 3. Scaled scores will go through a "calibration" and a "normalization", resulting in a non linear relationship between raw and scaled scores. 1 raw point **does not** automatically compute to 7 scaled points.

Tips for the SHSAT



- Raw score to scaled score conversion is not linear
- For example, in the middle of the range of scores, an increase of one raw score point may correspond to an increase of three or four scaled score points. At the top or bottom of the range of scores, an increase of one raw score point may correspond to 10–20 scaled score points.
- Getting close to a perfect score in either subject will translate to much higher scaled scores
- If you are very strong in one subject, focusing on that strength can really earn points

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- Recent changes to the exam has shown a trend of increasingly easier math sections and much more difficult ELA sections.
- A math raw score in the 35-40 range will convert to the same converted score as an ELA raw score of 25-30.
 - ➤ This shows that students are more competitive with math, all scoring pretty high. Even a few questions wrong in math can significantly decrease total score. (Don't mess up on math!)
 - ➤ Grammar questions and newly added poetry questions have proven to be extremely difficult for 8th graders. (Don't fret if ELA is too hard!)

Exam Day Tips

You MUST Bring

- SHSAT test ticket (you can print it out from MySchools after it is issued)
- Sharpened Number 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Assistive Technology (if indicated on your IEP and test ticket)

You CAN but not required to Bring:

- Highlighter
- Silent watch (that is not a calculator)
- Quiet, unwrapped snack (student can have snack before the test but NOT allowed during)
- Water

You are NOT PERMITTED to Bring:

- Cameras
- Calculators
- Smart Watches
- Electronic Devices
- Outside written materials
- Any beverage except for water

Cell Phones are permitted on site, but

- They must be turned off
- You may not have them with you during the test. They may not be in your pocket, hand or desk.



Exam Day Tips

- Rest well the night before and eat a healthy meal. Make sure to eat breakfast in the morning.
- Arrive on time at the time that is on your test ticket.
- Turn OFF you phone before you enter the building.
- If you do not feel well, <u>DO NOT</u> take the test. Please inform the proctor BEFORE you open the test booklet. You will be able to take the test on the make up date when you are feeling better.
- All students must stay for the enter 180 minutes. Please use extra time to check over your work.
- Make sure your answer sheet is bubbled properly, with dark circles on your choice and no stray marks. Make sure that you are bubbling the correct question. <u>DO NOT</u> leave all the bubbling to the end.
- Do not spend too much time on any question. Come back to it at the end of the exam. If you are out of time, put in any answer. <u>DO NOT</u> leave any questions blank.



Audition School

1		2	3	4	4	
	Admission	Optional path Specialized	Optional path Audition	Required path Other Public	Optional path Charter High	Optional path Private High
	Methods	High Schools	Schools	High Schools	School	School
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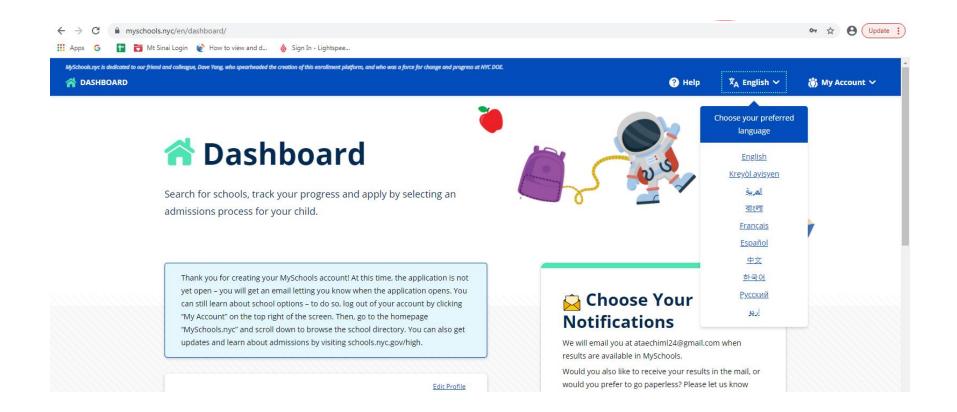
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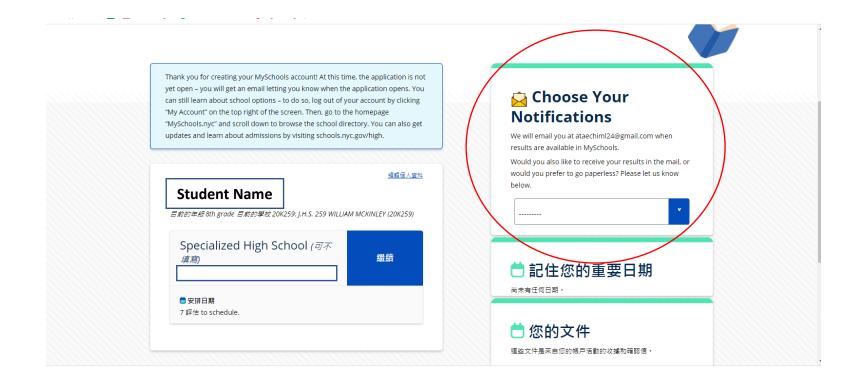
- One of the nine specialized high schools in NYC
- Acceptance to LaGuardia High School is based on a competitive audition and review of student records. Last year 7000 students auditioned for 700 spots.
- This year, LaGuardia audition will be due by Friday, December 1st
- Last year, auditions were held virtually. Student portfolios in the form of videos and documents submitted through a new online

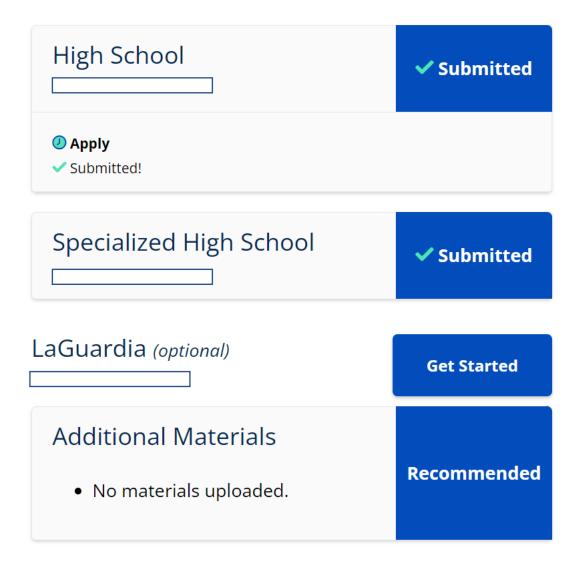
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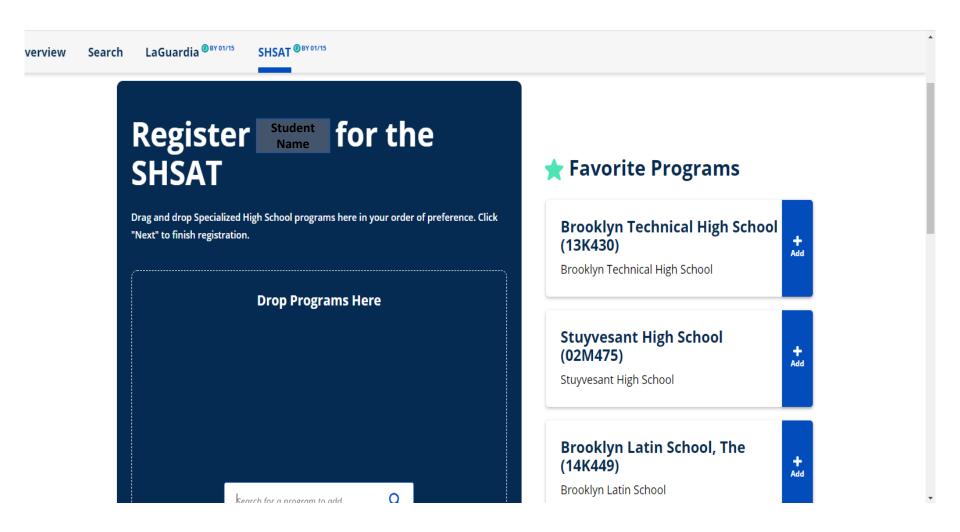
Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts			
Dance	Drama		
Instrumental Music	Technical Theatre		
Fine Arts	Vocal Music		











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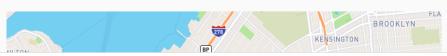
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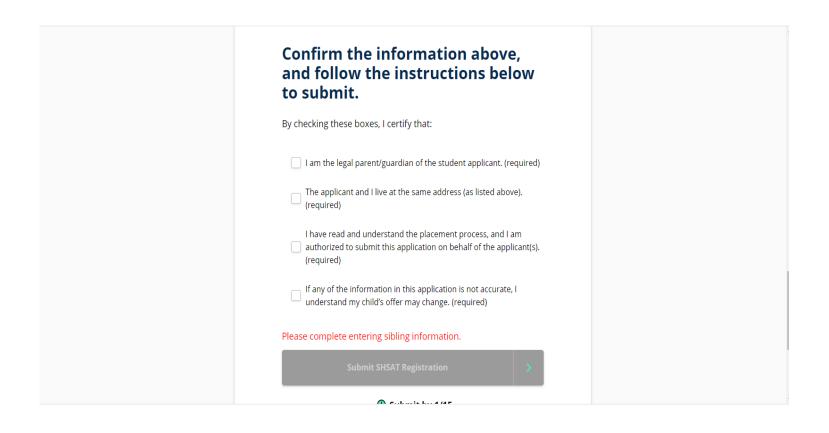
Does this student have a religious observance that would prevent them from testing on a Saturday or a Sunday?

- Student cannot test on Saturday
- Student cannot test on Sunday
- O Student cannot test on Lunar New Year
- O Student can test either day

Confirm your SHSAT registration

If you want to change anything, go back to the <u>SHSAT registration page</u>.





Your SHSAT registration is submitted!

Congratulations, the SHSAT registration for Name was submitted on 12/ 22/ 2020 at 9:30AM. We've emailed you a confirmation. You can also print this page for your records.

The deadline for SHSAT registration is 1/15/2021. Until then, you can change your school preference order for the eight testing **Specialized High Schools** and re-submit your SHSAT registration. All students who register for the SHSAT by the deadline will be scheduled to take the SHSAT. Students must take the SHSAT to be considered for admission to the eight testing Specialized High Schools.

You get your SHSAT results in spring 2021. At that time, you can return here to review your options.

Thank you for investing in your child's future!

Return to dashboard

Welcome to LaGuardia Admissions!



There is one audition Specialized High Schools in New York City for students who excel artistically, including English Language Learners and students with an IEP or 504 Plan. You can apply to the one audition Specialized High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, by applying to the programs you want, and then submitting audition materials for those programs.

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts (LaGuardia High School) has 6 programs, and students can apply to one or all 6:

- Dance
- Drama
- Fine Arts
- Instrumental Music
- Vocal Music
- Technical Theater





Click the link in the first checklist item below to start searching! Checklist Get Started <u>Apply</u> to LaGuardia High <u>School</u> programs by December 1, 2023. You can apply one or up to six (6) programs at LaGuardia High School. Learn about auditions for LaGuardia High School at schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions. LaGuardia High School admissions results will be available in March 2023.



Architectural Design Dance Digital Arts and Graphic Design Fashion Film Instrumental Music Photography Technical Theater Theater (including Drama and Musical Theater) Visual Arts Vocal Music



Visual Arts

Programs

- GRAMERCY ARTS HIGH SCHOOL (02M374): Visual Arts (M66A)
- THE HIGH SCHOOL OF FASHION INDUSTRIES (02M600): Art, Photography, and Graphic Design (M68J)
- ART AND DESIGN HIGH SCHOOL (02M630): Commercial Art and Design (M60P)
- WADLEIGH SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS (03M415): Visual Arts (M26J)
- FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ART AND PERFORMING ARTS (03M485): Fine Arts (M80J)
- THEATRE ARTS PRODUCTION COMPANY SCHOOL (10X225): Visual Arts (X20T)
- FORDHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (10X437): Fordham High School for the Arts (X51A)
- DR. SUSAN S. MCKINNEY SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (13K265): Visual Arts (K42A)
- BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (15K656): Visual Arts (K47J)
- EDWARD R. MURROW HIGH SCHOOL (21K525): Fine and Visual Arts (K57K)
- NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL (24Q455): Major Art (Q34K)
- QUEENS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (24Q600): Graphic Arts (Q68B)
- BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL (26Q495): Digital Art & Design (Q12A)
- HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL (28Q505): Academy of Performing and Visual Arts (Q24L)
- FRANK SINATRA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL (30Q501): Fine Arts (Q40J)
- SUSAN E. WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL (31R460): Visual Arts (R17H)

It is most important that the schools to which you are applying get the *clearest picture possible* of your unique artistic abilities and talents. Remember, each school is looking for your *potential*, and that means how your present skills will grow and develop over the four years you will be spending at their school.

I. Portfolio Upload - Photographs of 4 to 8 pieces of original artwork that includes the following (for additional support with this portfolio, you may view these <u>visual arts portfolio resources</u>):

- <u>Piece 1:</u> A self-portrait, using a graphite drawing pencil and paper done from observation (from observation means you draw yourself by looking in a mirror).
- <u>Piece 2</u>: A still life of at least 3 items, using a graphite drawing pencil and paper done from observation (from observation means you draw objects placed before you on a surface in front of you).
- <u>Piece 3:</u> A figure drawing, using a graphite drawing pencil and paper. You may
 pose a friend or a family member in front of you. Draw the human figure from
 observation (from observation means you draw a live person). If you do not
 have access to a friend or family member, see the tutorial on figure drawing
 on this visual arts portfolio resources.
 - Make sure you draw the entire figure and fill the page: do not cut off parts of the head or feet.
 - · Draw your figure with realistic proportions.
 - Try to use value or lines to draw the folds on the clothes.
 - · Include any observed details and draw the facial features.
 - Include some background elements placing the figure in a simple setting to make sure your figure does not look like it is floating in space.
- <u>Pieces 4-7:</u> Add 1 to 4 additional pieces to your portfolio. You may select pieces that were created using any material in any form. They may be twodimensional or three-dimensional.
- <u>Piece 8:</u>*If you are applying to Art and Design High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Art, and/or Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, submit this creative drawing. (This piece is optional for students applying to other programs.)

Using pencil and paper, draw a FANTASTICAL SANDWICH! Use your imagination and creativity – we want to see your wildest ideas of what a Fantastical Sandwich looks like to you. Consider for the drawing: What bizarre, unusual, or creative toppings does your sandwich have? Who made it? Who is it for? When creating your Fantastical Sandwich be sure to include a background and fill the whole page. Feel free to use colored pencils if you wish. And, have fun with it!



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Additional Materials Submission

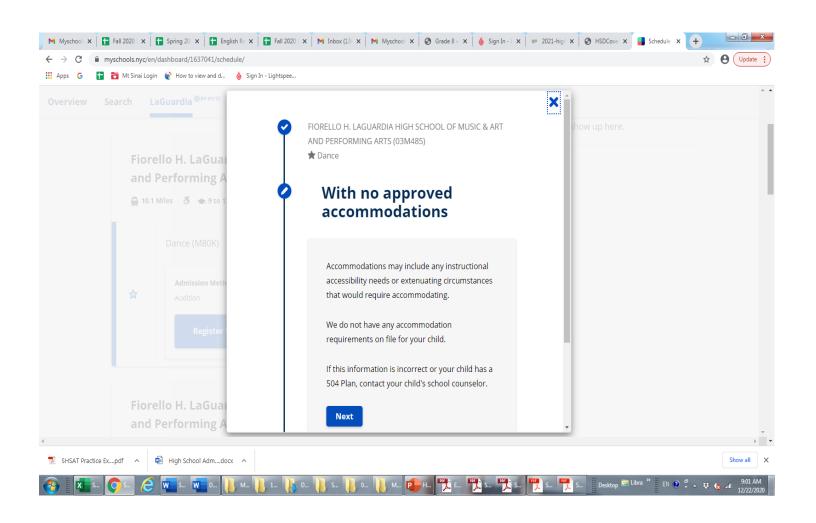
- Students will be able to audition for any arts high school program(s) by submitting their audition materials virtually, through this MySchools page.
- Some schools will also provide the option for students to audition in person. There
 will be no preference given to students who use either format.
- Visit schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions to view the list of which schools are offering in person auditions.
- Expand on each arts discipline below to find the list of programs and audition requirements.

Your Materials

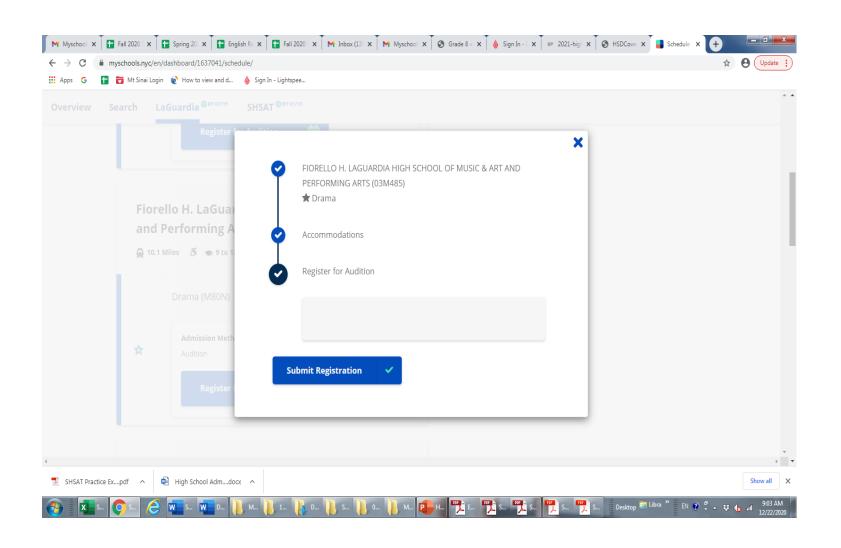
1 Upload your materials



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Public High Schools

Please be on the look out for details for part two of our High School seminar where we will go over the regular High School Admission Process.



Thank You!



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