



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Kindergarten Applicant Period Is Now Open

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The Kindergarten application period is now open and families can apply anytime through January 15, 2016. All applications received by the deadline are treated the same.

The application process is not first come, first served.

Apply one of three ways:

[Online](#) via our application site.

Over the phone by calling 718-935-2400 between 8am and 6pm, excluding holidays.

In person at a Family Welcome Center between 8am and 3pm, excluding holidays.

Please note the following Kindergarten Admissions updates for the 2016-2017 school year.

New diversity pilot program: Seven schools in Brooklyn and Manhattan will participate in a Kindergarten Admissions diversity pilot. These schools will give priority to students who are English Language Learners (ELLs), who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL), whose families are impacted by incarceration, or who are in the child welfare system. Visit [Kindergarten Admissions](#) to learn more.

Updated admissions priorities in the Bronx: Two schools, Bronx Delta School (08X392) and

The STEAM Bridge School (11X481), will remain non-zoned schools for the 2016-2017 school year; please read the Bronx [Kindergarten Directory](#) to learn more about their new priorities.

New Dual Language programs: There are new Dual Language programs planned to open in schools throughout the city next year. Refer to the [Kindergarten Directories](#) to find out about these programs.

Upcoming admissions events: Information sessions, Choice Fairs, and school tours and open houses are available for families to learn more about the admissions process and programs. See the [Kindergarten Events](#) page for all dates.