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This Family Update provides important information about Summer Rising 2025, the annual NYC School Survey, Education Council Elections, Respect for All Week, and key enrollment dates.

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Summer Rising

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) is looking forward to partnering with the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) once again for Summer Rising 2025. Summer Rising connects elementary and middle school students to fun, hands-on experiences that strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skills. Summer Rising is **free**, and open to any NYC student currently in kindergarten through grade 8.

Grades K–5:

- The program will run from **July 2 to August 15, 2025, Monday through Friday** from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Grades 6–8:

- The program will run from **July 2 to August 8, 2025, Monday through Friday** from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Students will be provided with free breakfast and lunch. Programming will include academics led by NYCPS staff and enrichment activities held by DYCD Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

Summer Rising MySchools Application

The application will open on **March 4**, and close **March 28, 2025**. As in 2024, families can apply for Summer Rising online using **MySchools**, our online directory and application system.

To apply, log in to [MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov) (if you already have a MySchools account you do not need to create a new one). Your MySchools account, used for admissions, is different from the NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) that you may use to access your child's health forms and update emergency contact information.

If you have applied to Summer Rising, 3-K/Pre-K programs, or NYCPS schools using MySchools before, your child may already be added to your account. If you do not have a MySchools account, you can create one at [MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov) using your email address, your child's 9-digit student ID number and a MySchools account creation code, which you can get by contacting your child's school.

Families can list as many programs as they would like on their application; we recommend that you list as many programs as possible to increase the likelihood of being placed in a program of your choice.

This process is **not** first-come, first-served; all applications received by the deadline will be treated the same. Families may make changes to their application at any point within the application period.

If you have any questions or need support with the application, please visit our website at schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising, contact your school, or email summer@schools.nyc.gov.

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and 504 Plans

Students attending **12-month/Extended School Year (ESY)** special class, Nest, or Horizon Programs will receive the program and services recommended on their IEP at an Extended School year (ESY), District 75, or Nest or Horizon Summer Program site. Families who wish to participate in IEP program *and* extended-day CBO-led enrichment through Summer Rising should use the MySchools application portal. These families will have priority for seats in Summer Rising and will choose from the CBO program(s) operating in connection with their IEP program.

If you do not want extended day enrichment for your child, and your child will only be participating in Nest or Horizon programming (until 12:00 p.m.), D75 (until 2:30 p.m.), or ESY programming (until 2:00 p.m.), you should contact your child's school instead of using the MySchools application portal.

Students who require accommodations, such as a paraprofessional or nurse, to participate in Summer Rising will receive them based on their individual needs.

2025 NYC School Survey

Beginning **February 10, 2025**, NYCPS will hold its annual **NYC School Survey**. Held annually over the past 19 years, the NYC School Survey asks City public school families, teachers, students in grades 6–12, and select staff members to provide their feedback regarding their individual experiences in City public schools. This feedback, which will remain confidential, will help our schools better understand what their students and community members need and think about their learning environments, educators, curricula, support services, and more. School leaders can then use this feedback to help improve their schools and program offerings.

To view and complete the survey, log into your official **NYCSA** at [schoolsaccount.nyc](https://schoolsaccount.nyc.gov) beginning February 10. You will also receive a printed copy of the survey with instructions on how to complete the survey on paper or online.

The 2025 Survey will close **on April 4, 2025**. Learn more about the 2025 NYC School Survey at nycschoolssurvey.org.

Community and Citywide Education Council Elections 2025

If you're interested in helping shape policies and priorities that will affect the education of City students, consider joining an education council! Parents can apply to run for the 2025–2027 term until **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Applications are completed via your NYC Schools Account (schoolsaccount.nyc) and only take 5–10 minutes to complete! Review the Eligibility Checklist, Elections Guide, and FAQ on schools.nyc.gov/Elections2025 for more information about who can run for a seat on each council.

To complete your application, you'll need to create a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) in your name. You will also use your NYCSA to vote for the candidates for your district, so it's important to be prepared by creating your account now—learn how at schools.nyc.com/NYCSA.

Respect for All Week

This year, Respect for All Week will be **February 10–14, 2025!** Throughout the week, schools across the city will highlight and build upon ongoing programs to help students, staff, and communities gain a better understanding of diversity. In addition, students will participate in lessons and activities which focus on preventing bullying, intimidation, and bias-based harassment culminating in 'National No One Eats Alone Day' on Friday, February 14.

To learn more about Respect for All Week and to find out more about NYCPS initiatives and resources to combat bullying and harassment, please visit schools.nyc.gov/RespectForAll.

Key Admissions Dates

The beginning of 2025 includes key admissions dates for our youngest students to enroll in school for fall 2025.

3-K and Pre-K Applications Deadline

Remember to submit your application by **Friday, February 28, 2025!** If your child was born in 2022, they can attend 3-K this fall. If your child was born in 2021, then they can attend Pre-K this fall.

To learn more about free 3-K and Pre-K education in the City, how to locate a program near you, and how to apply, visit our website at schools.nyc.gov/3K and schools.nyc.gov/PreK, and attend one of our elementary admissions virtual events listed at schools.nyc.gov/ESEvents.

High Schools Offers

If your child applied to high school for fall 2025 by the December 9, 2024, deadline, you will receive their high school offers by **March 6, 2025**. You will be notified by email to log into your [MySchools](https://mynschools.org) account to view the offer and any waitlist placements (if applicable), along with information on next steps. To learn how offers are made and what to do next, visit schools.nyc.gov/HS.