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This Family Update provides includes important information about kindergarten admissions for fall 2026, upcoming admissions deadlines, November parent-teacher conferences, the first Climate Action Day of the 2025–26 school year, preparing for remote learning, and the New York City Schools Account.

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Kindergarten Admissions Opens December 9

Beginning **Tuesday, December 9**, NYC children who were born in 2021 can participate in kindergarten admissions for fall 2026. You can add Gifted and Talented (G&T) and Dual Language programs to your child's application at [MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov); G&T eligibility will be determined after you apply. To learn more about this year's kindergarten admissions process, visit our official "Kindergarten" webpage at schools.nyc.gov/K.

The fall 2026 kindergarten application will close on **Friday, January 23, 2026**.

Reminder: Upcoming Admissions Deadlines

There are two important admissions deadlines coming up in early December! The high school application will close on **Wednesday, December 3**, and the middle school application will close on **Friday, December 12**. Visit schools.nyc.gov/Admissions to learn more about each admissions process.

Reminder: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Reminder that this year's second round of virtual parent-teacher conferences (PTCs) begins on **Thursday, November 6**. On the dates of afternoon parent-teacher conferences, students are dismissed three hours prior to

the regular dismissal time. Evening parent-teacher conferences will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please note that dates and times can vary depending on school and grade level—reach out to your child’s school to confirm their PTC schedule and how to set up your conference, including an in-person meeting if you prefer. Visit schools.nyc.gov/ptc for tips and guidance.

Climate Action Day

The first NYCPS Climate Action Day for the 2025–26 school year is coming up on **Wednesday, November 19!** Each Climate Action Day, NYC public school communities engage in activities highlighting climate education and sustainability practices connected to the theme of the day. The theme for November, “Waste,” encourages schools to plan activities throughout the month that help students and their families understand the importance of reducing the amount of waste they produce. Visit schools.nyc.gov/ClimateAction to learn more.

Prepare for Remote Learning

As winter approaches, it’s important to remember that if school buildings must close due to an emergency, such as inclement weather, all K–12 students will participate in remote learning from home. Children attending LYFE or a 3-K or Pre-K program in an elementary school or Pre-K Center should participate in the remote learning experiences outlined by their program.

Speak to your school directly if your child still needs a working, internet-enabled device from NYCPS. Find guidance on how to use your loaned device at schools.nyc.gov/NYCPSdevices.

Familiarize yourself ahead of time with the resources your child needs to participate in remote learning:

- Every active NYCPS student is assigned a **NYCPS Student Account**, which connects them to all NYCPS digital learning tools with a single login. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/StudentAccounts.
 - If you are not sure of your child’s NYCPS Account username and password, please visit selfservice.schools.nyc or ask your school for help.
 - Learn more about the digital learning tools NYCPS uses at schools.nyc.gov/DigitalLearning.
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New York City Schools Account (NYCSA)

Sign up for a **NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)** by following the instructions at schools.nyc.gov/NYCSA. You can use NYCSA to stay updated about your child’s grades, transportation, attendance, Individualized Education Program (IEP) if applicable, and more. Your child’s school uses the contact information provided in NYCSA and the annual “blue card” form to reach you, so make sure your emergency contact information is updated and accurate!

With NYCSA you can also:

- Fill out and sign digital forms for your child’s school.
- Access technical support with NYCPS devices and platforms via SupportHub (supporthub.schools.nyc).
- Receive information from parent groups such as Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) and your school’s Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA).