

# Welcome to High School Admissions



# Admissions Timeline

- **October 7:**
  - High School Application opened
  - Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School Application opened
  - Registration for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) is available
- **October 31:**
  - Deadline to register for the SHSAT
- **December 3:**
  - Deadline to submit the High School Application and LaGuardia Application
  - Deadline to submit assessments and auditions
- **March 5:**
  - High School Offers and SHSAT/LGA results become available
  - Waitlists open



# Three Pathways

## High School Application

700+ programs

Explore programs and start your application

List 12 or more choices in your true order of preference and apply

**Results**  
Up to 1 offer

Waitlists

## SHSAT

8 testing schools

Register for the SHSAT

Take the SHSAT

**Results**  
Up to 1 offer

## LaGuardia

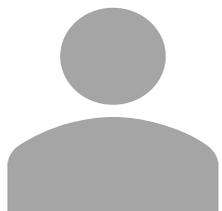
1 audition school

Apply and submit audition materials online!

**Results**  
1 potential offer for each virtual audition submitted



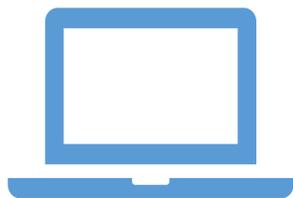
# MySchools.nyc



**Review your child's student profile in MySchools.**

**If you've never used MySchools, use your welcome letter to set up your MySchools account and connect your child.**

**If you took part in MS, DREAM, or summer Rising, you can just log in**



**Submit your high school application and LaGuardia application.**

**Upload any additional materials (such as audition files)**

**Available in fall!**



**Explore school and program options in the searchable online directory.**

**Available Now!**



**Register for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT)**

**Available in the fall!**

# MySchools.nyc

This is the public admissions website where you can learn about schools

## Welcome!

NYC families can use **MySchools** to apply to public schools from 3-K to high school. Get started by creating an account. Then explore your children's personalized school options and get guidance on the admissions process from start to finish.

*Keep tabs on grades, emergency updates, progress towards graduation and more with your [NYC Schools Account](#).*

[School Directory](#) [Calendar](#) [Enrollment Support](#)

Log In



Create New Account



[Forgot your password?](#)

This is also where you will:

- Submit the HS application and LaGuardia application
- Register for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)
- Upload auditions and some assessments
- View your child's offer in March

# MySchools Event Calendar

- Schools are encouraged to post admissions related events in the Myschools Event Calendar which can be accessed without logging into the site.
- Families can filter for:
  - Event Type
  - Event Format
  - District
  - borough

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**Admission Events** [List](#) [Month](#) [Week](#) [Day](#)

**Mon, 10/6/2025**

09:00AM - 12:00PM	LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR NEWCOMERS (02M550): School...	<a href="#">High School</a>
12:00PM - 01:00PM	Northwell School of Health Sciences (30Q472): VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE...	<a href="#">High School</a>
04:00PM - 07:00PM	BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE QUEENS (24Q299): Open House	<a href="#">High School</a>
04:30PM - 06:15PM	YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (03M610): The Young Wome...	<a href="#">High School</a> <a href="#">Middle School</a>
05:00PM - 06:00PM	BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE (01M696): SWD Info Session	<a href="#">High School</a>

**Tue, 10/7/2025**

09:00AM - 10:15AM	UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD HIGH SCHOOL (01M448): UNHS Virtual ...	<a href="#">High School</a>
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Displaying 10 of 20919 Total Events

# Offer Chances

MySchools lets families know their child's chances of receiving an offer to specific programs. You will see indicators of **Low, Medium, and High**.

**This feature is personalized for each student and based on:**

- Your child's screened admissions group, Ed. Opt. Category, random number
- Seat group: General Education (GE) or Students with Disabilities (SWD)
- The program's admissions method
- Number of available seats

You must be logged into your account to see this feature! More guidance can be found online at: [schools.nyc.gov/OfferChances](https://schools.nyc.gov/OfferChances)

# Offer Chances

When you start the application in MySchools, you will be able to see your child's predicted chance of getting an offer in two places: the search page and the application builder.

 A "high" icon showing three orange bars means that a student is expected to have a high chance of receiving an offer to this program. Students have a 99% chance of receiving an offer to a program that shows three bars.

 A "medium" icon showing two orange bars means that the student is expected to have a medium chance of receiving an offer to this program. About half of students will receive an offer to a program that shows two bars.

 A "low" icon showing just one orange bar means that the student is expected to have a low chance of receiving an offer to this program. Students have a 1% chance of receiving an offer to a program that shows one bar.

# Offer Chances

There are some programs where there is not enough information for MySchools to show the chances of getting an offer.

●●● An icon with three dots will show for these programs

- **Audition:** students must submit an audition and are admitted based on their audition score.
- **Screened with Assessment:** students must complete an assessment, which determines admission.
- **Language Criteria:** programs consider students' English Proficiency and/or home language after the application closes.
- **Transfer** (for over-aged and under-credited students): students are ranked by the school based on a student's grades, age, or credit accumulation after the application closes.
- **ASD / ACES / D75 inclusion:** students must be deemed eligible to apply by the Special Education Office.

# What is a Random Number?

- ✓ Address: 52 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007
- ✓ Borough: Manhattan
- ✓ District: DISTRICT 02
- ✓ Entitled to Bilingual/ENL Services: No
- ✓ Current School: CHAMBERS STREET SCHOOL (TEST SCHOOL) (10X073P)
- ✓ Current Grade: 8th Grade
- ✓ Current Class: N/A
- ✓ Zoned School: N/A
- ✓ Current Special Education Instructional Program (based on IEP): -
- ✓ You are eligible for this seat group: SWD
- ✓ Meal status: FREE MEALS (FORM)
- ✓ Random number: bcbe4065-e96d-4d88-89fa-5e47ca85ceca  
*To learn more about your random number click [here](#).*

Where to view your child's random number.

Your child's random number

# How are Random Numbers used in admissions?

**Only used in cases where there are more applicants than seats available at a specific program.**

## **How Offers Are Made**

Random numbers are used in admissions to determine the order in which students are matched to schools during admissions. These numbers are sorted in numeric and then alphabetical order like this: 0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, C, D, E, F.

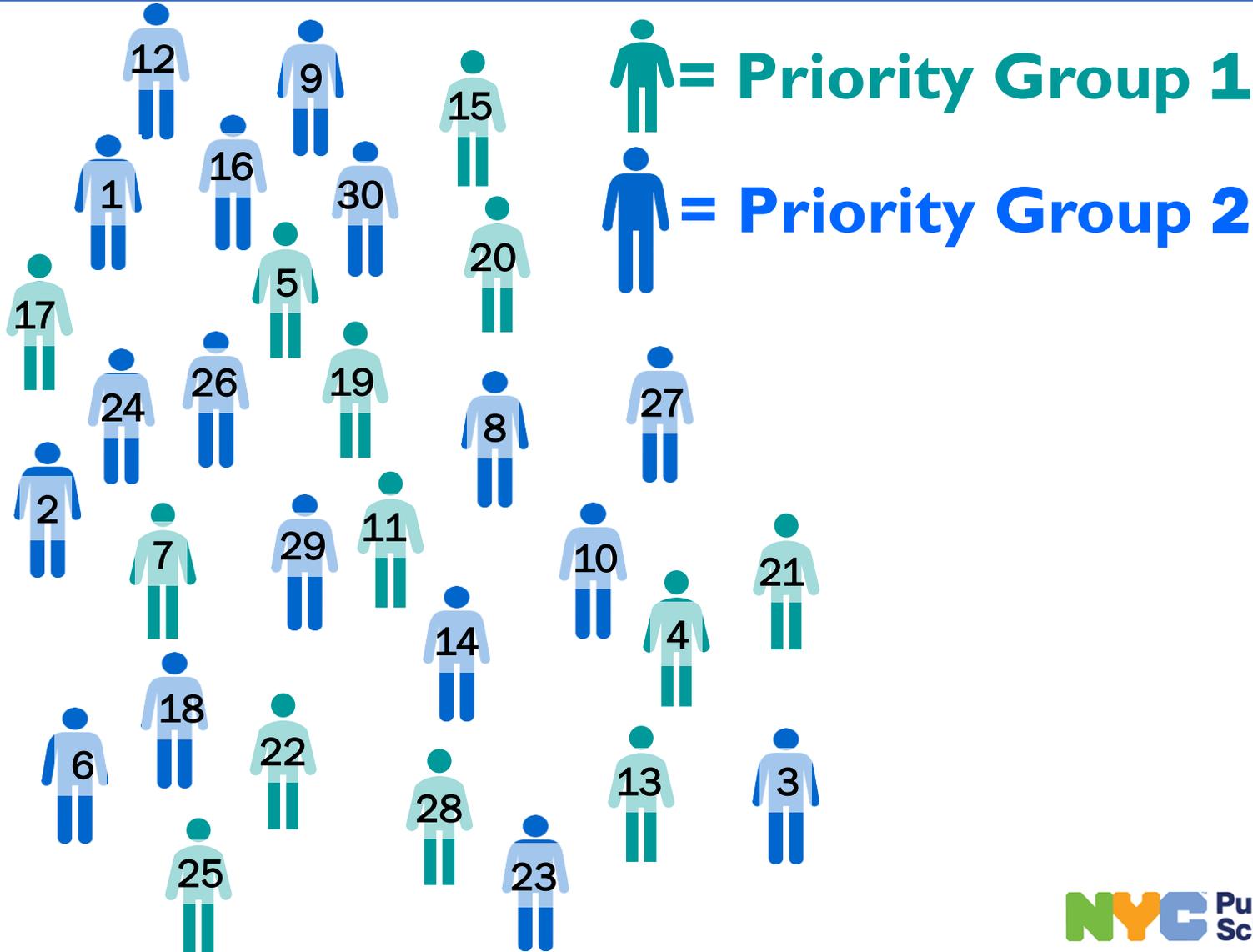
For example, when the following two random numbers are sorted, the number that begins with “5” would be considered for an offer first at a specific program:

- 5B1920AF-F1C6-40EC-8E9A-3E1E50CBI3BB
- B51920AF-F1C6-40EC-8E9A-3E1E50CBI3BB

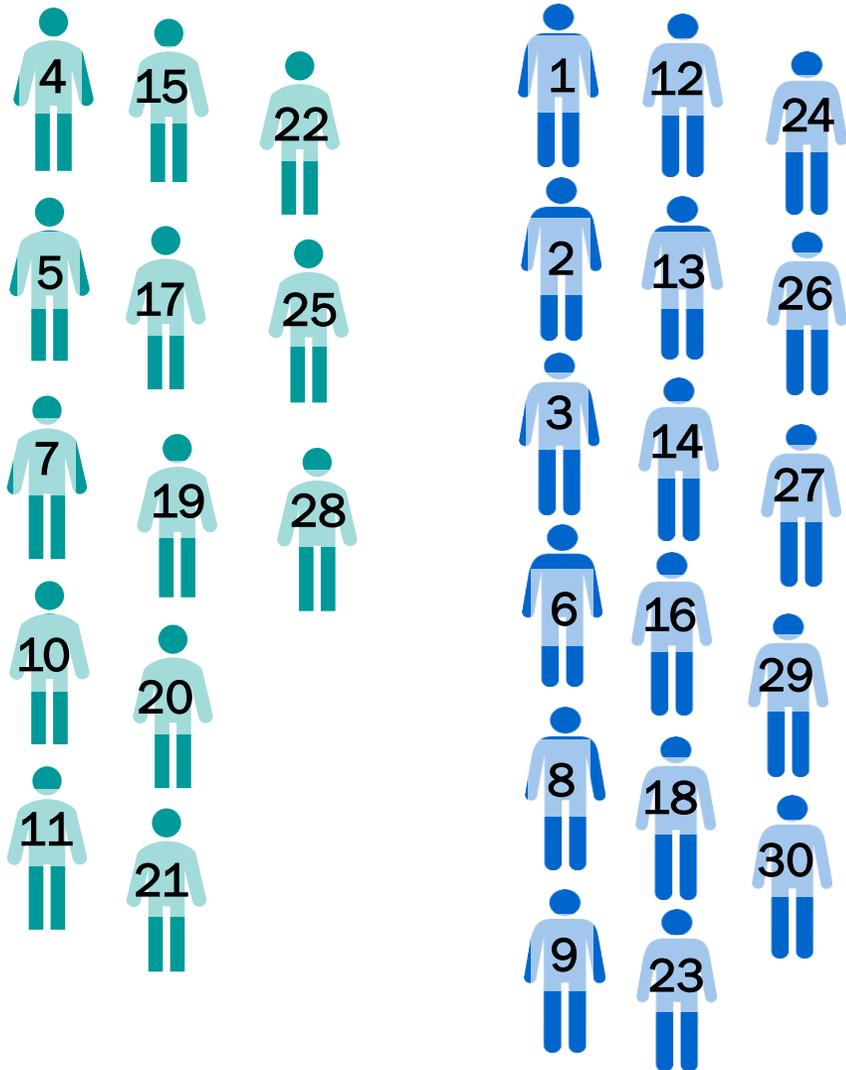
# How Random Number is used in admissions

**The Bedford Ave School has:**

- **Priority Group 1:** Brooklyn students or residents
  - **Priority Group 2:** Then New York City residents
- 15 seats available**

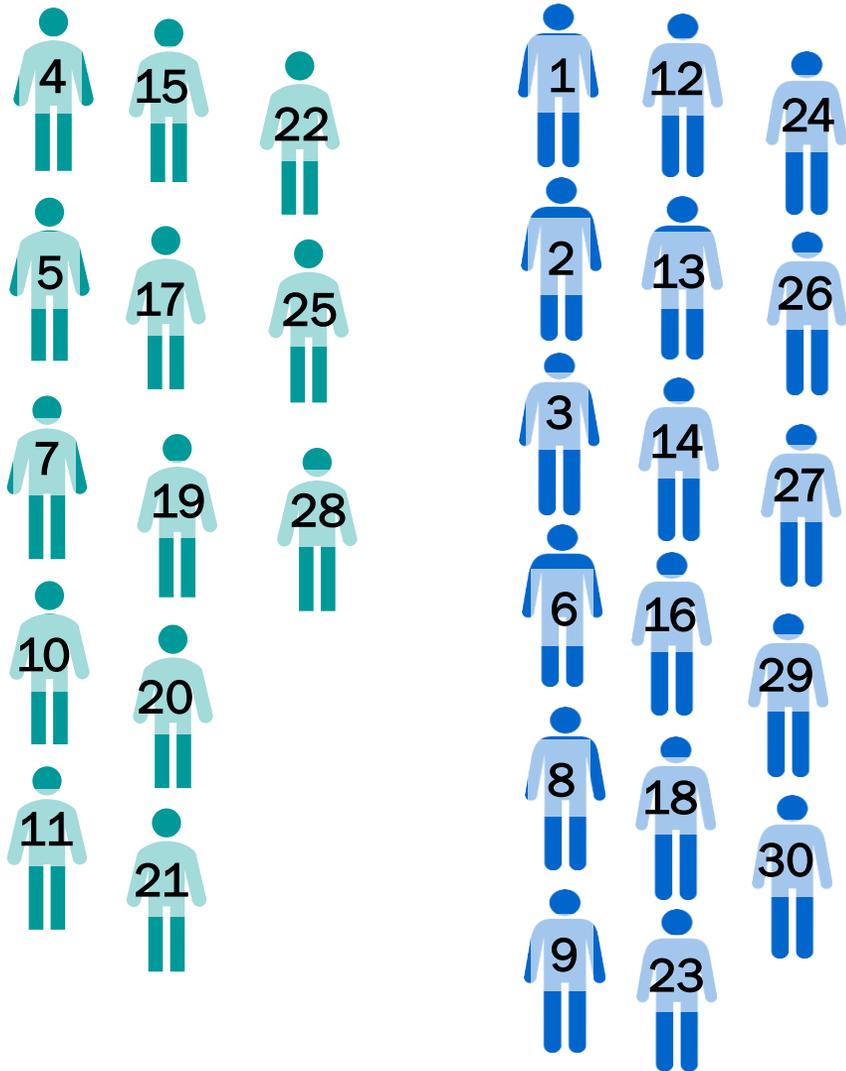


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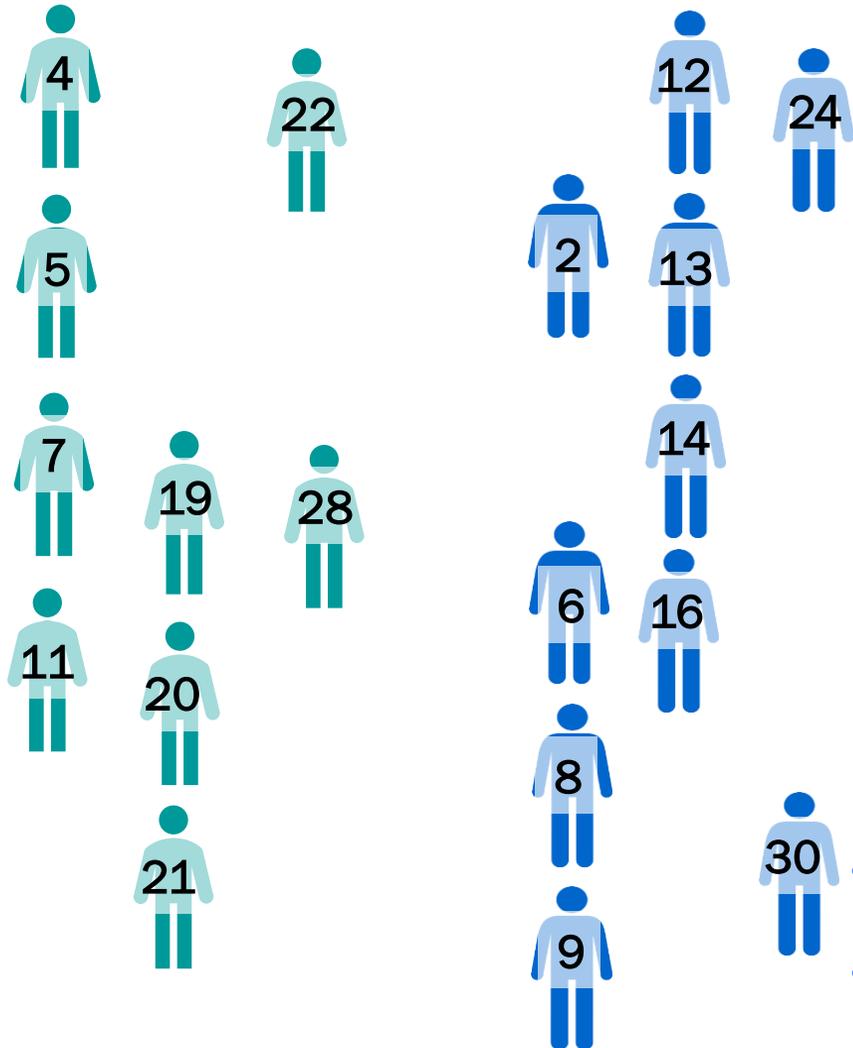
- Applicants are arranged in numeric order (random number) within their priority group

# How Random Numbers used in admissions



- The application preference order then determine which students will receive an offer:
  - Any student who matches to another program listed higher on their application than this program will no longer be considered for this program.

# How Random Numbers used in admissions



Seats Available = 15

- There are 9 remaining students in Priority Group 1.
- This is less than 15, so all remaining students in Priority Group 1 receive an offer to the Bedford Ave School.
- There are 10 remaining applicants in Priority Group 2, but only 6 offers still available.
- The first applicants in random number order from Priority Group 2 receive offers to the Bedford Ave School
- The remaining 4 applicants will be on the waitlist.

# Seat Availability

- Like previous years, more offers are made at each program than available seats. This is to account for expected attrition.
- **Seat target** are the total number of seats available at a program. This is the number of students intended to have on register in the fall.
- **Offer target** is the maximum number of offers made through admissions.
  - Based on historical attrition.
  - A program must have enough applicants to make the maximum number of offers. Many programs do not have enough applicants to reach the offer target.
- Seat offer targets information were sent to principals for review in December.

# How Seat Targets Are Calculated

## Sample High School

Total 9<sup>th</sup> grade seat target = **100 students**

Located in Brooklyn, where SWD percentage is 19%

SWD seat target = total seat target x borough percentage

**SWD seat target = 100 x 0.19 = 19 seats for students with disabilities (SWD)**

GE seat target = total seat target – SWD seat target

**GE seat target = 100 – 19 = 81 seats for general education students (GE)**

# How Offer Targets Are Calculated

## Sample High School

Total 9<sup>th</sup> grade seat target = **100 students**

**GE seat target = 81**

**SWD seat target = 19**

**Past show-up rates among students with offers determine offer targets:**

GE expected show-up rate = average of last two years' show-up rates among GE students with offers

GE expected show-up rate = 53% in 2023, 59% in 2024 = **56% average**

SWD expected show-up rate = average of last two year's show-up rates among SWD students with offers

SWD expected show-up rate = 87% in 2023, 85% in 2024 = **86% average**

# How Offer Targets Are Calculated

## Example High School

Total 9<sup>th</sup> grade seat target = 100 students

GE seat target = 81

GE expected show-up rate = 56%

**GE offer target = GE seat target ÷ GE show-up rate**

**GE offer target = 81 ÷ 0.56 = 144.6**

**145 is the maximum number of GE students who will receive offers**

SWD seat target = 19

SWD expected show-up rate = 86%

**SWD offer target = SWD seat target ÷ SWD show-up rate**

**SWD offer target = 19 ÷ 0.86 = 22**

**22 is the maximum number of students with disabilities who will receive offers**

# Resources



## [schools.nyc.gov/SignUp](https://schools.nyc.gov/SignUp)

Subscribe for email alerts. We send updates and reminders about key details of the admissions process.



## [schools.nyc.gov/SHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/SHS)

Learn about the Specialized High School Admissions and testing at specialized high schools. Access resources to prepare for the SHSAT.



[schools.nyc.gov/HS](https://schools.nyc.gov/HS)  
[schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/ScreenedHS)  
[schools.nyc.gov/AssessmentHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/AssessmentHS)  
[schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions](https://schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions)

Learn about the admissions process, including how programs make offers



**Who can help me?**  
**Your school counselor**

[schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters](https://schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters)  
**Help Line: 718-935-2009**

Get personalized support with admissions



# High School Admissions and Students With Disabilities

- High schools are expected to serve the needs of students with disabilities.
- High school principals should work throughout the spring and summer to review the IEPs of incoming 9th graders and to plan to provide the students' services.
  - If the school to which the student received an offer will be unable to provide the student's recommended program (example: special class 15:1) on the first day of school, they should contact their [Administrator of Special Education \(ASE\)](#) in their district superintendent's team for support.
- **Please note, schools cannot turn students with disabilities away!**

# What happens after you take the SHSAT?

Offers are determined by:

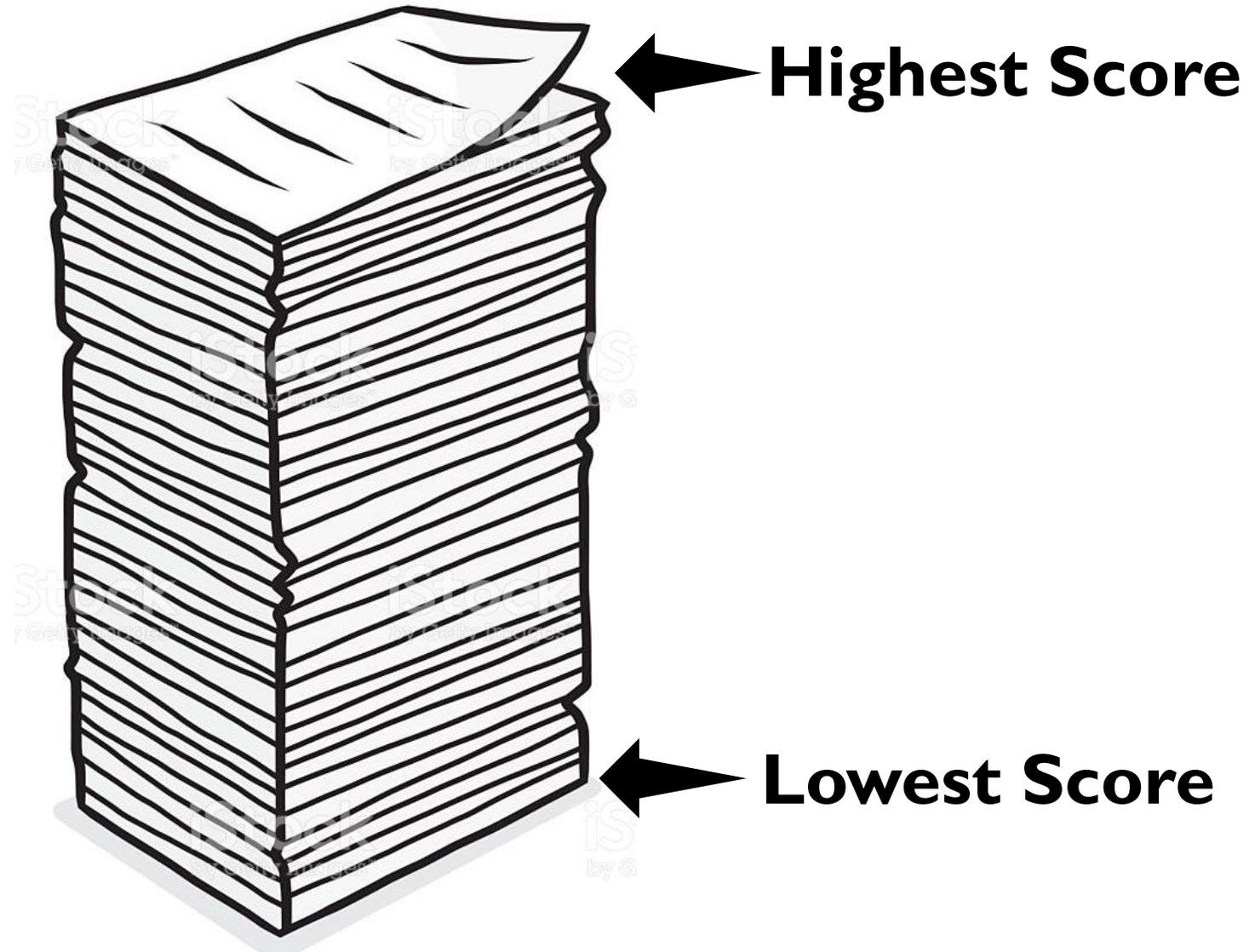
- Student's SHSAT score
- Student's preference order of schools-submitted during registration in MySchools.
- Seat availability

Testing Specialized High Schools  
DO NOT review students' state test scores, grades, or attendance.



**SHSAT answer sheets are scored**

SHSAT answer scores are scored, then ordered from highest to lowest



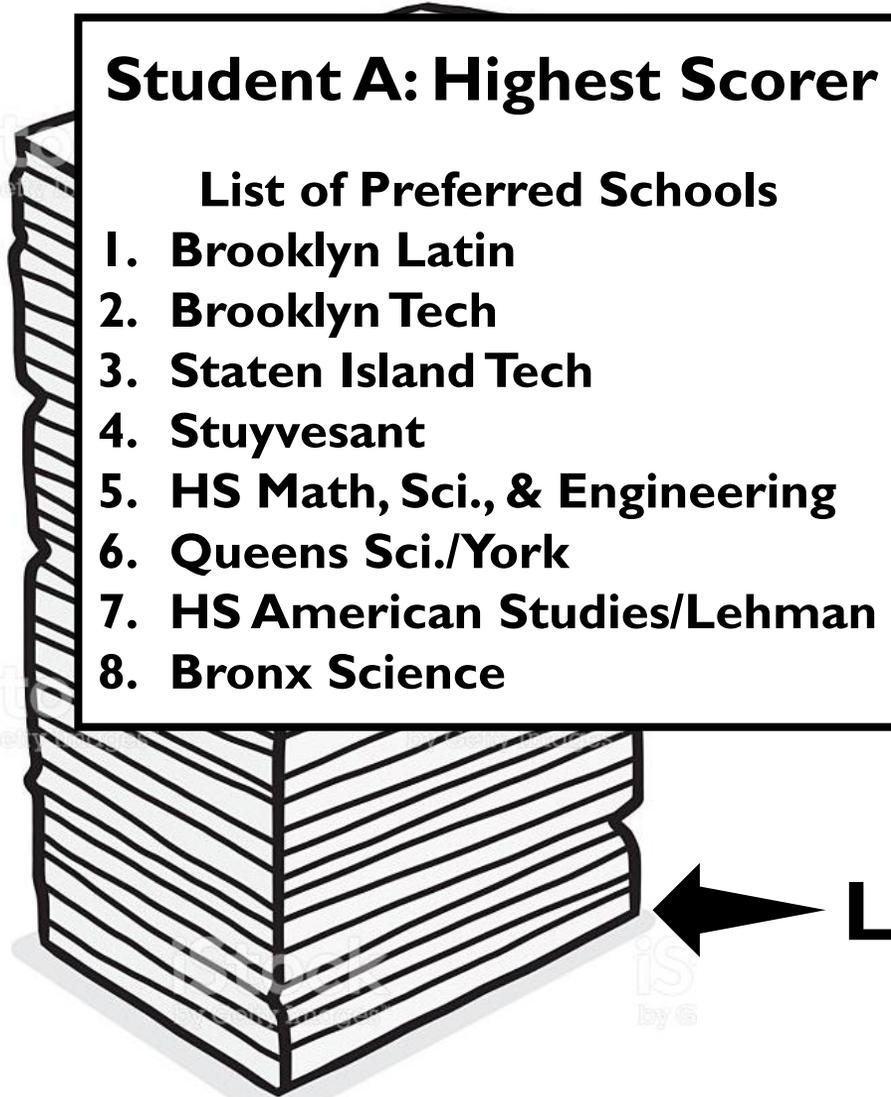
**Score order (highest to lowest) determines which students receive offers**

**Student A: Highest Scorer** **Highest Score**

**List of Preferred Schools**

- 1. Brooklyn Latin**
- 2. Brooklyn Tech**
- 3. Staten Island Tech**
- 4. Stuyvesant**
- 5. HS Math, Sci., & Engineering**
- 6. Queens Sci./York**
- 7. HS American Studies/Lehman**
- 8. Bronx Science**

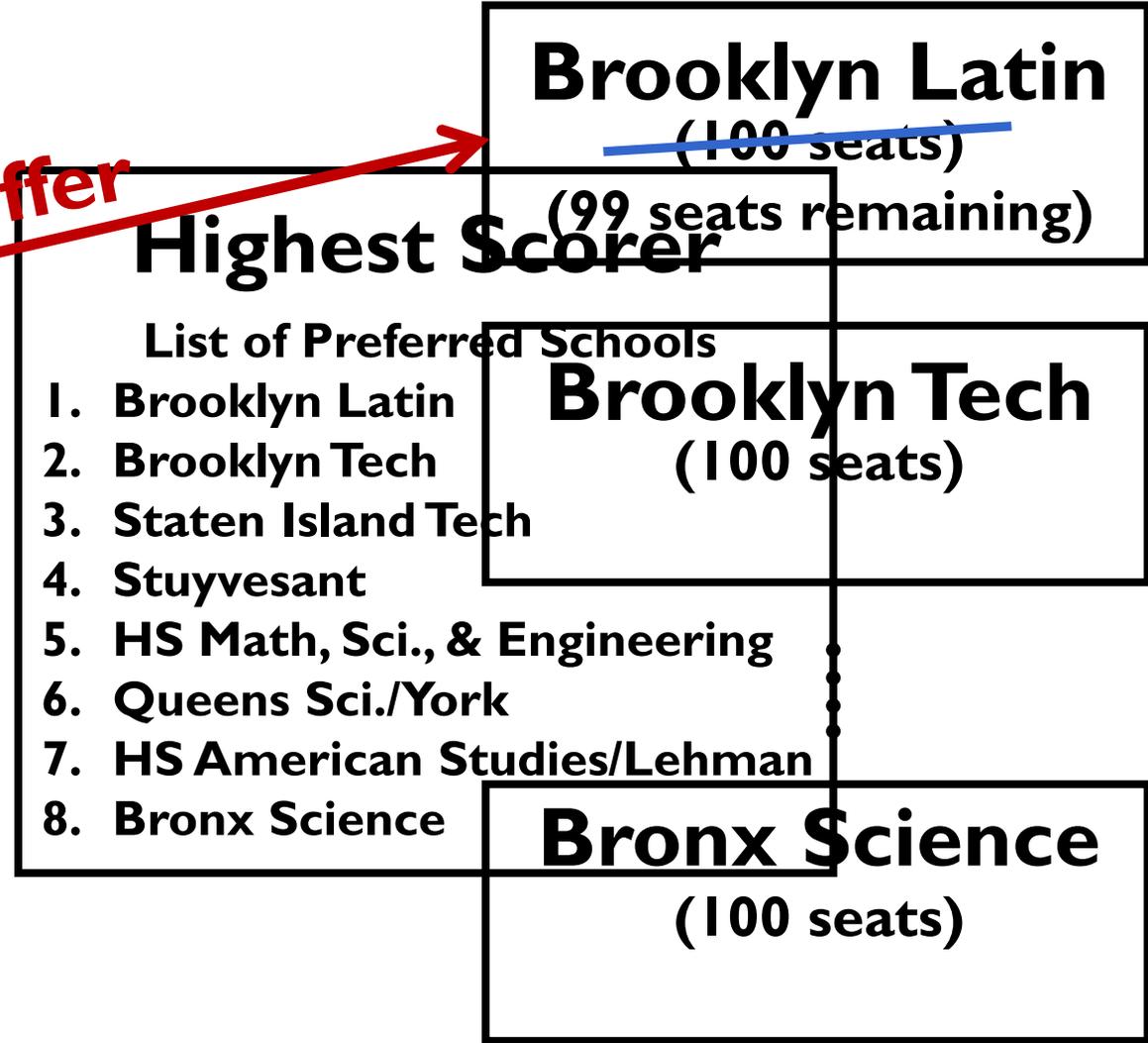
**Lowest Score**



Offers are made to each student's most preferred school, as long as seats are available

I. Brooklyn Latin

Offer



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Highest Score

**Brooklyn Latin**  
~~(100 seats)~~  
(99 seats remaining)

**Brooklyn Tech**  
~~(100 seats)~~  
(99 seats remaining)

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**Bronx Science**  
(100 seats)

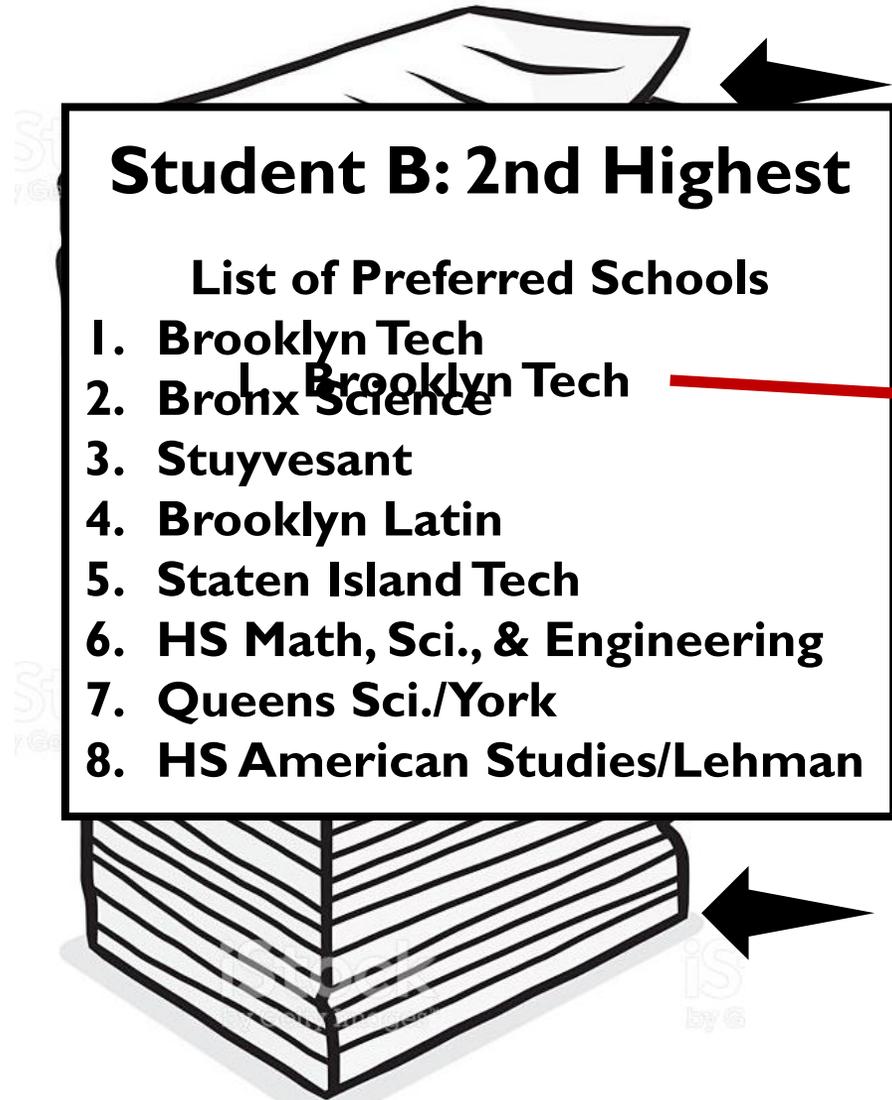
Lowest Score

## Student B: 2nd Highest

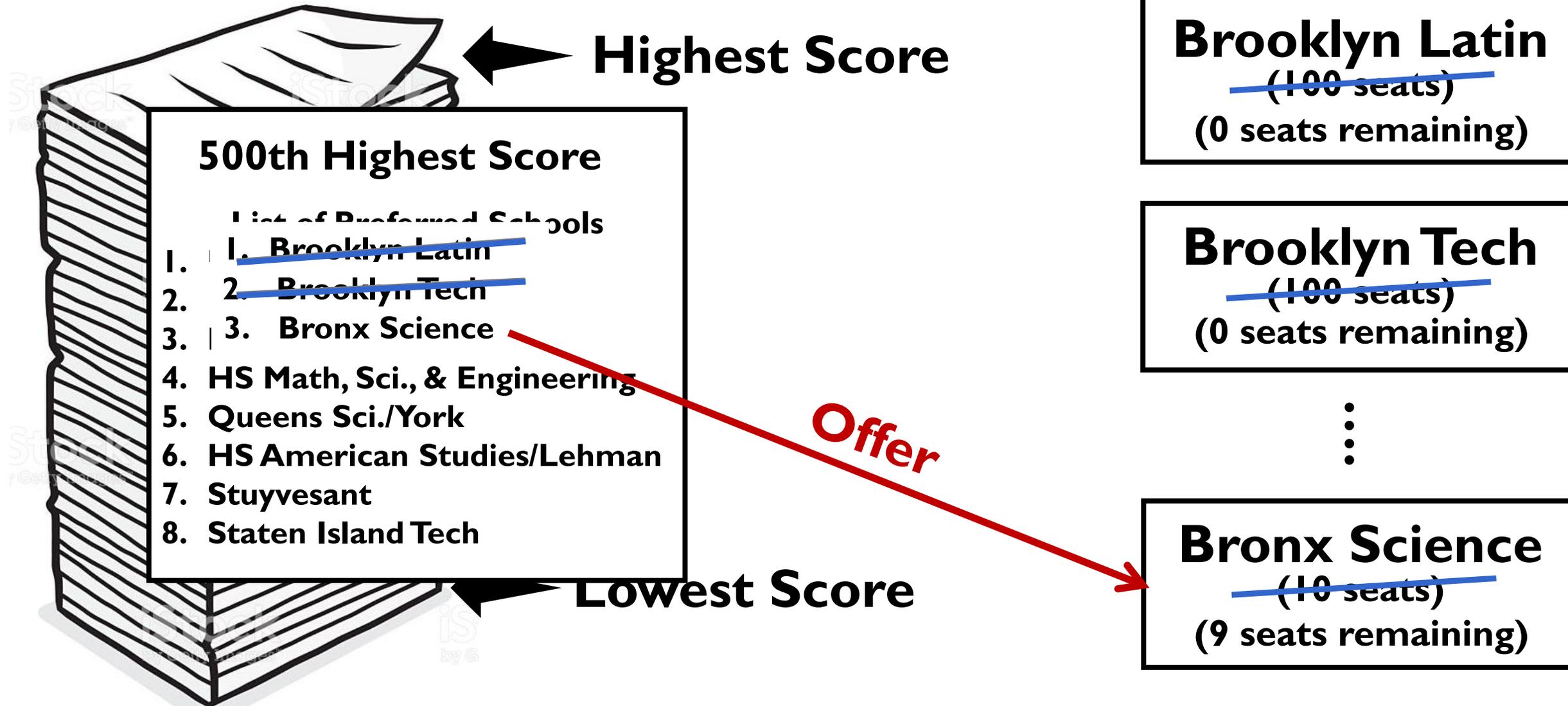
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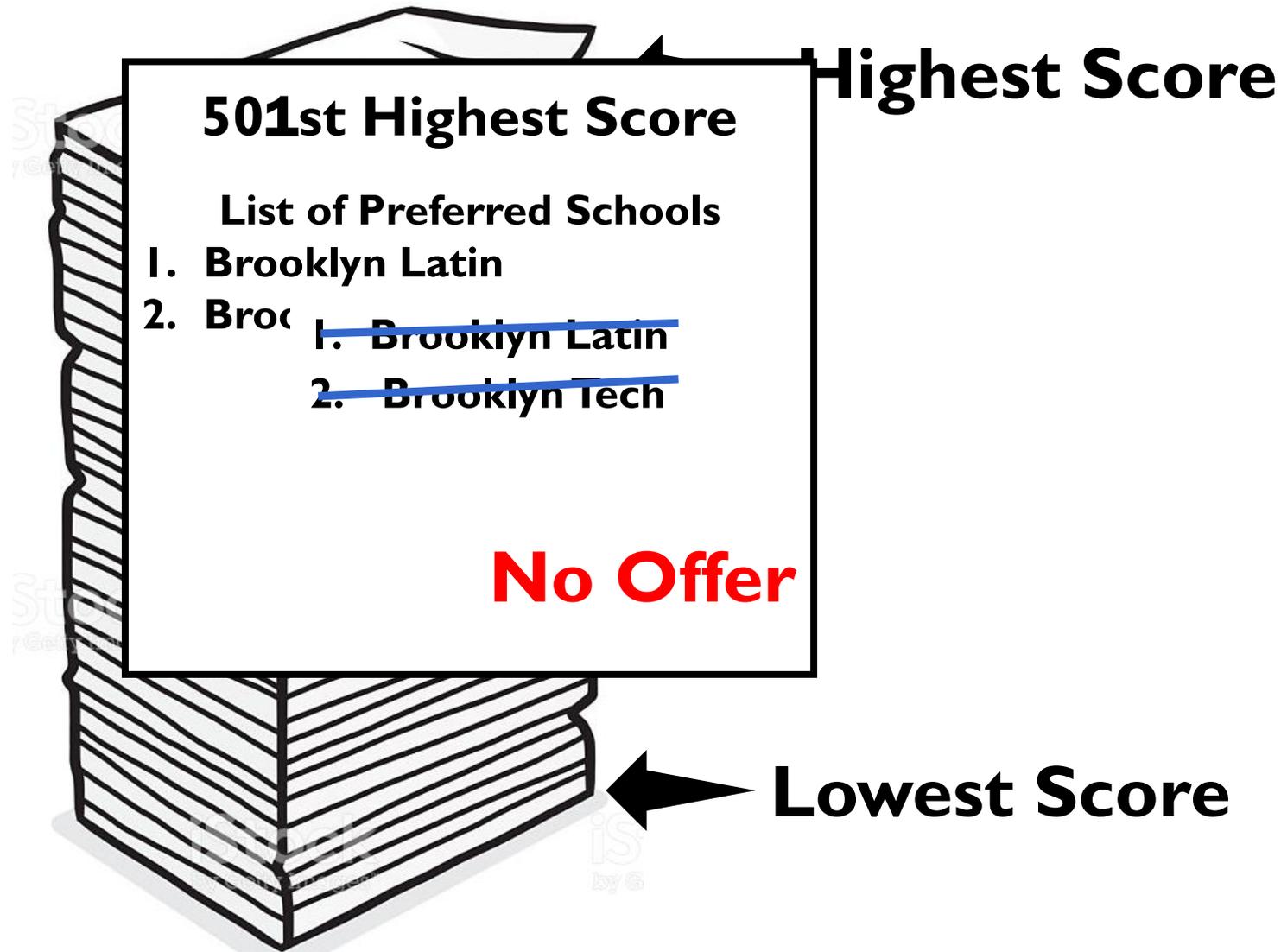
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**Brooklyn Latin**  
~~(100 seats)~~  
(0 seats remaining)

**Brooklyn Tech**  
~~(100 seats)~~  
(0 seats remaining)

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**Bronx Science**  
~~(10 seats)~~  
(9 seats remaining)

# In Conclusion

- **Family choice is very important for SHSAT admissions!**
  - Families must register to be scheduled for the SHSAT. Registration includes deciding which SHSAT schools you wish to apply for, and in what order. The choice order for the SHSAT is important. Please list all schools you could see yourself attending. Put them in true preference order, because you will only receive a choice if all the schools you listed higher on your preference list have no more seats left.
- **There is no preset cutoff score for individual schools.**
  - Each year, students will have varying scores on the SHSAT. If in a hypothetical year, most students do exceptionally better, the seats at the Specialized High Schools may be given to students within a higher range of scores. Students will never know how their peers will score on the exam, or the preferences of those who score higher than them, so we recommend focusing only on doing ***your best*** and indicating your true preferences.