

LUNCH IS NOW FREE FOR ALL NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS!

<http://www.schoolfoodnyc.org>

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) is pleased to announce that starting this school year, lunch is now completely free for all students in every New York City public school. Breakfast is already provided for free and now all meals will be served at no charge to families.

We need your help to make this program a success. All parents, regardless of income, must still complete a School Meals Form so that our schools get access to federal funding for this program and others. Please complete the form online at <http://nyc.applyforlunch.com> by December 29, 2017. A hardcopy of the form will also be sent home and is available at your school's main office.

Achieve NYC:

A Complete Guide to New York City Public Schools, has the most current information regarding the City's public schools. The guide contains: important dates, details about enrolling in City schools, who to speak to in schools when you have concerns, grade-specific learning expectations, transportation options for students, and how to obtain financial aid for college.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/AchieveNYC>

Homework Resources

The following links offer helpful guidance to students, parents, and families. Some of the links will take you to different Web sites, others will take you to the old version of the Department of Education Web site.

Dial –A-Teacher:

The UFT sponsors a homework help program for elementary and middle school students called Dial-A-Teacher. Classroom teachers answer homework questions at 212-777-3380, Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. during the school year. They can also answer parents' questions and give advice on how you can help your child at home. The staff speaks

<http://www.uft.org/parents/dial-a-teacher>

Ask Mr. Math:

Ask Dr. Math is a question and answer service for K-12 math students and their teachers. <http://mathforum.org/dr.math/>

[NY Times Learning Network](https://www.nytimes.com/section/learning): The Learning Network provides teaching and learning materials and ideas based on New York Times content.

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[Educational Resources Information Center](https://eric.ed.gov/) ERIC - the Education Resources Information Center - is an online digital library of education research and information. <https://eric.ed.gov/>

[Kid Space](#)

Internet Public Library for Kids features a searchable, subject-categorized directory of authoritative websites; links to online texts, newspapers, and magazines. <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/>

[Teen Space](http://www.ipl.org/div/teen/) Internet Public Library for Teens provides homework help by subject, tools for writing research papers, and a form for asking a reference question as well as fun stuff including humor, trivia, and more.

<http://www.ipl.org/div/teen/>

Applying to College

Applying to college can be overwhelming. Don't know where to start?

- Look over the FAQs (below)
- Visit some of the websites mentioned in the FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions:

My child wants to apply to many colleges but I cannot afford all the application fees, can s/he still apply to college?

College application fees can be expensive. Fees can range from \$65 to \$90. Speak to your child's school counselor about fee waivers. With fee waivers, your child may be able to apply for free.

Should my child apply to expensive colleges?

Yes, absolutely! Financial aid can help you pay tuition, books and supplies and other college costs. In some cases, students can attend college for free. To find out more:

1. Talk to your child's school counselor about financial aid options.
2. [Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) form](#) as early as October 1st to qualify for the most government aid available
3. Estimate a school's cost using [Net Price Calculator](#)

How many colleges should my child apply to?

We suggest students apply to 8-15 colleges by December 1st of their senior year.

Talk to your child's counselor to help your child, research colleges and find out [how to build a list of schools](#) in the following categories:

- "Reach" schools (dream colleges that are difficult to get into)
- "Target" schools (colleges that are likely to admit your child); and
- "Safety" schools (colleges that will definitely admit your child).

How can I help my child find the right college?

Visit [GoCollegeny.org](#) with your child and find your social, academic, and financial preferences. Ask:

- Do you want to attend a small college or large university? .
- What majors/careers are you thinking about?
- How far away from home are you willing to go?

Then, ask your counselor about visiting some colleges to help you make decisions.

My child has low test scores on the SATs or ACT, can s/he still apply to college?

Yes, colleges post average test scores, but these scores are not cutoffs. While you should encourage your child to [prepare and study for the exam](#) to gain the highest scores possible, be mindful that there are students at every college who scored lower and higher than the numbers shown. Some colleges consider academic grades, recommendations, volunteer and job experiences in addition to test scores, [while others don't require test scores](#) when accepting students.



My child is undocumented, can s/he still go to college?

Yes, absolutely! Undocumented students are not eligible for federal and state financial aid but can apply for [private scholarships and awards](#). For free legal advice and other supports contact [CUNY Citizenship Now](#). Your child's school counselor will also have helpful resources.

My child applied to college, now what?

Congratulations! Your child is now on the path to college. Next you can:

1. [Complete FAFSA](#) as early as October 1st. Refer to your current tax returns and [other documents listed on this College Goal NY](#) to complete this federal form.
 2. Once you complete FAFSA, apply for [New York State's Tuition Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#).
 3. Make sure all supporting documents required for your child's college applications have been submitted--such as official transcripts your child might have college courses taken outside of high school
- You can also use [Family Action Plan for 12th Grade Students](#) and [First in the Family](#) to plan for the year.



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Enrollment Updates (Gifted and Talented, 3-K for All, Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, High School) alert you to important deadlines and events in your area of interest.

Notify NYC is the City's emergency alert system. Get notified about school closings and other emergency-related items in several different categories.

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Check out [The Morning Bell](#), DOE's official blog.
To sign up, check the appropriate boxes below, enter your e-mail address, and click "Subscribe."

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe/default.htm>

NYC Schools Account- contact Ms. Fiore atrebofiore@schools.nyc.gov or 718-329-2144 ext. 1224 if you need assistance.

With an [NYC Schools Account](#), you will be able to access key information about your child's progress in school, including attendance, report card grades, assessments, general student information, and academic schedule in one of ten languages on a computer, phone or tablet.

Register for an Account

If you are a custodial parent (you live at the same address with your child), you can register for an account at your child's school or online. If you are a non-custodial parent (biological or legal mother or father who do not reside with your child), you can register for an account at your child's school. If you were invited by a custodial parent to view their child's information, you can create an account online using the instructions provided in the invitation email.

To Register in Person:

Visit your child's school, or schedule an appointment to create an account. When setting up an account, be sure to bring:

- A Valid Photo ID:
 - Passport
 - Driver's license, State ID, or permit
 - [IDNYC](#) For additional information on obtaining a photo ID, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc>.
- Your child's 9-digit NYC student ID number
 - You can find this on your child's academic records, including a report card). If you do not have your child's ID number, ask your school.
- A valid email address.
 - Register for a free email address using [AOL](#), [Gmail](#), or [Yahoo](#).

To Register Online:

You may also register online for an NYC Schools account without visiting your school. You will need your child's unique NYC Schools Account Creation Code, printed on a letter from your school (see a sample letter [here](#)), and your child's 9-digit student ID number in order to create an NYC Schools Account or to add additional children to your existing account. For additional information and step-by-step instructions, see below.

Signing into Your NYC Schools Account

Sign into your NYC Schools Account from a computer, phone, or tablet by visiting <https://mystudent.nyc/>. If you created your account in person, enter your email address and temporary password on the NYC Schools login page. Follow the directions printed on your "NYC Schools Account Confirmation Receipt", which will walk you through the account setup process.

****Welcome to NYC Teen Health**

Learn about dealing with [peer pressure](#), [bullying](#) and [dating violence](#) as well as [depression](#), and [anger](#). Do you have questions about [preventing pregnancy](#) or [sexually transmitted infections](#)? We'll tell you the facts, so you can decide what to do as well as where to find [free and low-cost clinics](#). [Teen Mental Health information](#).

For teens who have [family members who use drugs and alcohol](#). <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/teen-home.page>

Dental Health: Many schools host dental clinics operated by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or by other providers. Services available at these clinics range from dental screenings to orthodontics.

For more information, <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/oral-health-find-a-low-cost-dental-provider.page> .

****Low-cost and free health insurance**

**Health Insurance Assistance | NYC
Human Resources Administration**

Apply by phone

1. Call the Health Plan Marketplace at [855-355-5777](tel:855-355-5777) if you are under 65 years old.
2. Call the HRA Helpline at [888-692-6111](tel:888-692-6111) if you are 65 and over, or on Medicare, or need Medicaid due to a disability.

Apply in person

1. Find a [free health insurance assistor](#) (<http://www1.nyc.gov/apps/311utils/providerInf>)

[ormation.htm?serviceId=3820](#)) to help you enroll if you are under 65 years old.

2. Visit any [Medical Assistance Program Office](#) (<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/locations/medicaid-locations.page>) if you are 65 years old and over, or on Medicare, or need Medicaid related to a disability