

High School Application Process Checklist

May

- Attend Parent/Guardian Meeting and pick up H.S. Handbook

OR

- Download Handbook from Parent Links page of www.computerschoolcounselors.org
- Read H.S. Handbook

June

- Ensure that your child brings home and shows you the H.S. directory. Begin getting to know the book.
- Make ten copies of the final seventh grade report card. Store them carefully.

July-August

- Carefully read the introductory sections of the directory.
- Discuss categories of high school with your child:
 - *Specialized vs. Non-specialized
 - *large vs. small
 - *screened vs. educational option vs. limited unscreened
- Begin listing schools of interest. Note those schools that require separate admissions tests.
- Take field trips to see the neighborhood settings of schools you are interested in.
- Determine whether your child will be taking the Specialized High School Admissions test and which, if any, audition schools your child is interested in. Write these schools down and go over them with your child—students will be asked during the first week of school which auditions and tests they will be taking.
- Create a calendar for the H.S. process. Post it prominently at home. Make sure that your child knows where it is and that he/she is involved in writing events on the calendar.
- Prepare a list of at least six schools that you have researched and would be willing to consider having your child apply to.
- Discuss with your child the importance of maintaining a discreet online presence. (Don't post online anything that will give high schools or future colleges or employers cause for concern.)