

High School Profile FS: Fresh Start!

Who you are:

- Student FS has a rocky transcript. You might have missed too many days last year. Maybe, your grades don't reflect your full potential.
- You should apply to some Educational Option (Ed. Opt.) schools which will give you a fresh start. Ed. Opt. schools select students with a range of backgrounds based on a combination of lottery and ranked status. Every school has their own ranking criteria.

Schools to apply to:

Academy of Finance and Enterprise



In addition to providing a general high quality high school curriculum, this school enables you to learn about business and entrepreneurship. You will meet business leaders, participate in job shadowing, and even have opportunities for internships. If you like math, you may also be interested in finance! There are two other things you should know: the Academy of Finance and Enterprise requires you to wear business attire (slacks, skirts, suits, etc). Also, it's in Queens, but very convenient – this is the same building as BHSEC Queens.

This school gives priority to Queens students but may have room for others.

Academy for Software Engineering



Some schools claim to have a focus but the Academy for Software Engineering (AFSE) really does. Students take computer science for all four years (from 9th grade through 12th). All 10th graders take AP Computer Science and 11th and 12th graders further get to choose either traditional computer science or Design Tech. If you're the type of student deeply interested in computer science, this is a school where you may succeed if you're interested in taking advantage of such opportunities.

This school gives priority to Manhattan students but has room for others from across the city.

Other schools to consider:

- Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH)
- Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics
- Collegiate Institute for Math and Science
- Urban Assembly Maker Academy

And so many more!

High School Profile S: Screened!

Who you are:

- Student S has a great transcript. You have good grades & attendance. You might also have great scores on the state test.
- You should apply to screened schools which see your transcript and will be impressed. Some of these schools may require extra steps.

Schools to apply to:



Bard High School Early College (BHSEC)

Each year, BEAM recommends BSHEC to dozens of students; about 10% of our 9th graders go to this school. BHSEC is a very challenging school with strong classes in all disciplines. Students take all their high school classes 9th and 10th and then go on to spend two years preparing for an Associate's Degree. The school also offers extensive help with college selection process.

To get into BSHEC, you need to submit your transcript, take the admissions exam, and rank it during Round 1. Then, some students will be invited back for an interview. Acceptance into BHSEC requires both strong math skills and also the ability to write an essay.



Manhattan/Hunter Science High School

Love science? This is the school for you. Manhattan/Hunter partners with Hunter College to offer strong math and science courses on the college campus by 12th grade. Stronger science than math courses, but should still be challenging for all students.

To get into Manhattan/Hunter, you need to submit your transcript as well as an (optional) essay: Describe yourself as a student, as well as what interests you in attending a rigorous early college high school, which includes a senior year experience at Hunter College. You also rank it during Round 1.



Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics

Manhattan Center is one of the most supportive schools of those schools that offer strong math and science courses. It's large enough to have varied course and club offerings, yet small enough to provide personalized attention to those students who seek that out. While it may not be as competitive as many of the other screened schools, it's a great option for BEAM students.

To get into Manhattan Center, you just need to rank it during Round 1.

Other schools to consider:

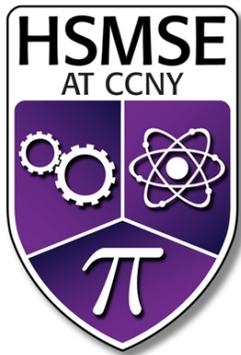
There are many more! You might consider the Baccalaureate School for Global Education, Beacon, Columbia Secondary School, Leon M. Goldstein, Midwood, Millennium, Millennium Brooklyn, NEST+m, Townsend Harris, University Heights...

High School Profile T: Tests!

Who you are:

- Student T loves tests! You're a speedy thinker who thrives under pressure.
- You should apply to specialized schools as well as schools with admissions exams.

Schools to apply to:



High School for Math, Science and Engineering at City College (HSMSE)

You should be studying for and taking the SHSAT. Of course, you know about Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, and Brooklyn Tech, but did you know that there are a total of eight schools that you can apply to with the SHSAT. BEAM would like to recommend that you pay particular attention to HSMSE.

HSMSE is an exemplary high school that focuses on math, science, and engineering and offers challenging courses to already strong students, who must also be strong test takers. HSMSE offers opportunities to do lab science, join a math team or a robotics team.



The Brooklyn Latin School

The Brooklyn Latin School is modeled after Boston Latin, a legendary school in Massachusetts. Brooklyn Latin offers a very interesting classical education, based around Socratic conversations and discussions between the teacher and the student. Socratic learning encourages students to listen closely to the comments of others, thinking critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and their responses to the thoughts of others. Students at Brooklyn Latin get a well-rounded education, learning about all the core subjects. Brooklyn Latin is small, with personalized attention.

Other schools to consider:

- Bronx Science
- Brooklyn Tech
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
- Stuyvesant
- The other specialized schools, which are too far away for most BEAM students: Queens High School for the Sciences at York College & Staten Island Tech

In addition, Bard High School Early College requires an exam, although it's not timed and may be more friendly to students who get stressed out by time pressure.