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AGENDA

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I. Opening Remarks

What does Middle School Choice mean?

Middle School Choice means that students can choose from a variety of schools within their district; our District is 13. Some families may live in a different district than the child's school of attendance. If that is the case, the student will have both districts listed on their application.

Overview of the Middle School Process for District 13

- The process for students who live in a different district than the school they attend.
- The process for schools that require testing/auditions.
 - *Please note that 4th grade exam scores and attendance (absences and lateness) are considered when determining admissions for middle school placement – public or private.*

Process for applying to Independent Schools and Private Schools/Organizations.

*Please refer to the attached responsibilities page for parent and school. (Back of agenda)

II Recommended Resources for selecting a middle school.

- a) Insideschools.org
- b) "The Best Middle Schools" in NYC, by Clara Hemphill
- c) Greatschools.org
- d) The schools direct website
- e) Schools.nyc.gov

III Recommended Resources doe Independent Organizations and Private Schools List

- f) Prepforprep.org
- g) Abetterchance.org
- h) Abacusguide.com
- i) Theoliverprogram.org
- j) Erblearn.org – Independent Schools Entrance Exam

TIPS :

YOU MUST VISIT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF INTEREST. Visiting the middle school is the most important way to assess if the school is a true match for the student and family. Call the middle school directly to schedule an appointment for a tour or to sign up online on their website..

Same process for Special Education Students/ Students with related services on an IEP

***PLEASE NOTE:**

A special email account has been created for the Senior Class of 2015. Please be sure to join this 5th grade distribution list as this will e a major source of communication used to disseminate time sensitive information. Please send an email to ps11srclass2015@gmail.com and I will add your email to the distribution list.

- IV. Question and Answer Period
- V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment





Middle School Information Session I
Thursday, September 18, 2014
6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Auditorium

School's responsibility:

- Distribution and collection of Middle School Applications.
- Inputting data into SEMS (Student Enrollment Management System).
- Completion of letters of recommendation that are given in a timely fashion.
- Distribution of open houses and tour dates.
- Distribution of interviews and audition date for District 13 schools and any citywide middle school programs. (ex. Mark Twain or Phillipa Schuyler). The Performing Arts Schools in District 13 are (MS 113 and JHS 265).
- Assist students and parents with the preparation of Middle School interviews.
- Guiding parents through the appeals process.
- Forwarding the students cumulative records to their new school.

Parent's responsibility:

- Update mailing address with the School Secretary in the main office. (All acceptance letters and interview dates will be sent directly to the address you used to register your child at PS 11).
- Correctly complete and return Middle School Application before or by the stated deadlines.
- Please make several copies of your child's 4th and 5th grade report card. The school does not keep copies of report cards.
- Please make several copies of your child's Health/Medical Form and ensure all immunizations are up to date.
- Independently research middle school tour dates, open house dates, and special testing dates. **(This applies to schools outside of District 13).**
- Prepare your child for interviews with middle schools by practicing different exercises that focus on speaking publically, individually and in a group.
- Arrange any interviews or any special testing outside of District 13. Mail or fax those documents directly to the school you are applying to if outside of District 13. Make sure your address is accurate so you can receive correspondence in a timely fashion.

Introduction of Middle School Committee members:

PS 11 is excited to announce the organization of a Middle School Committee headed by Mrs. Nathaniel and Ms. Simone LeConte. The committee is comprised of a variety of parents from all grades. The purpose of the committee is to help parents navigate through the middle school process and ease their stress. We also want to equip our lower grade parents with information and knowledge in advance. These members are available to help disseminate information and share updates that become available as it relates to middle school. We look forward to working with all of you as you embark upon a special time in your life and the life of your child.

All decisions are made in the best interest of children.