PUBLIC SCHOOL RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

*The Parents’ Guide to New York City’s Best Public Middle Schools* by Clara Hemphill. This book was updated in 2008 with many examples of wonderful New York City public schools.

*West Side Spirit, Our Town and Chelsea Clinton News* published by Manhattan Media, LLC. Each year they feature the “Blackboard Awards” which honor successful public, private and parochial schools. Honorees and statistics can be found at [http://www.blackboardawards.com](http://www.blackboardawards.com).

INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

*The Department of Education (DOE)* has a website with valuable information including “School Search,” Middle School admissions, standardized test scores, and quality reviews for individual districts and schools. The general website is [http://schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov) and “School Search” is on the homepage.

Information on the Middle School Process and District Handbooks can be found at: [http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm). Middle School resources can be found at: [http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Resources/default.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Resources/default.htm).

The latest *English Language Arts and Math Tests* Grades 3-8 scores are available at: [http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/data/TestResults/ELAandMathTestResults](http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/data/TestResults/ELAandMathTestResults).

*Quality Reviews* for each school can be found at [http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/Report/default.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/Report/default.htm).

Updated information on applying to *Anderson, Nest+M, TAG, Mark Twain, or district middle school G&T programs in the outer boroughs*, can be found in the middle school handbooks, or on each school’s website.

Some schools have their own independent websites, but most can be accessed by [http://schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov). The District number is a two digit number, e.g. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 and the School number is a three digit number preceded by M for Manhattan, Q for Queens, K for Brooklyn, X for Bronx and S for Staten Island e.g. M009, M087, M333: [http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/District#/MSchool#](http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/District#/MSchool#).

*Hunter College High School*, open to all NYC residents for 7th grade only, has all of its admission information available at [http://www.hunterschools.org/hs/admissions](http://www.hunterschools.org/hs/admissions).

*The Special Music School*, a citywide option, has all of its admission information available at [http://www.specialmusicschool.org](http://www.specialmusicschool.org).

*Charter School* options can be found at [http://schools.nyc.gov/community/charters/default.htm](http://schools.nyc.gov/community/charters/default.htm). Not all charter schools accept middle school applicants.

*InsideSchools* has an indispensable website at [http://www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org). It is instrumental in dispersing pertinent information to parents about the New York City public school experience and has a write-up on each school. These write-ups now include InsideStats with valuable data on each school. You can be put on an email list for public school news alerts.

*Chalkbeat* is an education website that features daily news reports and features on the NYC public school system, as well as the state and country. Its website is: [http://ny.chalkbeat.org/](http://ny.chalkbeat.org/).

*Keep in touch with your district Community Education Council (CEC) to learn about information forums in your district and new middle school options. If you are prepared to be inundated with emails, and don’t mind reading many to glean valuable information from a few, then register with your district’s parent listserv.*