



Bayside High School

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FAQs for Students Applying for Admission for 2020-21

General Information:

Q: How big is your school?

A: Approximately 300 staff members and 3,000 students.

Q: How long is the school day?

A: 8:00AM- 2:58 PM; we also have a potential for 8:00AM- 3:36 PM schedules, depending on enrollment.

Q: How can students physically get to Bayside High School?

A: **Subway:** 7 to Main Street – Flushing; E, J, Z to Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue; F to 169th Street

Bus: Q13, Q28, Q31, Q76

Q: What is your graduation rate?

A: Our 4 year graduation rate is 99 %, with over 700 students graduating in 2020.

Q: Which colleges have accepted your most recent graduates?

A: Over 100 colleges and universities.

Q: Do you require a uniform?

A: No, but our students are uniformly wonderful.

Q: What colleges are you affiliated with? What college credits are being offered?

A: City University of New York; St. John’s University; Adelphi University; Rochester Institute of Technology; State University of New York at Farmingdale; Five Towns College; State University of New York; Molloy College. There are over 50 college accredited courses offered.

Q: Are you a CTE school?

A: Wall-2-Wall. Our Digital Art program received state approval in the spring of 2014, and our Computer Programming program received state approval in the spring of 2016. Our Sports Medicine and Engineering Programs received state approval in the spring of 2017. Our Music Performance & Production program received state approval in the spring of 2018. Our Humanities & Non-Profit Management Program was granted state approval in the spring of 2019. Behind Brooklyn Tech (specialized), we are NYC’s largest CTE school.

Q: Do you still have an Academy of Music?

A: We have brought it into the 21st century and renamed it Music Performance & Production. In addition to playing an instrument or singing, students take music theory and production in our all-new recording studio.

Q: Do you still have an Art Institute?

A: We have brought it into the 21st century as Digital Art & Design. In addition to 4 years of intensive art classes, students take computer-based art classes, Adobe technical assessments, Advanced Drawing, and AP Studio Art.

Q: How many students apply to Bayside?

A: We have had over 13,650 applications each year for the past 3 years. This is among the most of any non-specialized DOE High School which is why we advise you to rank your Bayside choices high on your application.

Q: Where can I get more information about Bayside High School?

A: Several sites describe us and provide reviews and data:

<http://www.baysidehighschool.org>

<http://www.insideschools.org>

<http://www.schools.nyc.gov>

<http://www.nysed.gov>

Pre-Admission:

Q If I am interested in Digital Art &/or Music, when do I audition? Do I need an Audition ticket?

A: This year perspective students will submit audition materials/videos virtually using this link: <https://www.tinyurl.com/NYCAuditions>. Nonpublic school students, who need to submit audition materials, please email your submissions to VirtualAuditionSubmissionTool@NYCDOE.onmicrosoft.com. You will find detailed instructions at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school/high-school-auditions>. Note: Auditions should be submitted before March 1st.

Q: The Sports Medicine and Computer Programming programs are Educational Option programs. What does that mean?

A: Educational Option programs are meant to serve a wide range of academic performers. This year students are grouped into Low, Middle, and High categories based on a composite of their academic data from the prior two years. One-third of offers are made to students in each category. To see your child's category, go to your student's profile at <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/> and scroll down to "Ed. Opt. Category".

Q: What does "Screened Program" mean?

A: This year perspective students will be ranked based on this "Selection Criteria"
2018-19 ELA/Math State Test Scores - 40%
2018-19 Final Grades - 40%
Written Exercise - 20% - The written exercise will be sent to interested students after your application is submitted on MySchools.

Q: If I am zoned to Bayside High School, should I apply to the zoned program?

A: Students who only list the zoned program will be placed into a four-year CTE program of study based on seat availability. Isn't it better to choose for yourself? Zoned students may apply any of our CTE programs.

Q: How many choices should I fill in on my application?

A: It depends on which programs you like and would want to attend. Filling in only one or two program choices may be a mistake if you are not matched. You may be left without an offer and be placed on waiting lists. Do be certain that you are willing to attend any choice that you list as you may be matched to any of your choices. Do not list a program just to fill in all 12 choices on the application. Investigate all your choices! Safety, Location and Academic Outcomes are key factors. Apply for schools that you would actually want to attend.

Q If my child has over a 90 average, will they just get in?

A: No. There are other criteria. Please check the online High School Directory for details.

Q: What if my grades do not meet the qualifications as noted in the High School Directory? Will this mean that I will not get in?

A: Not all of our programs have grade-based entry methods.

Q: Can I request a tour of Bayside?

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to give individualized personal tours. We host two Open Houses every year. Please also visit our website for our new virtual tour.

After Admission:

Q: How does Bayside provide proper guidance and support in a school that has over 3,000 students?

A: We have 15 guidance counselors who speak over 10 languages. Each guidance counselor has a case-load of approximately 200 students. Students have the same counselor from their being frightened freshmen to successful seniors.

Q: Am I allowed to request the periods in the school day for my schedule?

A: No. You may be scheduled for any periods during the school day. Period requests cannot be honored. Students should leave the block of time from 8:00 AM to 3:36 (plus travel time) open for school scheduling.

Q: Do you offer Honors classes?

A: Every class can be an Honors class and every student can be an Honors Student. We offer every student the opportunity to receive Honors credit for every class they take. If they earn 90% or better in any class (except PE), they will receive "Honors credit" (5% extra weight in non-AP classes) factored into their Grade Point Average. Advanced Placement classes are weighted at 10% of any grade above 65%.

Q: Which AP courses are offered at Bayside High School? Can you take AP courses that are not necessarily the focus of your program?

A: AP courses are open to all students. Please see the online High School Directory for a partial list as we are adding more. Additionally, we have numerous courses bearing college credit.

Q: Am I allowed to make requests for course selection – ex. request a certain foreign language?

A: Students entering with high school credits are individually programmed for subjects in which they are accelerated as are native speakers of languages we offer. Other students are placed based on availability of seats. Students are expected to study a foreign language every year they attend Bayside, inclusive of passing the appropriate LOTE and Advanced Placement course (if available)

Q: Is a summer bridge program required?

A: Yes (subject to budget). Our credit-bearing intensive courses are a valuable introduction to coursework.

Q: Will students be able to have more than one "major?"

A: Due to the intense focus of each program, students will NOT have enough periods available in the day to complete more than one "major" course of study.

Q: Can students switch "majors?" or CTE programs once they start at Bayside? Can students drop out of their "majors?" or CTE programs once they start at Bayside?

A: No.

Q: Do you offer Special Education classes in the CTE programs? Can students with an IEP apply for any CTE?

A: A full CTE sequence is available in self-contained and integrated co-teaching environments in our Art, Music, and Sports Medicine/Management programs.

Q: Do you offer self-contained in all subjects?

A: Just in the four core subjects.

Q: Will my child still receive their related service in High School? Will my child have the same Special Education teacher all day?

A: All students receive all services as prescribed by their Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan. Students will have different teachers according to the teachers' content license areas.

Q: What are the Special Education class ratios?

A: ICT is 12:1; SC is 15:1.

Q: Will my child still receive testing modifications?

A: If prescribed by an IEP or 504 Plan or plans as specified for English Language Learners.

Q: Are there paraprofessionals/aides in the Cafeteria?

A: Yes.

Q: Do students with IEPs have to take Regents exams?

A: Yes. Many qualify for a safety net passing grade of 55-64 on all Regents.

Q: Do you have optional graduation timelines?

A: Yes. Based on student and parent choice, a student may graduate in 3 or 3.5 or 4 years. However, it's not about graduating high school- it's about being prepared for college.

Q: What would I expect Senior (4th) Year at Bayside?

A: Most students complete all New York State requirements for graduation in their 3rd year. Students who return for senior Year take numerous college-accredited and AP courses; focus on their CTE major's capstone courses; and engage in internships and/or work study opportunities.