

Here are some questions sent in by registrants for our Open House

Admissions

What s the process to apply to G&T programming in the DOE?

- <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/kindergarten>

Is there testing? Are there required interviews?

- Once you apply to a G&T school, the DOE will take the next steps of determining eligibility for your child.
- There is no G&T test/exam.
- The DOE will conduct an interview with you if your child is not currently enrolled in a DOE Pre-K

Does District 30 have preference in admission?

- No, Q300 is a Citywide G&T program

For children who attend private pre-k but pass the interview, do they have an equal chance compared to other kids who were recommended from a public pre-k?

- The process is slightly different but the chances are the same according to the DOE.

Seats

How many seats are there for incoming families who do not have a sibling currently in the school.

- We have 50 available seats for Kindergarten
- We do not know how many siblings will be applying for the 2023-2024 school year

INSTRUCTION

Does the G&T programming include instruction in Spanish?

- Our students receive Spanish class twice a week.

With no ICT classes in Kindergarten, how do you help children with special needs such as ADHD?

If your child has an IEP we will review it with you upon acceptance and ensure your child receives any service mandated and that we can provide

Transportation

Can you please discuss busing procedures/protocols at Q300?

- All public school bus determinations are made by the OPT
- NYC students are eligible for a metrocard if they live a certain distance from the school
- NYC students may be eligible for an OPT yellow bus depending on where they live within Queens, and how many other students are in a similar route area.
- OPT busing is not guaranteed

- Private bus routes, which are fee based, are arranged by a separate parent Committee.
- OPT website: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation/bus-eligibility>

Afterschool

Do you have after school programs?

- In the 2022-2023 school year there were three options, 2 are fee based and arranged between parent and organization.
 - Serious Fun
 - NY Chess Academy
 - New York Edge (free but limited availability)

We do not yet know plans for the 2023-2024 school year

Do you work with any third-party after schools who offer pick-ups?

- Code Ninjas did pickups for the 2022-2023 school year.
- This was arranged by parents

UNIFORMS

- Uniform policy <http://ps300q.org/ss.html>
- We request that students wear a black polo shirt (short or long sleeves) and khaki pants, skirts, skorts, etc)
- We require closed-toed shoes.
- On gym days students wear sneakers, a black t-shirt and grey sweatpants or leggings.
- Our PTA holds a used clothing sale at the beginning of each school year.

OTHER Questions

Do they nap?

- No, We do not have nap time in our Kindergarten program.

What time is the earliest drop off?

- School doors open for drop off at 7:30am-8:00am
- School dismissal starts at 2:20pm

Since the G&T requirements have changed, how do I know if my child is a good fit?

- This is a great discussion to have with your child's Pre-K teacher.

Does my child have a remote chance of getting in to Q300 if they do not already have a sibling there?

- We never guess the chance of being admitted.

If I rank Q300 first and we do not get in, will it impact my child's chances of getting into another school with limited spots (that we would presumably rank second?)

- The DOE suggests listing your choices in true preference order. But there are other variables here such as the number of Kindergarten seats at other programs.

Further questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of our Parent Coordinator,
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