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Dear 7th and 8th grade families:

There have recently been correspondence provided to students and families regarding the SHSAT offers, the Discovery Program, and the DREAM program (all related to the high school admissions process). This letter is to clarify any questions or confusions that may arise.

8 th GRADE ONLY	7 th GRADE ONLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who took the optional specialized HS exam (SHSAT) received their SHSAT offer letters on April 12th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This letter was made available on your MySchools account. If your child did not receive a Specialized HS offer, no next steps are required at this time and you should wait for the HS application offers to be released within the next few weeks (date TBA). ○ If your child did receive a Specialized HS offer, then once the HS offers are released, they will have the opportunity to choose one selection between their offers by the deadline given (TBA). • The Discovery Program is a NYC DOE summer program that provides opportunities for certain disadvantaged students who scored within a certain range on their SHSAT to attend a testing specialized HS in Fall 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only students who received the Discovery information in their SHSAT offer letters on April 12th can or may be eligible to apply to the Discovery Program. Please follow the instructions on your letter. The is due May 13th ○ If your child did not receive Discovery information in their SHSAT offer letter, then your child cannot apply or participate for the Discovery Program in summer 2022. ○ This program is run by the DOE and we do not have control of eligibility/participation criteria for this program. • Your child has the option to take the SHSAT again in their 9th grade school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DREAM Program is a NYC DOE Saturday and summer program that prepares eligible NYC public school 7th grade students to take the optional specialized HS exam (SHSAT) in the 8th grade. Eligibility is based on academic records, income or specific school districts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letters were sent home ONLY to eligible students, for those who got accepted, as well as those who have been put on the waitlist. If your child did not receive a letter, they are not eligible or able to participate. ○ Students accepted to the DREAM program should confirm participation by May 27th on the link indicated in your letter. ○ Students who were put on the waitlist are not guaranteed a spot and will be notified the week of July 18th if a spot is available. This notification will be sent directly to the email address listed on the student's application. Details are indicated on your child's waitlist letter provided. ○ This program is run by the DOE and we do not have control of eligibility/participation criteria for this program.

If you have any additional questions specific to your child, please reach out their designated counselor listed below.

Thank you!

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