

## **NYC PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TIMELINE**

### **By September of 5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Compile a tentative list of potential middle schools.
- Begin signing up for open houses and tours.
- Develop a system to keep track of key dates, additional requirements and timelines for specific schools, notes on school visits, etc.
- Create a list of what is important to your child and family when looking at middle schools, e.g., commute, support services, strong academics, collaborative learning, sports, languages, diversity, etc.

### **By end of November of 5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Visit as many schools as possible on your child's list.
- Research schools using tools such as Inside Schools, the DOE middle school directory, and individual school websites.
- Attend middle school fairs to gather information on the schools you do not have time to visit.
- Finalize the middle school application, being sure to rank schools in true order of preference.

### **By December of 5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Submit middle school application. Screenshot the online application and keep a copy of any auto-generated receipt.
- Develop a plan for how to prepare your child for any tests, interviews or auditions they will need to participate in for individual schools.

*Middle school offer letters are traditionally distributed in mid April.*