



## Hunter College High School 2023 Admissions Process for Seventh Grade

*Seventh grade is the only entry level for Hunter College High School (HCHS). The following procedures have been established to conduct a valid and equitable admissions process:*

■ **2023 HCHS Admissions Criteria:** Each year, counselors from NYC public, parochial, and private schools are directed to our website for information about the current year's admissions process. We appreciate the assistance of the NYC Department of Education in determining eligibility and for notifying DOE candidates by both email and USPS. This year, principals and guidance counselors are asked to identify sixth grade students who meet the HCHS admissions eligibility criteria listed below:

1. Resides currently in New York City.
2. Earned Spring 2022 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) NYS State Scores of 622 or higher in Math and 623 or higher in ELA.

■ **DOE Eligibility Letter:** For 2023, the DOE office of student enrollment will send both an email and paper notice of eligibility directly to the parent or guardian of record for eligible students in the NYC DOE. All students receiving this DOE letter must complete an HCHS admissions application to sit for the 2023 Entrance Examination.

■ **Students Without NYS State Scores:** See website ([hunterschools.org](http://hunterschools.org)) for eligibility for students without NYS State Scores.

■ **School Notification of Student Eligibility:** Principals or guidance counselors are welcome to give parents/guardians a **Notification of Eligibility** letter informing them that their child is eligible to sit for the HCHS Entrance Examination. Schools are asked to submit the names of their current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade candidates (**Counselor Form**) who are interested in sitting for the HCHS Entrance Exam to the Admissions Office as soon as possible, but we request this information by **Friday, March 17, 2023**. Parents/Guardians must then complete the online HCHS application for their child to take the exam.

■ **HCHS Admissions Application:** There is no application fee for the April 2023 HCHS Entrance Examination. Please be advised, all interested students still must submit an online application to be considered for the exam.

**The deadline for parents to submit an application to HCHS Admissions is Friday, March 17, 2023. The online system will close at 4:00pm on that day.**

■ **HCHS Entrance Examination:** The 2023 HCHS Entrance Examination will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. An alternate test date for religious observance on Tuesday afternoon, April 4, 2023, held at Hunter College, will be made available upon request. Email the admissions office following submission of the candidate's application for more information. The examination consists of multiple-choice items in Mathematics and Critical Reading, and a written essay. Math items emphasize the ability to use basic skills to solve problems. Critical Reading items include vocabulary, reading comprehension and language usage. For the writing assignment, students write an essay in response to a specific situation, question or topic. Entrance exam tickets and test day directions for the examination will be sent electronically by the Admissions Office to eligible candidates after their eligibility is verified. Only those students whose qualifications have been certified according to the HCHS criteria HCHS will be permitted to take the exam. Samples of the HCHS Entrance Exam are available for view at the school's website: [www.hunterschools.org](http://www.hunterschools.org) HCHS does not contribute to nor endorse examination preparation services, books or other materials offered by any organization.

■ **Accommodations:** Reasonable accommodations for the test are available for children with documented disabilities in their current school. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 for learning needs or appropriate medical documentation for physical needs must be submitted to the Admissions Office at time of submission of the application in order to guarantee consideration.

■ **Admission Decisions:** HCHS Admissions considers placements based upon Math and Critical Reading scores from the multiple-choice questions and from the essay scores determined by the panel of readers. The essay review is anonymous. The essay readers see only test identification numbers and do not know the identities of the students. Offers of admission will be emailed to the candidates in late May. The current middle schools are sent a list of those candidates who decide to enroll before the end of the school year.

*Far more eligible students seek admission to Hunter College High School than can be accepted. Size limitations make it impossible to test and/or admit all of the academically talented students who have interest in HCHS. Please visit <https://www.hunterschools.org/hsadmissions> for more information and updates as the admission season progresses.*