

QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS



Introduction

With the many public high school options available in the District, students must ask a variety of questions to find the school they want to call MY School. A group of 8th grade students from Higher Achievement curated this list of questions to help you get started. Visit schools' online profiles at **MySchoolDC.org** to get basic information, and then put a checkmark next to the questions you'd like to ask of school staff.

Make sure to take these questions with you to EdFEST, school fairs and school open houses, too!

Questions about school policies and operations

- ☐ What time does school start?
- ☐ How long is each class period?
- ☐ What do you serve for lunch?
- ☐ How strict are your school policies?
- ☐ What is your behavior management policy?
- ☐ Am I allowed to have my phone at school?

Questions about student engagement

- ☐ What is the student-teacher ratio?
- ☐ Is your school fun? Why?
- ☐ Do you plan or host field trips and fun on-campus activities?
- ☐ Is there a study abroad program?
- ☐ Do you have sports teams? Are the sports teams hard to get into?
- ☐ Do you have NAF academies at your school?

Questions about school culture

- ☐ What extracurricular activities do you have?
- ☐ Are uniforms required at your school?
- ☐ Are there lockers?

Questions about school curriculum

- ☐ How much homework do teachers usually give out?
- ☐ How difficult is the work?
- ☐ Do you have an example student schedule?

Questions for selective high schools

- ☐ What are the requirements to apply to your school?
- ☐ What is the minimum GPA to get into your school?
- ☐ What is the individual interview or family interview like?

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