

PS 133K Preregistration FAQ's

I received an acceptance letter to PS 133. Does that mean I am automatically accepted in the DLP program?

You received an offer letter for PS 133. The offer letter guarantees you placement at our school which offers monolingual, dual language and special education services for our Kindergarten students.

This year, there has been a change in how students will be placed in dual language programs. In accordance with New York State Education Commissioner's Regulations Part 154, the process for newly enrolled ELL students requires districts to complete the identification process **before** an ELL student receives a final school placement. In addition, eligibility for dual language programs is based on a student's status as an English Language Learner, and where there is seat availability, English-speaking children will be accommodated.

The DLP option was not given at the time of the application process and I would like my child in the DLP, is that still an option?

That is correct. This year, there was a change in the application process and placement in the dual language program was not given as an option as acceptance would be to the school and not a program. If you would like your child to be considered for the dual language program please indicate it on the HLIS.

I indicated I wanted Dual on the Home Language Interview Survey (HLIS) does that mean my child is in Dual program?

After you complete the HLIS students will receive an individual interview if a language other than English has been noted on the HLIS **or if** you have indicated a preference for placement in the Dual Language program. If a language other than English is noted on the HLIS we will also administer the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL) to determine ELL eligibility beginning in mid-July. We will also test for native/Heritage language proficiency in Spanish and French.

In what language are the interviews/assessments conducted?

The interviews are in the Native/Heritage language and in English.

What if my child is not admitted as an ELL or Native/Heritage Language Speaker, will my child be admitted to DLP as an English speaker?

Students found to be English proficient as a result of the HLIS or the NYSITELL can be placed in the English Proficient portion of the Dual Language program as long as seats are available. However ELLs and Native/Heritage Language Speakers have priority over English-proficient students.

What is the selection priority for the Dual Language Program?

1. English Language Learners (ELLs) (did not pass NYSITELL)
2. Native/Heritage Speakers of Target Language
3. Participation in PS 133 DLP PreK
4. English Proficient Students

When will I be notified if my child was placed in the Dual language program?

NYSITELL testing as well as native language testing (Spanish & French) will begin July 16 and we anticipate making Dual language program placements by August 15. You will receive a welcome back to school letter in the mail.

How do I get on a school's kindergarten waitlist?

You're automatically placed on the waitlist for all schools you ranked higher than the school where your child got an offer. For example, if you received an offer for the school you listed third on your application, you are automatically placed on the waitlist for your first and second choice schools. Schools will contact waitlisted families directly if a seat is available.

What is my number on the waitlist?

A numbered list will be provided by the office staff.

I applied for DLP at another school and now I would like to apply to the DLP program at P.S. 133?

Families who apply after the February 18th deadline will be added to schools' waitlists according to admissions priorities. If families have not yet applied to kindergarten, direct them to visit schools they are interested in and apply in person. Families may call 718-935-2009 or go to www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten to learn more.