



# 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 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

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

## 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?

## Questions about student engagement

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

## Questions about school culture

- What extracurricular activities do you have?
- What sports 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?