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?

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!