



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) For Students and Families

What is Yonkers Promise?

Yonkers Promise is a direct admissions path for Yonkers Public School students to local colleges and universities. Through Yonkers Promise students can be admitted to participating colleges without having to complete the college application.

What does “direct admissions” mean?

Direct admissions means that in most cases, students will not have to apply to the partner colleges to be considered for admissions. Yonkers Public Schools (YPS) will directly send students' grades, test scores, and other information to the partner college without the student needing to complete an application. Colleges will then make admissions decisions based on the information they receive from YPS.

Does this mean I am automatically admitted to all of the partner colleges?

No. Students will still have to meet each participating college's admissions requirements. For example, if a college requires an 84 high school GPA for acceptance, the student would still have to achieve an 84 high school GPA for acceptance.

How can I be considered for Yonkers Promise?

To participate in the Yonkers Promise, we must have your signed consent form on file ([link available here](#)). This consent allows Yonkers Public Schools to share your academic information, such as grades and test scores, with partner colleges for direct admissions consideration. Without a completed consent form, we cannot include you in the Yonkers Promise process.

Which colleges are participating?

In spring 2026, partners are: Lehman College, Manhattanville University, Mercy University, Purchase College, University of Mount Saint Vincent, and Westchester Community College.

Do I still need to apply for financial aid?

Yes. Students should complete the FAFSA, TAP, and any required financial aid or scholarship forms.

Can I still apply to other colleges?

Yes. Yonkers Promise gives students more options. It does not limit where students can apply.

What should I do next?

Talk with your school counselor or YPIE advisor. They can help you understand which colleges could be the right fit for you. Visit: <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/page/yonkerspromise>