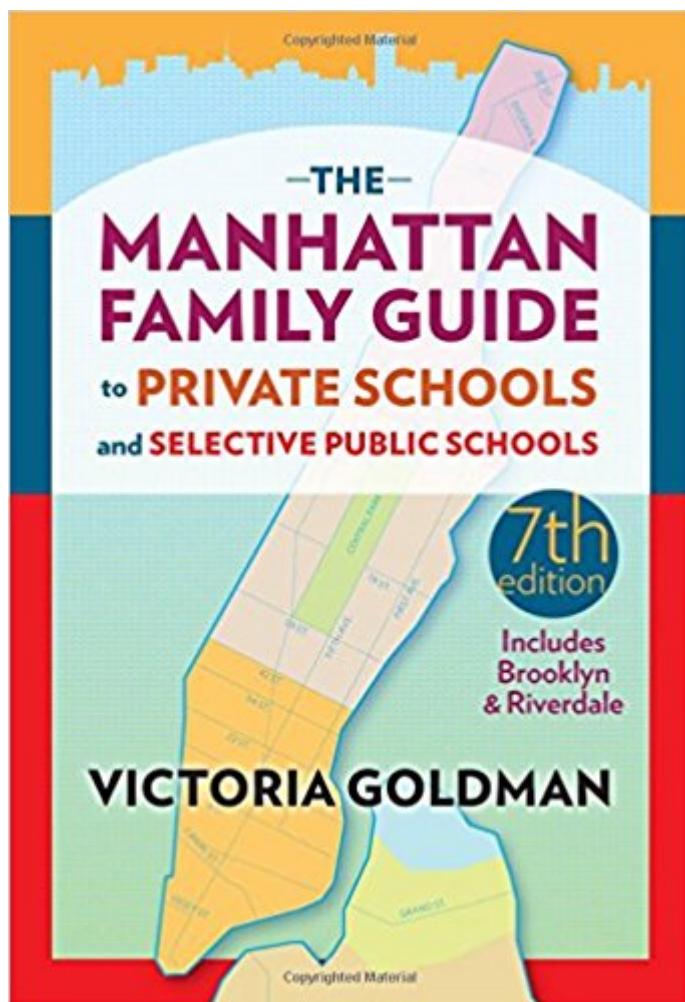


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# The Manhattan Family Guide To Private Schools And Selective Public Schools



## **Synopsis**

This is the best and most comprehensive guide to Manhattan's private schools, including Brooklyn and Riverdale. Written by a parent who is also an expert on school admissions, this guide has been helping New York City parents choose the best private and selective public schools for their children for over 20 years. The new edition has been completely revised and expanded to include the latest information on admissions procedures, programs, diversity, school size, staff, tuition, and scholarships. It now lists over 75 elementary and high schools, including schools for special needs children.

**Book Features:**

- \* Factors to consider when selecting a school, such as location, single sex versus coed, school size, after-school programs, and academic pace.
- \* Preparing your child for admissions interviews.
- \* Resources for test preparation.
- \* School profiles that include key information on school tours and applications, tuition, financial aid and scholarships, staff, class size, homework, diversity, educational approach, atmosphere, and more.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Victoria Goldman is an educational consultant and an expert on school admissions. Her firm, Education First, provides private consultations, workshops, and corporate seminars. Her articles have appeared in The New York Times. She is the author of The Manhattan Directory of Private Nursery Schools and The Los Angeles Guide to Private Schools

If you are applying your child to a NYC private school, step 1 in your search is to read this book. The book begins with a comprehensive overview on all aspects of the school admissions process. Then,

it takes you through a detailed description of each school, including important information such as birthday cutoffs, enrollment per grade, tuition, financial aid availability, endowment, after-school program availability, and more. It offers parents everything they need to know about NYC private schools in one convenient place - a much easier alternative than reading through each school's individual website (although I do recommend scouring their sites AFTER you've honed your own targeted list of schools). Within each school description, you will learn all you need to guide you in whether or not you want to put that school on your own list and consider it further. You'll find out where the school is located, whether uniforms are required, what their diversity commitment is, how much homework they give, what their after school program and extra-curricular activities are like, whether they have a summer program, and most important, the history of the school, their curriculum, what day-to-day life is like in their program, what parents and kids say about the school, and much more. Victoria Goldman is well-known to all the schools and is given personal, in-depth tours by school heads and admissions directors before she updates each edition of her book. She also speaks to parents and students from each school so that she can give a thorough and balanced review of every program. When I looked at private schools for my own kids, this was my go-to book. I cannot recommend it highly enough. It is the perfect starting point for your private school search.

Useful and convenient overview of the various private schools in NYC but it does not go into enough detail for every school. Some of the reviews on each school are simply summaries of the information contained in the respective school's websites.

As a parent who has done her homework and has a child in one of the leading private schools listed in this book, I can attest that this volume is a shabby piece of work. The school profiles are less informative than any one school's own website, yet it offers nothing additional. No effort has been made to offer a perspective on the schools in relation to one and other. And as for offering any info on "selective public schools", Victoria Goldman should be ashamed of herself. Lazy, lazy, lazy. She offers 10 sentence paragraphs, at most, and an incomplete list of the selective high schools (Brooklyn Latin which has been added to the selective group for a decade isn't even mentioned) and NO information whatsoever on top competitive public high schools like Bard High School, Beacon, Eleanor Roosevelt. All this book does is provide a list of schools, and that's not saying much when there are many FREE online resources doing the same. Save your money. And publishers take note: time for a new entry! Won't take much to knock this off it's thrown.

I recommend this book to all NYC parents. It is a must read before application season begins! This guide provides a much more comprehensive view into the world of NYC private schools than any other guide book or online source I have found. Having attended one of the institutions included in her book, I suspect Victoria Goldman has an insiders knowledge of the private school world, how admission works and who to contact at each school. If you have a child applying to private school in NYC, this is the best guide book available.

Comprehensive and really helped us make a sound choice. Loved this book, all 500+ pages. I learned lots. Preschool Mom? Where did your kid get in?

Everyone who has referred this book to me has called it their "bible," for obvious reasons - it's the best resource out there and I don't know how I would have navigated through this process without it. I recommend it highly!

Excellent and well researched book that helped us navigate the wide range of options and understand the different school choices

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