

**DISTRICT 25 DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN  
FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**PS 163 MANDARIN DUAL LANGUAGE**

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[www.ps163.org](http://www.ps163.org)

P.S. 163 - Flushing Heights offers a Mandarin Dual Language Program beginning in Kindergarten. To be eligible for placement in Kindergarten in September 2012, students must have been born between January 1 and December 31, 2007. Students in P.S. 163's Mandarin Dual Language Program will have the opportunity to be bilingual - speaking and writing in two languages - English and Mandarin Chinese. The program will consist of 50 students; 25 Mandarin ELLs and 25 Non-ELLs (English Proficient), with students from each group, learning in an integrated setting. A language assessment interview will be conducted with parents and students as part of the placement process into the program. Students are considered for placement based on the following admissions priorities:

1. Zoned students whose siblings will be enrolled in grades K-5 in the school as of September 2012.
2. Zoned students other than those with siblings in the school.
3. Students whose siblings will be enrolled in grades K-5 in the school in September 2012 who are not zoned to the school but are residents of District 25.
4. Students whose siblings will be enrolled in grades K-5 in September 2012 who are residents of another district.
5. Students without siblings in the school who are residents of District 25.
6. Students without siblings in the school who are residents of another district.

Placements are made by application and a language assessment interview for Mandarin ELLs and Non-ELL English Proficient students. A limited number of seats may also be available in grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Parents interested in having their child(ren) be part of this program must complete this application. A separate application must be submitted for each child. Completed applications must be mailed to PS 163 or dropped off in the Main Office by **March 2, 2012**. **An Open House will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM**. It is important to understand that accepting a seat into this special program shows a commitment that your child will attend from grade of entrance through fifth grade. In choosing to apply for this program, it is suggested that you consider the distance from your home to the school. The Department of Education offers transportation to students based on specific criteria that are described at <http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/transportation>. Please call the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at 718-392-8855 for additional information.

**COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW**

Child's Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_.

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Zoned School \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK AND COMPLETE ALL THAT APPLY**

My child is currently attending a District 25 Pre-Kindergarten Program at \_\_\_\_\_

I already have a child who attends PS 163. His/her name is \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken at home (check one or both)      1) English \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Mandarin \_\_\_\_\_