



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
1 CENTRE STREET, 14th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

REQUIRED INFORMATION

APPLICATION

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Mayor

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Commissioner

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT

Exam Nos. 7302, 7304, 7306, 7309, 7312 and 7314

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY
BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.**

WHEN TO APPLY:

<u>Exam No.</u>	<u>Application and Scheduling Period</u>
7302	June 27, 2016 - August 31, 2016
7304	August 26, 2016 - October 31, 2016
7306	October 27, 2016 - December 31, 2016
7309	December 27, 2016 - February 28, 2017
7312	February 24, 2017 - April 29, 2017
7314	April 26, 2017 - June 30, 2017

APPLICATION FEE: \$47.00

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

THE TEST SCHEDULE: Testing for the title of School Safety Agent is anticipated to be held throughout the year depending on the hiring needs of the agency. Below is the schedule of testing from July 2016 - June 2017:

<u>Exam No.</u>	<u>Testing Period</u>
7302	July 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016
7304	September 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016
7306	November 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016
7309	January 3, 2017 - February 28, 2017
7312	March 1, 2017 - April 29, 2017
7314	May 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017

Monthly Schedule: A monthly schedule of the days and times of application, scheduling and testing will be available within the week prior to the 1st day of each month at www.nyc.gov/dcas and at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. Although the testing period for the exam numbers will be open for multiple months the available test dates and times for self-scheduling will be released on a monthly basis and specified on the monthly exam schedule.

DCAS COMPUTER-BASED TESTING & APPLICATIONS CENTERS: This exam will be administered at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers:

<u>Manhattan</u> 2 Lafayette Street 17 th Floor New York, NY 10007	<u>Brooklyn</u> 210 Joralemon Street 4 th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
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You may take the School Safety Agent test at either location, but you may only take each exam number once. If you take a test with the same exam number more than once, only your first test will be rated and your additional application fee will not be refunded.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are **not** permitted. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during, or after the test, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. **If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing.** Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

Test dates and times are subject to change.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: School Safety Agents patrol designated areas of school buildings and surrounding areas; identify and prevent infiltration of unlawful or prohibited items through scanning; give routine information to visitors and direct them to the proper personnel and offices; request identification of, and remove from the premises, any unauthorized persons; aid sick and injured persons and call for medical, police or fire assistance, when needed; notify supervisors of all emergency incidents and complete any related documentation; respond to altercations between students and other persons, and attempt to separate the involved persons and resolve conflicts; maintain records of persons entering and leaving buildings; monitor security camera systems to ensure facility entrances are secure; identify persons violating Department of Education Rules and Regulations; apprehend persons violating the Penal Law and notify the proper administrative personnel; prepare reports and testify in regard to these violations at Superintendent's or Principal's hearings and/or in court; monitor and use radios to request assistance from co-workers; may operate motor vehicles; and perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: School Safety Agents may be required to work rotating shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by School Safety Agents and environmental conditions experienced are: working through ongoing school construction projects (including asbestos removal projects); working in non-air conditioned areas during summer months; navigating through unlit stairwells; walking school perimeter in all types of weather conditions; responding to altercations between students and other persons, and attempting to separate the involved persons; engaging in physical activities over an extended period of time including standing, running up stairs, walking and sitting; functioning effectively in a potentially hostile environment and under stressful conditions; performing required duties in areas that can become crowded with people; and lifting and moving cumbersome equipment.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY: The current minimum salary is \$31,482 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: You may apply and schedule a reservation for a test date if you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section. To apply and schedule yourself for this exam you must do so through the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. In order to apply and schedule yourself for this exam, you must have an OASys account. Once you create a new OASys account, you **may submit an application and schedule yourself for this exam. However, all new OASys accounts require verification to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Some new OASys accounts may require up to 24 hours to be reviewed and resolved during normal business hours. An email notification will be sent to you if additional information is required. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.**

Follow the onscreen application instructions for making a reservation and electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.

If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements, visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at <https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may apply and schedule a reservation for a test date online at one of the DCAS' Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

Manhattan
2 Lafayette Street
17th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Brooklyn
210 Joralemon Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

For questions regarding scheduling and rescheduling refer to the Reservation and Rescheduling FAQs at <https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/SeatReservation/FAQReservation.aspx>.

The administration of the test is subject to change in the event of an unforeseen occurrence. If you wish to verify the test date and time, you may call the DCAS Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system at (212) 669-1357 two hours before the test session you wish to attend to hear if the test is not being administered at that time. The recorded message will be heard after the "Thank you for calling" greeting. If there is no message regarding testing at the Centers, it means that testing will be administered as scheduled for that day.

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. This guide gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, claiming Veterans' or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability you cannot use the Self-Scheduling software. Refer to the Special Test Accommodations Section at the end of this Notice of Examination for instructions on how to apply.

You will be given the test before we review your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Special Patrolman Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must meet the following qualifications for Special Patrolman status (a status given by the New York City Police Department as governed by Administrative Code Section 14-106 and Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York):

- be twenty-one years of age or older,
- be a citizen of the United States,
- be a resident of New York City,
- have no record of convictions for any felony or for any serious offense (as enumerated in Section 265.00 (17) of the New York State Penal Law),
- if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable, and
- be of good moral character.

All candidates will undergo a background check conducted by the New York City Police Department to verify the above qualifications, including character. This background check will commence prior to appointment. At the time of investigation and at the time of appointment, you must present originals or certified copies of all required documents and proof, including, but not limited to, proof of date and place of birth by transcript or record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational requirements. You must pay a \$75.00 fee for fingerprint screening. Any willful misstatement or failure to present any required documents will be cause for disqualification. Further, any individual who fails to successfully pass this background check will not be appointed or will be terminated from the position.

You must maintain the above qualifications for the duration of your employment with the exception of New York City residency. After two years of continuous employment (in which residency must be maintained in New York City), residency may be allowed in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, or Putnam county.

Education Requirement: By **January 31, 2017** for Exam Nos. 7302, 7304 and 7306 or by **June 30, 2017** for Exam Nos. 7309, 7312 and 7314:

A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent, approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. You will receive instructions from the Police Department during the pre-employment screening process regarding the approved evaluation services that you may use for foreign education.

Medical and Psychological Assessment: Medical and psychological guidelines have been established for the position of School Safety Agent. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of a School Safety Agent. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Physical Testing: Physical standards have been established for the position of School Safety Agent. You will be required to pass a qualifying physical test.

Drug Testing: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

English Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

Proof of Identity: Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City of New York.

THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice test at a computer terminal. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test. The multiple-choice test may include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when reviewing an incident report.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when preparing incident reports.

Memorization: remembering information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when remembering the location of persons or items.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when dealing with an irate member of the public.

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems and coming up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when determining the proper course of action to take when identifying and reporting a crime.

Inductive Reasoning: combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. It involves the ability to think of possible reasons for why things go together. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when assessing a complaint from information and observations.

Information Ordering: correctly following a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations. Example: A School Safety Agent may use this ability when arranging data on a report.

Spatial Orientation: determining where you are in relation to the location of some object or where the object is in relation to you. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when determining the quickest way to get to an incident in progress.

Visualization: imagining how something would look when it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged. It requires the forming of mental images of how patterns or objects would look after certain changes, such as unfolding or rotation. One has to predict how an object, set of objects, or pattern will appear after the changes have been carried out. Example: A School Safety Agent might use this ability when identifying prohibited items as they are being scanned through an x-ray machine.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you pass the multiple-choice test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

CHANGE OF MAILING AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS: It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing and/or email address. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any place other than DCAS, such as your Agency or the United States Postal Service will NOT update your records with DCAS. To update your mailing and/or email address with DCAS, you must submit a change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), old mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address. Your request can be mailed to DCAS Records Room, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Driver License: You do not have to possess a motor vehicle driver license for the position of School Safety Agent. However, for assignment to certain positions, including the positions of Group Leader and Mobile Task Force Member, you must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. This license must be maintained for the duration of your assignment to such positions.

Probationary Period: The probationary period for this position is one year.

SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability, do not apply for an exam and self-schedule through OASys. If you apply for an exam and schedule yourself for a test date using OASys, you will have no other opportunities to request a special accommodation for that test. You must submit your application and a written request for the specific special accommodation to Administration, Customer and Exam Support by e-mail at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov or by fax at (212) 313-3241. Please refer to the **Special Circumstances Guide** http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf for information on what to include in your request. Your request must be received at least fifteen business days before the date of your test.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION: Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available at nyc.gov/dcas and at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

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For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
Internet: nyc.gov/dcas