**Preparing for High School:**

**Your Priorities and Preferences**

This worksheet helps you to identify what qualities you think are most important in a high school (your priorities) and what you want most from a high school (your preferences). You’ll organize your priorities and preferences into three areas:

1) Learning Environment and Academic Focus

2) Personal Preferences and Sparks, and

3) College and Career Preparation.

Reflecting on your priorities and preferences will help you to choose a high school that’s right for you.

Complete this worksheet as you work through the ***How to Choose a NYC High School: Know Your Options*** activity in the High School Matters! Program.

**Learning Environment and Academic Focus – What’s important to you**

*Take some notes on what you find important and what you may want in a high school.*

**SMALL OR BIG? Why?**

**WHAT AREA OF STUDY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN? WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL FOCUS? Why?**

**MIGHT A COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC OR ART HIGH SCHOOL BE RIGHT FOR YOU? Why or why not?**

**Personal Preferences and Sparks – What’s important to you**

*Take some notes on what you find important and what you may want in a high school.*

**ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL TO THE RIGHT SCHOOL? Why or why not?**

**WHAT SCHOOL PROGRAMS CAN SUPPORT YOUR SPARK? Explain.**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO WEAR A UNIFORM? Why or why not?**

**College and Career Preparation– What’s important to you**

*Take some notes on what you find important and what you may want in a high school.*

**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR WHAT YOU WILL DO AFTER COLLEGE? Explain.**

**HOW CAN A HIGH SCHOOL HELP YOU MEET YOUR GOALS FOR AFTER GRADUATION? Explain.**

**DO YOU THINK YOU’LL WANT TO TAKE COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES? Why or why not?**