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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

SCHOOL SAFETY AGENT

Exam No. 0315

WHEN TO APPLY: From: February 26, 2020

APPLICATION FEE: \$47.00

To: March 31, 2020

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.00% 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 for March, 2020.

TESTING PERIOD: March 2, 2020 - March 31, 2020

This is a self-scheduled exam. Seating is limited. Once each seat in the Computer-based Testing and Applications Center (CTAC) is filled, no more candidates will be admitted. Apply and schedule your exam at a CTAC earlier in the month when more seats are available. A monthly schedule of the days and times for applying, 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 CTACs.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

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 \$33,819 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

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

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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,
- a citizen of the United States,
- a resident of New York City, unless exempted by law,
- if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable,
- be of good moral character, and
- have no record of convictions for any felony or serious offense as enumerated in §265.00 (17) of the New York State Penal Law. An applicant with any conviction who has a Certificate of Good Conduct providing relief from that conviction may be eligible for appointment. An applicant with a misdemeanor conviction or violation for a serious offense enumerated in Penal Law §265.00 (17), who has a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities providing relief from that conviction, may also be eligible for appointment.

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 AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Education Requirement: You must meet the education requirement by June 30, 2020.

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 medical and psychological 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 Screening Requirement: 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.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions for 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 addresses. **All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.**

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-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq>. **Beginning in January 2020, the Online Applications System will no longer be supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online. 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

Queens

118-35 Queens Boulevard
5th Floor
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Staten Island

135 Canal Street
3rd Floor
Staten Island, NY 10304

Bronx

1932 Arthur Avenue
2nd Floor
Bronx, NY 10457

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 https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.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."

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 at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.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.

Make-up Test: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test dates. However, since this examination is offered on multiple dates, you must be able to demonstrate that you were unable to take your test as scheduled and you could not reschedule your test due to a conflict which spanned the remainder of the testing period. Acceptable reasons for requesting a make-up test include:

1. compulsory attendance before a public body;
2. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
3. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
4. absence due to ordered military duty;
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

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.

EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

The exam will be administered at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers, which are shown in the How to Apply section. Seating is limited. Once the Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers are filled to capacity, no more candidates will be admitted.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with electronic devices including, but not limited to, cellular phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pagers, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. 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 anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, 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, City or State issued identification card, IDNYC, 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.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at www.nyc.gov/ess
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs
- Submit a written request in-person or by mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Your written request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

THE TEST RESULTS:

If you pass the multiple-choice test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list. You will be given a list number and you will be notified by mail of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

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.

Application Receipt:

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

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 (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at nyc.gov/dcas and copies are available 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**