



# High School Selection



Information Session



Lankenau Environmental Science Magne...

# Sign In Sheet

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# Agenda

**Application Process** - District Website, High School Directory, 5 schools, Application Location, Deadlines (11/6)

**Student Data** - Grades, Test Scores, Attendance

**LeGare**- Advocacy Process for Students with IEP's, 504's, and English Language Learners

**Types of Schools** - Neighborhood , City Wide, Special Admissions

**Choose Wisely** - Goals and Expectations

**Essays**- Academy at Palumbo, Bodine, Carver E&S, Central, Girls High, Motivation, Parkway Center City Middle College

**Interviews**- City-Wide Schools, FLC, Hill-Freedman, Masterman, Motivation, Parkway Northwest, Parkway West, SLA

**Auditions** - Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, CAPA, Franklin Learning Center(FLC), GAMP

**Next Steps/ Questions** - Virtual High School Fair/ Visits, Research, Plan, Discuss, Submit App

# Application Process

Find Your Fit- SDP website

<https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/services/school-selection/>

Application Process

How to Videos

**Resources** (this section has a ton of great information that you will need)

Contacts

# Application Process

High School Directory

<https://www.philasd.org/cte/wp-content/uploads/sites/155/2020/09/HS-Directory-2021-for-web-2020-09-17.pdf>

You can apply to 5 Philadelphia Public Schools with this Application

**Applications are due 11/6/20 by 11:59pm - *Please do not wait until the closing time***

# Application Process

## School Selection Process - "Find Your Fit" is Now Open

Click on the **Apply Now**



In the Apply Now section-  
click on the **Already a  
District Student? Apply  
Here.**

### Apply Now

The School Selection Application Process opens on **September 18, 2020 at 5:00pm** and will close **November 6, 2020**.



Login in to your Parent  
and Family Portal

### Enter your Username and Password

Username:

Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)

**LOGIN**

For security reasons, please log out and exit your web browser when you are done accessing services that require authentication!

Access to the PhilaSD Portal is governed by the School District of Philadelphia's Acceptable Use Policy (<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/policies/>). Unauthorized use of this system is strictly prohibited.

For security reasons, please quit your web browser when you are finished.  
To find login help, [click here](#).  
To register for a Parent & Family Portal account, [click here](#).  
To register for an Employee Portal and Email Account, [click here](#).  
To access Zimbra Email, [click here](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The PhilaSD Portal may be unavailable due to maintenance on Sunday mornings from 6:00 am until 12:00 pm, until further notice. Users may not be able to login during this time.

# Application Process

**District Students** apply through their [Parent & Family Portal](#). The student account is already linked to all their academic records which includes grades, attendance, behavior and standardized test scores. When the application is filled out, everything tied to your account will automatically be sent to the Special Admission Schools on the application. **You will however be responsible for uploading any essays, or letters of recommendation where applicable.**

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

*If your student/child IS a School District of Philadelphia Student this year, but was NOT a School District of Philadelphia student last year, or 6th grade they will not be set up in the system to have records sent. You will have to send copies of ALL academic records to each Special Admission School. **We will work with Families to help you make sure things get where they need to go***

Please note that if your student does not receive an approval through this process, they will be assigned to their neighborhood or feeder school, according to the home address. **AMY Northwest does not have a feeder High School.** The only students that are automatically enrolled into Roxborough High School from AMY NW are the ones that live in the neighborhood.

# Student Data

Do to COVID 19 and the lack of test scores for the 19-20 school year, schools have made adjustments to the data they will review and request.

Students applying to the 9th grade- Special Admissions schools will need:

6th and 7th grade final grades

6th and 7th grade final attendance marks

5th and 6th grade standardized tests

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# LeGare

For students who have a support IEP, 504 Plan, or are an English Language Learner, they automatically qualify for LeGare. This is an Advocacy process that allows students an EQUAL opportunity to apply and attend a Special Admission High School. This Advocacy process is only applicable to 8th Graders who are headed into 9th grade.

Please understand that LeGare does **not** guarantee admission into a Special Admission School. Students who fall into the LeGare bucket must still meet or come close to the admissions criteria of the Special Admission School and the school **must** be able to provide reasonable accommodations for the student to be successful. All without substantially altering the way the curriculum is delivered at the school. Also, it is important to make sure the Special Admission School you are applying to is the right fit for your student.

Mrs. Blanco (School Counselor) and Mrs. Domers (Special Education Liaison) have set up times to discuss LeGare with families and process applies to and will reach out individually as needed.

LeGare Information Sessions - 10/7/20 at 6:30pm and 10/9/20 at 10:30am

# Types of Schools

Neighborhood - Lottery based on space

Citywide- Lottery based on space (most must attend an interview)

Special Admissions - Academic Criteria Based

# Choose Wisely

What are your goals and expectations for high school?

What are your student's goals and expectations for high school?

**What schools do you see building the path to where you will be 5 years from now?**

Figure out which schools you would like your student/child to apply to. **MAKE THESE CHOICES CAREFULLY!**

Questions / Next steps to consider (Also reference the High School Selection Worksheet)

Does your student/child fit the school? Are their strengths or interests aligned with what the school has to offer?

- Does your student/child meet the criteria for admission? This includes, but is not limited to: Grades, Attendance, Behavior and Standardized Test Score Results.
- Have you researched and are you prepared to meet any additional requirements of that particular school, like writing samples/essays, or going to an audition or interview?
- Make sure you know where the schools are located and the start time. How many SEPTA routes needed to get there? If you are late to a school you live near will you be on time to a school that is 3 busses away?
- Do you want to be in the library before and after school?
- Would a small school or large school be better for you?

# Essays

## ESSAY

**Academy at Palumbo** - *What does it mean to be a part of a school community? What do I do when I experience conflict? Why do I want to be a part of Academy at Palumbo's school community?*

**Bodine** - *Why do you wish to attend William W. Bodine for International Affairs?*

**Carver Engineering & Science** - *Who am I? What do I hope to accomplish in high school? What can I contribute to my high school?*

**Central** - *All Students must submit a one-page writing sample as part of the application process. It can either be a personal statement/reflection OR students can answer the three-question prompt provided by the School District of Philadelphia (Who am I? What do I hope to accomplish in high school? What can I contribute to my high school?). Students have the option of typing or handwriting their sample. Handwritten responses must be legible.*

**Girls High** - *No more than 2 pages double space typed or handwritten. "Think about our Girls' High tagline, "Our Women. Our Stories. Our Legacy". What is your story? Where do you see yourself in five years and how will the Philadelphia High School for Girls help get you there?*

**Motivation** - *Who am I? What do I hope to accomplish in high school? What can I contribute to my high school?*

**Parkway Center City Middle College** - *students will be invited to do the writing sample provided admissions criteria is met.*

# Interviews and Auditions

*All interviews and Auditions will be virtually, NOT in person. Please review the schools website and reach out to the schools directly with questions.*

*Please also not that MANY of the citywide schools are also requiring interviews to be eligible for the citywide school lottery*

## AUDITION

Arts Academy at Ben Rush - ALL applicants MUST submit an audition video in order to be considered for admission:  
<https://rush.philasd.org/auditions/>

CAPA - Contact the school for more details

Franklin Learning Center - Auditions for Music & Dance Only, Contact Mr. Gist at [fgc@philasd.org](mailto:fgc@philasd.org) for details

GAMP - Contact the school for more details

## INTERVIEWS

FLC (Medical Assisting, College Prep, Computer Science & Business) – Contact Mr. Gist at [fgc@philasd.org](mailto:fgc@philasd.org) for details

Hill Freedman – Contact school for details

Masterman – Additional information will be available shortly

Motivation – Contact school for details

Parkway Northwest – Contact school for details

Parkway West – Contact school for details

SLA – Must call SLA to schedule the interview

# Letters of Recommendation

## Schools Requiring Letters of Recommendation

Academy at Palumbo - *One letter of recommendation from a member of the school community.*

Bodine - *Two letters of reference from teachers, principals, or a person in a leadership position.*

Parkway West - *One letter of recommendation from current teacher or counselor.*

# Next Steps

- Join the AMY Northwest High School Google Classroom - Code- kt2pjxg
- Virtual High School Fair - <https://www.phillyhighschoolfair.com/>
- Review the schools admissions criteria, programs, etc.
- Call where required to set up interviews and auditions. Many schools will start to set these up prior to the application deadline of 11/6/20.
- Use the High School Selection Worksheet to help you plan where you want to apply to.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FLU589faM\\_9iOqP8FVbznlcmXB5\\_GN\\_ECufalew-zFS0/copy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FLU589faM_9iOqP8FVbznlcmXB5_GN_ECufalew-zFS0/copy)

# Next Steps / Notifications

As of 10/7/20- Notifications will be available on January 15, 2021 starting at 5:00 PM.

Your notification will list each school on the application and whether or not your student was accepted into the school, not accepted into the school, or placed on the schools wait list. If an approval was received, you must choose which school your student will attend (please follow the specific instructions on the notification once it is received). This will make sure your student has a seat at that school. You may only accept one school, and you cannot change your selection once it has been made. The only time the decision can be changed is if your student was placed on the waitlist and that school contacted you indicating a seat is available. You may only change your selected school once. If your student was placed on the waitlist by more than one school, you will have to wait until one of the schools contacts you indicating space is available.

To see notifications you will have to log into your Family or Student portal account - letters will NOT be mailed. We will post specific directions for how to access notifications when they are available in January.

**YOU MUST REPLY.** You must reply by selecting the school you wish to attend. If you have been accepted by more than one school, please select the one you want to attend. Even if you only have ONE APPROVAL, you MUST RESPOND to let us know if you still want to attend that school. **If you do not select and return the form you will lose any approvals**

If you were not approved by any of your selected schools, you will automatically be enrolled in your neighborhood school that is unless you have secured a seat in a Non School District of Philadelphia School.



# Questions

Record for commonly asked questions during the info sessions.

**When applying to SLA do you automatically apply to both schools?** No, you must list each school separately on the application if you want to apply to both schools. This will be 2 of your 5 school choices if you apply to both. If only applying to one please be sure to indicate the correct location.

**We cannot find Engineering and Science on the application list.** - E&S is listed as High School of Engineering and Sciences (Carver)

**Does Lankenau have yellow busing?** They have busing for the last part of the commute. Septa does not have a route that travels to the school. There are a few yellow bus pick ups at some elementary schools in the Northwest section of the city. The students must first travel via car / septa/ etc to these locations to get the yellow bus for the last part of the commute to school.

**Where can I find demographic information for schools?**- On the SDP webpage type “school profiles” in the search bar. Click the first link for school profiles, click the blue school profiles box, pick a school on the left, click enrolment and demographics on the top, under enrollment click more details, under the enrollment boxes click view by ethnicity.