



School District of Philadelphia Admissions Guidelines for Schools With Admissions Criteria, Auditions or Interviews

Welcome to your one stop resource for Admissions into City Wide and Special Admission Schools within the School District of Philadelphia. Within these tabs you will find important information to help you make a decision as to where you would like to apply for **next** school year.

Covid 19 had definitely forced schools to rethink admissions and how to go about auditions and interviews where applicable. Please know that as most things stay the same, some things change. Below are the Guidelines:

- Admission decisions are made based on each Special Admission School's published entrance criteria.
- Admission to City Wide Schools is based on Lottery only. No academic requirements need to be met.
- The School District of Philadelphia shall deny the admission of a nonresident student to any school or academic program where such enrollment would displace a resident student or require the district to incur additional costs.
- The unique qualifications of an applicant may be considered to ensure school communities whose members have diverse backgrounds and life experiences. Every effort is made to enhance equity and school diversity.
- Due to space limitations, not all qualified applicants may be offered admission.
- Illegal suspensions will not be considered when evaluating applicants.

AUDITION & INTERVIEW INFORMATION:

Please pay special attention to the admissions criteria of each school you apply to. **Where an interview or audition is required, it will not be done in person but virtually.** We encourage you all to review each school's website and or contact them to find out the specifics to the virtual audition or interview.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE RESULTS:

Covid 19 has forced Special Admission Schools to change what criteria is required for them to review. Below are the adjustments Special Admission Schools made for the 2020-2021 School Selection Process:

2020-2021 Standardized Test Score, Grade & Attendance Requirements When Applying to Special Admission Schools

- If applying to the 5th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 2nd & 3rd grade final grades, 2nd & 3rd grade attendance marks / *
- If applying to the 6th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 3rd & 4th grade final grades / 3rd & 4th grade final attendance marks / 3rd grade Standardized Tests
- If applying to the 7th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 4th & 5th grade final grades / 4th & 5th grade final attendance marks / 3rd & 4th grade Standardized Tests
- If applying to the 8th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 5th & 6th grade final grades / 5th & 6th grade final attendance marks / 4th & 5th grade Standardized Tests
- If applying to the 9th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 6th & 7th grade final grades / 6th & 7th grade final attendance marks / 5th & 6th grade Standardized Tests
- If applying to the 10th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 7th & 8th grade final grades / 7th & 8th grade final attendance marks / 6th & 7th grade Standardized Tests
- If applying to the 11th grade - Special Admission Schools will need 8th & 9th grade final grades / 8th & 9th grade final attendance marks / 7th & 8th grade Standardized Tests

*Note: Subject to change