

Types of High Schools

The School District of Philadelphia has three types of high schools: **neighborhood high schools**, **citywide admission high schools**, and **special admission high schools**. All eighth grade students must fill out a high school application for up to five (5) schools or programs of any type in any combination.

Students complete the application online by checking off that they plan to attend their neighborhood/feeder high school or by listing school/ program name and code number in order of preference from 1 (first choice) to 5 (fifth choice). Students who are not accepted to their chosen schools or programs will be eligible to attend their neighborhood high schools.

Individuals with disabilities (IEP or Service Agreement) and English Language Learners are encouraged to apply to all schools (including special admission and citywide admission high schools). Admission criteria may be waived for those students who, given accommodations, may be successful in requested schools, as determined by the appropriate school teams. Individuals with disabilities and English Language Learners are important parts of any school community. Remember that we seek, welcome, and celebrate diverse student populations in all of our high schools.

School District of Philadelphia admission guidelines for schools with admission criteria:

1. Admission decisions are made based on each school's published entrance criteria.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Due to space limitations, not all qualified applicants may be offered admission.
5. Illegal suspensions will not be considered when evaluating applicants.

Neighborhood (NS)

These high schools have an open admissions policy for students who have attended grade eight in the school's feeder pattern. Students from outside of the feeder pattern are also encouraged to apply for admission into the various college and career focused programs within each high school. Please note that admission into the academic and specialty programs described on pages 4–11 are based upon space availability.

1. Bartram
2. Edison
3. Fels
4. Frankford
5. Benjamin Franklin
6. Furness
7. Kensington
8. Kensington Creative & Perf. Arts
9. Kensington Health Sci. Academy
10. King
11. Lincoln
12. Northeast
13. Overbrook
14. Penn Treaty
15. Roxborough
16. Sayre
17. South Philadelphia
18. Strawberry Mansion
19. Vaux Big Picture
20. Washington
21. West Philadelphia

Citywide Admission (CW)

These high schools accept students from across the city. City-wide schools do not have admission criteria and interested students are selected through an impartial lottery process. Please see the specific school profile for additional admission requirements (e.g. on-site interviews and/or an interest essay), if applicable.

22. Building 21
23. Constitution
24. Dobbins
25. Mastbaum
26. Philadelphia Military Academy
27. Randolph
28. Robeson
29. Swenson
30. The LINC
31. The School of the Future
32. The U School
33. Workshop School

Special Admission (SA)

These high schools are "magnet schools," each with its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, punctuality, behavior, grades, and standardized test scores, as indicated on the most recent final report card. Students citywide may apply to these special admission high schools. However, it is strongly recommended that you review the set of admissions criteria and your own scholastic record prior to applying.

34. Academy at Palumbo
35. Arts Academy at Rush
36. Bodine
37. Carver
38. Central
39. Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
40. Franklin Learning Center
41. Girard Academic Music Prog. (GAMP)
42. Hill-Freedman
43. Lankenau
44. Masterman
45. Motivation
46. Northeast Med/Eng/Aero Magnet
47. Northeast Pre IB Magnet
48. Parkway Center City Middle College
49. Parkway NW for Peace & Social Justice
50. Parkway West
51. Philadelphia HS for Girls
52. Saul
53. Science Leadership Academy (SLA)
54. SLA at Beeber
55. Washington IB