

 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

FIND YOUR FIT

2025-2026 SCHOOL SELECTION

Dear School Selection Applicant,

Thank you for your participation in the ***Find Your Fit*** school selection process for the **2025-2026 school year**. As the School District continues to review the thousands of applications that we received, there will be periods of time during the review window when school selection application statuses will not be available to view. To that end, the application system will be **temporarily unavailable from November 22 through November 27, 2024**, while we update application statuses to display **preliminary eligibility statuses**. These eligibility statuses are considered to be preliminary, as some statuses indicate that additional steps are required in order to determine a student's eligibility.

Starting November 27 at 5:00 pm, these **preliminary eligibility application statuses** will reflect one of the following:

- **Eligible for Lottery:** Program has no eligibility requirements OR student has met the requirements based upon attendance, grades, and assessment.
 - **What's Next?** Your student will be included in the lottery for this school and can await lottery results to be released in January.
- **Ineligible for Lottery:** Student is not eligible for the lottery based upon attendance, grades, and assessment AND is not eligible for an Individualized Review
 - **What's Next?** Your student will not be included in the lottery for this school.
- **Pending Audition:** Program has attendance, grades, and assessment criteria that the student has met, but the program also requires an audition that the student must complete and be evaluated on.
 - **What's Next?** An audition is required for your student to be considered for the lottery.
 - The school will contact you to schedule this audition.
 - Depending on the result, your student will be eligible or ineligible for the lottery.
 - If your student does not participate in their scheduled audition, they will be ineligible for the lottery for that school.
- **Pending Project-Based Presentation:** Program has attendance, grades, and assessment criteria that the student has met, but the program also requires a project-based presentation that the student must complete and be evaluated on.
 - **What's Next?** A project-based presentation is required for your student to be considered for the lottery.

- The school will contact you to schedule this presentation.
- Depending on the result, your student will be eligible or ineligible for the lottery.
- If your student does not participate in their scheduled project-based presentation, they will be ineligible for the lottery for that school.
- **Pending an Individualized Review:** Student meets two of the three attendance, grades, and assessment requirements for the program, and has requested that the ineligible area be waived. The student must also have an IEP, 504 plan or receive EL services. The student **must have submitted** an IEP/504 Plan or Access/Screening Scores and for IEP students, transition assessments. The student must also **not be eligible** for any other criteria-based schools/programs. They must be applying to the entry-level grade for a criteria-based school/program.
 - **What's Next?** Your student's application is being reviewed through the Individualized Review Process.
 - That process will determine whether they are eligible OR ineligible to either enter the lottery or participate in an audition or project-based presentation.

Final eligibility for students will be released in January 2025. After final eligibility is released, the School Selection Lottery will take place.

We invite you to find answers to your additional questions at the [school selection website](#). After reviewing the website, if you are unable to find the answers you need, please reach out to us via our two-way communication platform, [Let's Talk](#), by clicking the *Contact Us* tab at the bottom of the school selection website. We ask for your patience as we usually experience higher-than-normal call and email volume at this time of the year. We remain committed to partnering with you to prepare our children to imagine and realize any future they desire.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia
Office of Student Enrollment and Placement