

2022-2023

High School Application Process

School District of Philadelphia

School Selection – Student Enrollment & Placement

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Overview

- One (1) application submitted **online**
- September 16th thru November 4th
- Choose up to **five (5)** Philly public high schools
 - *Charter and private schools excluded from process*
- **Criteria-based schools** have specific admission criteria based on **6th and 7th grade performance**
attendance, grades, behavior
Last years PSSA data
- **Essay and recommendations** – not used this year for criteria-based schools

The LeGare Consent Decree

- Each student with an IEP, 504 Plan or English Language Learner (ELL) has an equal opportunity to attend criteria based high schools and programs
- Students may not be excluded on the basis of all admission criteria, if students can participate successfully with reasonable accommodations
- LeGare Families will be assisted by the counselor and special education team to discuss waivers, admission criteria and transition goals. 1:1 meetings can be scheduled

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School Type	Admission Policy	Examples
Catchment Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for students who live within the school's boundary (update address) • Students who live outside a school's catchment area must apply. • Admission is based upon space availability • Selection via electronic lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students living within McCall's boundaries are given first preference for enrollment at Ben Franklin School • Students who do not live in boundaries can choose to attend their neighborhood high school.
Citywide Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepts students from across the city • Selection via electronic lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution High School • School of the Future • Dobbins • Mastbaum • Randolph • The U School
Criteria-Based Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Magnet Schools" • Unique admission criteria • Data is evaluated and if students meet criteria selection will happen via electronic lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterman • Bodine • FLC • Parkway CC • Academy at Palumbo • SLA • Engineering & Science • Central

Criteria Admission Schools

General Admission Criteria

<https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/99e09273-c422-4271-8b30-09dbddb8b1db/page/yney>

Grades A's and B's in core subjects (best from 6th or 7th grade)

PSSA Scores

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1up2OBmh36DjioOCYYcDg7VsF2oDVx4w7/view>

Behavior record

Attendance 95% or better (excused absences not counted against students)

CityWide Schools

- Admission to City Wide schools is lottery based
 - Examples:
 - School of the Future
 - Dobbins
 - Randolph
 - Mastbaum
 - The U School
 - Constitution

CityWide Schools- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Schools

- Schools offering programs providing intensive professional instruction in over 120 programs in 40 different career fields
- 10th-12th grade students pick a specific field of study and receive over 1000 hours of instruction in that field
 - Dobbins
 - Randolph
 - Mastbaum
 - Swenson
 - The Workshop School
 - Some neighborhood schools have programs

<https://www.philasd.org/cte/>

Neighborhood School- Benjamin Franklin High School

Benjamin Franklin High School

550 North Broad Street, 19130-4016

Phone: 215-400-7600

Principal: Dr. Khailiah Canada, D.Ed.

Interviews

Call SLA to schedule a project based presentations; 2022
Presentation Dates

First Weekend: Nov. 5-6, 2022 **Second Weekend:** Dec. 3-4, 2022

Other interview bases schools will be by invitation (ex. CAPA)

Absolutely be on time and call if you need to reschedule
(not recommended)

Be prepared to talk about strengths, weaknesses,
interest in the school, any projects they have completed,
their community involvement, etc.

Open Houses

<https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/2bbed4e8-9330-4165-86ce-2346a492da3e/page/yney>

Questions to Ask Yourself...

- Am I/is my child a qualified candidate for the schools of our choice?
- Do I/does my child benefit from a smaller setting or a larger setting?
- What electives/extra-curricular activities are available?
- What will be the travel time? Is my child an early riser? Will s/he want to go to and get out of school earlier?
- Where will my/my child's learning needs best be met?
- Who can I talk to/When can I talk about specific questions/concerns I have?

How to Apply?

- School Selection – Student Enrollment & Placement

Mrs. Poulos will conference with all students both in the classroom and by 1:1 appointment

**2022 PHILLY HIGH SCHOOL FAIR will be back in-person
this year!**

Pennsylvania Convention Center

**Friday, October 14th (4pm-7pm) & Saturday, October 15th
(10am-3pm)**

Charter Schools

- Different application process than district schools
- Almost all charter schools used the same application website:
 - <https://applyphillycharter.org/>
 - Opens September and closes in January
 - Lottery based- decisions in January/February
- Some charters use their own websites or documentation for admission

What's Next?

Activity	Date/Time	Location
Counselor Meetings- student or parent to review transcripts and schools	Ongoing with all 8 th graders	-Classroom visits -Mrs. Poulos' office
High School Updates	Ongoing	classroom visits -Google classroom -emails
High School Speakers	Ongoing	-Homeroom
Open House Information	Ongoing	-Google classroom

High School Selection Timeline

Selection Step	Date
Application window opens for public schools	September 16th at 4:00 PM
Virtual High School Fair- http://phillyhighschoolfair.com/	Ongoing
In Person High School Fair	October 14th and 15th (after school trip 4-6 on the 14th)
Application window closes- top 5 choices on school selection	November 4th at 11:59 PM
Notification of Acceptances!!	January 13th 2023
Students removed from waiting lists to fill available openings	January 13th- February 2nd

Other Resources

- **The High School Directory & School Selection Website** – (needs to be update for 2022)
<https://wwilson.philasd.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/771/2020/10/HS-Directory-2021-for-web-2020-09-17.pdf>
- **Virtual High School Fair** - <https://www.phillyhighschoolfair.com/>
- **School Visit / Shadow** – set up directly with target school
 - Check to see if they have virtual open houses
- **Charter Schools**- most applications through applyphillycharter.org
 - **Some schools do not participate- you must look at specific admission requirements on school's websites**

[FAQ for School Selection Process SY 2022-2023.pdf](#)



Questions