



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

# School Selection Process For 2017-2018



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School Selection is open to students in all grades (K-12), and can be used to apply to School District of Philadelphia Schools ONLY (including different neighborhood, citywide and special admission schools. ***This process excludes charter schools, Catholic schools or paid tuition schools***).

In the beginning of every school year, this process is available for students to apply for admission into another school other than their neighborhood school. If an approval is received, admission will be granted for the following school year.\* (For example, all applications received during the filing window of September 29th to November 13, 2017; will be for admission into school for the 2018-2019 school year.) A student can apply for admission to as many as five (5) School District of Philadelphia Schools. Students will receive notification of acceptance starting in February or March, which allows time for schools to prepare for when students arrive in September.

**Special Note:** Families wishing to apply to a different Kindergarten other than their neighborhood school must apply through this process the year BEFORE the child actually starts Kindergarten.

# Types of Schools

- Neighborhood
- Citywide
- Special Admission



## Neighborhood High Schools (NS)

**\*\*\*NO ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\*\*\***

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 in the 2017-2018 HS Directory are based upon space availability.



## **Citywide Admission High Schools (CW)**

### **\*\*\*SOME ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\*\*\***

The high schools accept students from **across the city**. Each has its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, punctuality, behavior, grades. In addition, students may have to attend an on-site interview. Please contact the school directly for any additional admissions requirements, if applicable.



## **Special Admission High Schools (SA)**

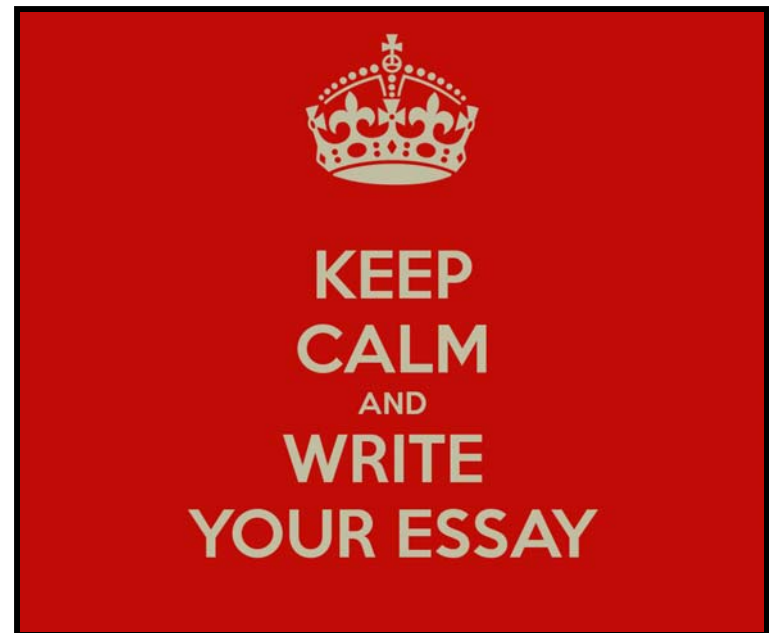
### **\*\*\*STRICT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\*\*\***

These high schools are “**magnet schools**,” each with its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, punctuality, behavior, grades, and standardized test scores and in some cases an audition. Students citywide may apply however, it is strongly recommended that you review EACH of the schools admissions criteria and your own scholastic record before applying.



# Which Schools Require Essays?

- Carver Engineering and Science
- Central
- Constitution
- Motivation
- Palumbo





# Student Essays

\*One topic for most schools!

- Who am I?
- What do I want to get out of my experience?
- What I can contribute to the school?

\* Check the High School Directory for Specific questions.



# Which Schools Require Writing Samples During the Interview?

- SLA
- SLA Beeber



- SLA Interviews are MANDATORY for admission. Families MUST contact the school to schedule. Interview dates are: October 14 & 15 and November 4 & 5, 2017

# Which Other Schools Require Interviews?

- Constitution\*
- Motivation\*
- Philadelphia Military Academy\*
- Robeson\*
- SLA\*



\*ALL Interviews are MANDATORY for admission. Families MUST contact the school to schedule.

# Which Schools Require an Audition?

- Arts Academy at Rush
- CAPA
- FLC
- Girard Academic Music Program



**\*Auditions & Interviews will ONLY be offered, provided the student meets or comes close to the admission requirements.**



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**\*All School Selection Approvals are CONDITIONAL!**

**An approval can be rescinded if:**

- The student is not promoted in June; (Note: If a student attends and successfully completes a summer school program, the approval will remain)
- The student does not attend or satisfactorily complete a school's required summer session, where applicable
- The Student has been recommended and approved for a disciplinary transfer (EH-21)
- The student presently attends a disciplinary school and is not recommended for restoration
- There are inaccuracies or errors in the application of administrative processes.



# Waitlisted Students

- Students who have been placed on a school's wait list may remain on that list until the school contacts them indicating space has become available.
- When space becomes available, the school will reach out to "said" student and or family to notify them and offer a seat at that school.
- Students can remain on a schools wait list up until end of the first marking period. After that, the wait list is dissolved and students on the wait list will have to re-apply for the following school year.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fri. September 29, 2017	School Selection Process Application Submissions Begin	World Wide Web
Mon. November 13, 2017	School Selection Process Application Submission Ends	World Wide Web
November 16 & 17, 2017	LeGare Advocacy Folder Drop Off*	440 N. Broad Street, Suite 111
November 20, 2017 to January 8, 2018	School evaluations, Interviews & Auditions where applicable – contact schools for specific dates & times.	District Wide
January 17, 2018	Initial Notifications to Students	District Wide: SDP Students – School Net Non District - Email
January 18 to 25, 2018	Student Response to notifications	District Wide: SDP Students – School Net Non District - Email
March 2, 2018	Final Notifications to Students	District Wide: SDP Students – School Net Non District - Email

Other

**IMPORTANT**

Items

- September 15 & 16, 2017 – High School Fair
- Mid January 2018 – Lottery
- April 2018- LeGare Impartial Reviews
- April 2018 to September 2018 - Students pulled off the wait list to fill available seats



# Resources for High School Selection

- Go to: [www.philasd.org/studentplacement](http://www.philasd.org/studentplacement)

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**Student Enrollment & Placement**  
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**Welcome to the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement.**

Our mission is to provide Philadelphia families with the information you need for school registration, placements and transfers. We can help you navigate such questions as:

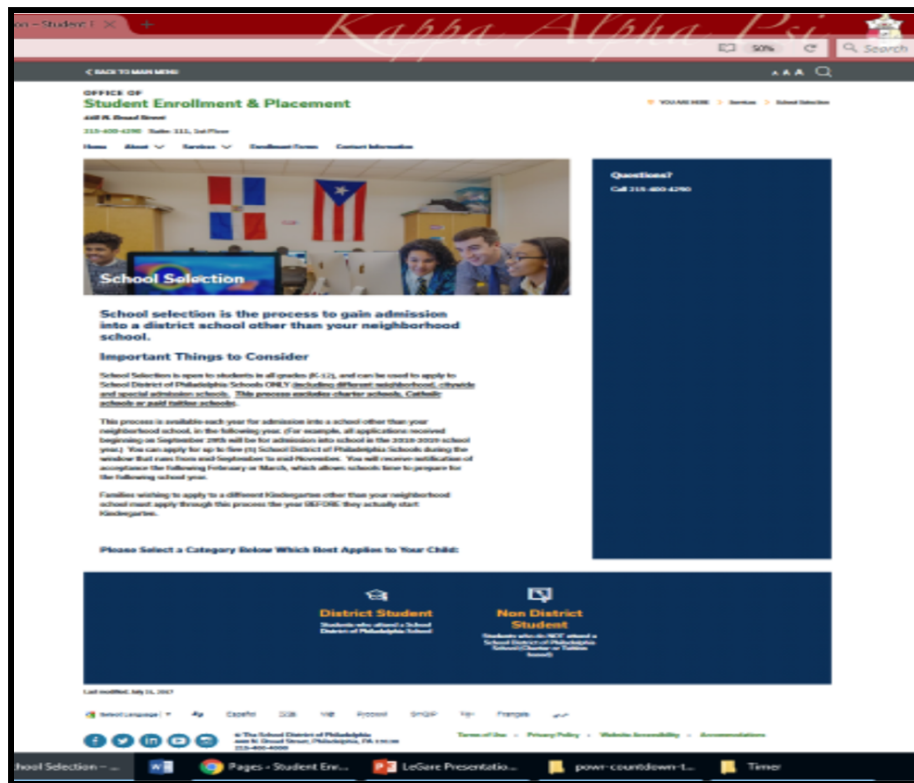
- How to find your neighborhood school

**Quick Links**

- School Finder**  
Quickly identify your neighborhood school
- Middle School Directory**  
Learn about middle school options outside your catchment boundary
- High School Directory**  
Learn about high school options outside your catchment boundary
- Uniforms**  
Find the dress code for your student's school
- Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness**  
Do you lack stable housing and cannot get into school?

# School Selection Resources Continued

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



# Transportation Services

- In accordance with the Office of Transportation Services, transpasses are provided to **ALL** students living 1.5 miles or more from the school in which they attend. Students eligible are those in grades 7 through 12.
- Students with disabilities in need of specialized transportation (such as curb to curb) must have those services outlined in their **finalized IEP** along with a **finalized NOREP** approving those services.

# Points of Contact

If you have general questions, please email us!

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