

# Class of 2026 High School Night

Mrs. Blake



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

## FIND YOUR FIT

### 2026-2027 SCHOOL SELECTION

# Tonight's Agenda

## Introduction to School Selection

- School Selection Application Process
- Application Tips
- Charter High School
- Graduation Requirements
- *( 3 Strikes, Class Dues & etc)*
- Account Setup



ARE  
YOU  
READY?



# Timeline:



- Monday, September 8th at 4 pm:  
**Application OPENS**
- Thursday, October 23rd at 11:59 pm:  
**Application CLOSSES**
- **November/December:** Preliminary eligibility released; Appeal window close
- **December/January:** Individualized reviews; Auditions and project-based presentations
- **January/February:** Final eligibility released; Lottery; Offers and acceptances; Waitlist offers released

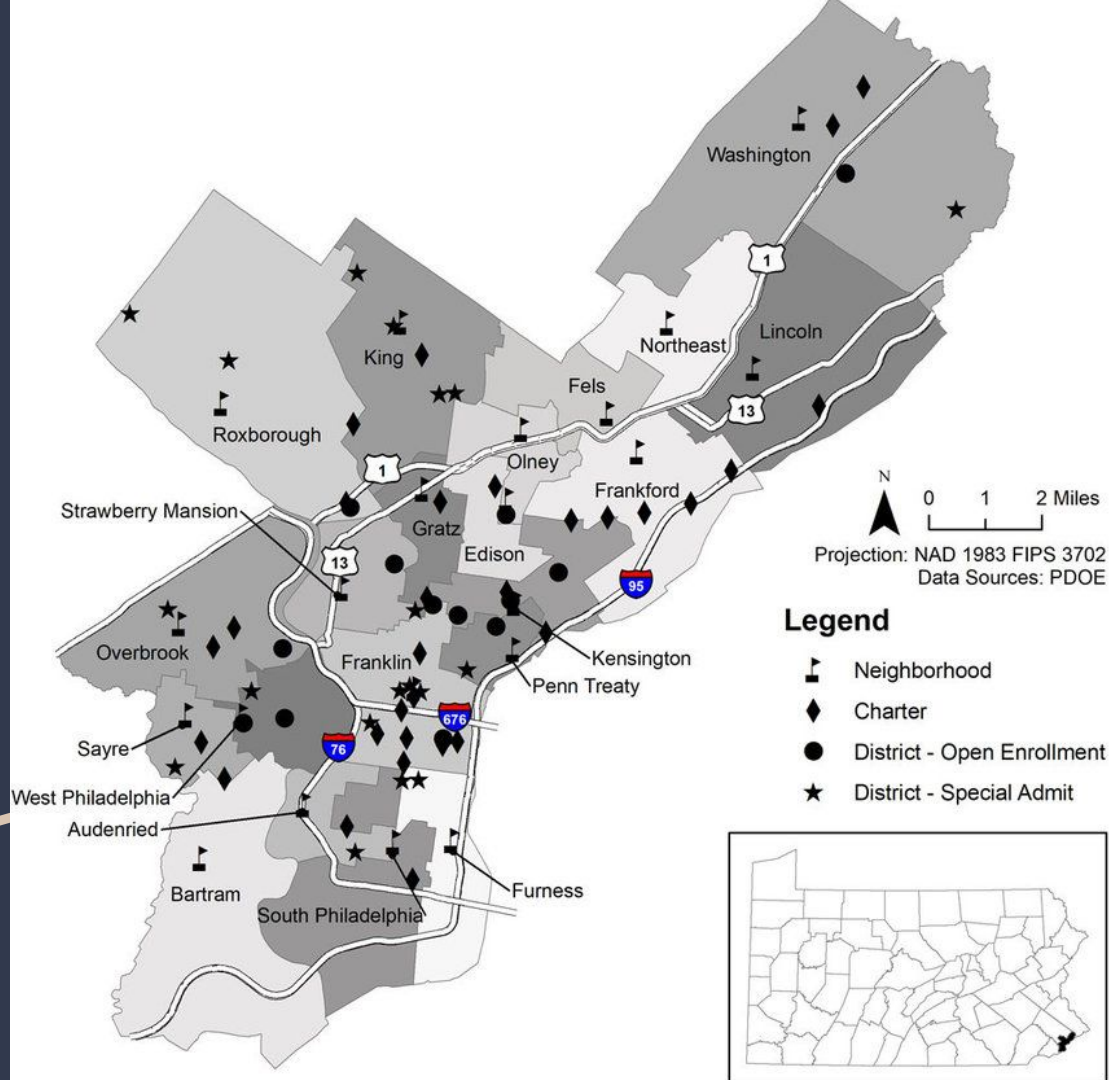
# Things to look for



- Availability
- Grades expected for entry
- Attendance- (*Can you get to school everyday on time*)
- Transportation (*Septa, Uber or etc.*)
- Extra curricular activities (*clubs, sports & etc*)
- Strengths & Interest with what the school has to offer



57  
PUBLIC  
HIGH  
SCHOOLS



34  
CHARTER  
HIGH  
SCHOOLS

# Make sure to Click on Non-District Students



## District Students

**APPLY HERE** for School Selection 2026-27 (NOW OPEN)

View your **2025-26 WAITLIST** status



## Non-District Students

**Other Districts, Charter, Parochial, or private school students**

**APPLY** for 2026-27 School Selection (NOW OPEN)

View your **2025-26 WAITLIST** status

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

# Application Tips



- Request will not be approved for a school, grade, or course already filled to capacity. Schools with moving up grades are 1st selected.
- Example: Carver Engineering & Science (7-12), Masterman (5-12), GAMP (5-12), Hill Freedman World Academy (6-12)
- Admission is not guaranteed to anyone. Filling out an application does not guarantee the request will be approved.
- Some schools do offer SHADOW DAYS/OPEN HOUSES. Parents must reach out to the schools.



# The School Selection Process

**Documents Needed  
by Mrs. Blake**

- Common Transcript Form for School Selection
- PA Secure ID on report card
- 6th & 7th grade PSSA Scores
- 6th & 7th grade Attendance Report
- 6th & 7th grade Report cards
- 23-24 & 24-25 Percentile Chart

**\*\* ANY NEW STUDENTS AFTER 6TH GRADE MUST  
REQUEST DOCUMENTS FROM PREVIOUS SCHOOL  
YEARS TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THE TRANSCRIPT.**

# School Selection – Participating Schools

## **Catchment Schools**

Neighborhood schools that have space for students that live outside of their catchment area. Schools may have specialized programs.

## **Citywide Schools**

Open to the entire city and have specialized programs.

## **Criteria- Based Schools**

Schools designed to provide challenging academic curriculum or programs. Some criteria based schools have further specialization (e.g., Arts, STEM).

# Academic Data

Students applying from **Non-District schools** must manually enter academic data into their application. This data must be verified using the District's **Common Transcript Form (CTF)** and must be completed and signed by a counselor or administrator from the previous or current school(s).

- Both pages of the completed form must be uploaded to the application.
- Report cards, transcripts, and progress reports from Non-District schools are not a substitute for the **Common Transcript Form**.
- Failure to include all required academic data (grades, attendance, and standardized assessment scores) in the required format may result in an incomplete application, which may be marked ineligible if applying to criteria-based schools.



# What to Expect When Applying: Common Transcript Form



Office of Student Enrollment and Placement  
Suite 111  
440 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
Ericka L. Washington, Deputy Chief

## SECTION I: To be completed by the applicant

Student Information			
Student's First Name		Middle Initial	
Student's Last Name		DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Parent/Guardian's Name			

## SECTION II: To be completed by the applicant's sending school. This section is required.

Sending School Information	
Sending School's Name	
Sending School's Address	
Sending School Administrator's Name	
Sending School Administrator's Telephone	
Sending School Administrator's Email Address	

## SECTION III: To be completed by a school administrator or counselor.

The Common Transcript Form must provide the **final course grades for all four core subjects** (English, Math, Science, **and** Social Studies) and the **number of unexcused absences** for the prior two academic years.

- Only ONE letter grade is allowed for each subject area. If no letter grade is circled OR more than one letter grade is circled for a required subject, **students will be made ineligible for grades.**
- All students must have a letter grade for **English or** a letter grade for **both Reading and Writing.**
- Attendance must include a numerical value.** If the "absences" fields are left blank OR are marked "N/A" for both academic years, **students will be made ineligible for attendance.**

Grading Rubric	100 - 90 = A
	89 - 80 = B
	79 - 70 = C
	69 - 60 = D
	59 - 0 = F



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Student's Full Name		DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	
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REQUIRED Core Subject Areas	2023-2024 School Year	2024-2025 School Year
All students must have a letter grade for <b>English or</b> a letter grade for <b>both Reading and Writing.</b>	English	A B C D F
	Reading	A B C D F
	Writing	A B C D F
Math	A B C D F	A B C D F
Science	A B C D F	A B C D F
Social Studies	A B C D F	A B C D F
REQUIRED Numerical Attendance Value	2023-2024 School Year	2024-2025 School Year
Total <b>NUMBER</b> of UNEXCUSED Absences		

## Algebra I Requirement (for Applications to Masterman High School ONLY)

Completed Algebra I in 2023-2024 School Year <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Completed Algebra I in 2024-2025 School Year <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Currently Enrolled in Algebra I 2025-2026 School Year <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I do hereby affirm that this academic record is accurate and complete.

Administrator/Counselor/Evaluator's Name (Printed)	
Administrator/Counselor/Evaluator's Signature	
Date	

# what to expect when applying

- All Non-District students should apply to (5) schools/programs you/your child are most interested in.
- It's important to rank them in order of preference so the lottery accurately captures your choices.



JD

Jacqueline Doe

2025-26 School Year

## School/Program Selection

Please select up to 5 schools or programs to which you wish to apply. Be sure to place the schools/programs on the application and rank them in your true order of preference:

- #1 should be your/your child's first choice school/program
- #2 should be your/your child's second choice school/program
- #3 should be your/your child's third choice school/program
- #4 should be your/your child's fourth choice school/program
- #5 should be your/your child's fifth choice school/program



# Application Tips

Non District students **MUST** apply to 5 schools or programs.

- Schools/programs must be ranked in your true order of preference
  - #1 should be your/your child's first choice school/program
  - #2 should be your/your child's second choice school/program
  - #3 should be your/your child's third choice school/program
  - #4 should be your/your child's fourth choice school/program
  - #5 should be your/your child's fifth choice school/program
- Applicants can update their selections and their ranking at any time during the application window.
  - Remember to **Re-submit /Save** your application after making edits.



Drag and drop to change the order

1



Carver, High School of Engineering and Science



2



Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush - Theatre



3



Dobbins High School - Facilities & Property Maintenance



4



Saul, Walter B. High School



5



South Philadelphia High School - Computer Systems Technology



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Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush - Theatre



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Carver, High School of Engineering and Science



3



Dobbins High School - Facilities & Property Maintenance



4



Saul, Walter B. High School



5



South Philadelphia High School - Computer Systems Technology



✓ Verified

*The following information has been verified by staff and as such can no longer be edited*

English Language Arts SY 2023-2024 - Standardized Assessment Name  
[Current SDP Students] - Information not available; please provide below

English Language Arts SY 2023-2024 - Standardized Assessment Name [if missing above] \*

Select answer



ELA Scaled Score SY 2023-2024 [if PSSA is selected above]

ELA National Percentile Rank SY 2023-2024 [if a non-PSSA exam is selected above]

Select answer



# Assessment Data

Applications for criteria-based schools require one English Language Arts/Reading and one Mathematics standardized assessment score from 2024 and 2025 calendar years.

- The applicant's **Highest English Language Arts/Reading percentile score** and the **Highest Mathematics percentile score from 2024 and 2025** calendar years will be used to determine eligibility
- Documentation is required to verify all provided scores. Uploaded assessment reports must be clear, legible, and complete digital copies that show
  - English Language Arts/Reading Score(s) and/or Percentile(s)
  - Mathematics Score(s) and/or Percentile(s)

# Application Tips

For all students applying to criteria-based schools, failure to include all academic data (grades, attendance, transcripts, and approved standardized assessment score reports) may result in an incomplete application which may be marked ineligible and not be included in any evaluation processes for criteria-based schools.

**Limiting options *will not* improve the chances of receiving an offer – in fact, the chances will decrease.**

- Each applicant will receive either **one offer** or **zero offers** during the initial response phase. Prior years applicants could receive up to 5 offers.
  - a. Offers will be made based on the order in which an applicant ranked their five schools, the applicant's eligibility, and seats available at the school/program.





# 2023-2024 PSSA Percentiles

Percentile	Grade 3 ELA	Grade 3 Math	Grade 4 ELA	Grade 4 Math	Grade 4 Science	Grade 5 ELA	Grade 5 Math	Grade 6 ELA	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 ELA	Grade 7 Math	Grade 8 ELA	Grade 8 Math	Grade 8 Science
1	780	734	743	760	1050	736	746	755	718	772	709	746	711	925
2	802	759	778	778	1050	753	767	786	741	787	735	760	732	925
3	802	779	778	778	1050	769	786	786	760	800	756	774	732	928
4	822	779	793	795	1063	769	786	800	760	800	756	786	751	928
5	822	798	793	795	1063	784	786	812	777	813	775	798	751	960
6	822	798	806	811	1063	784	802	812	777	825	775	798	768	960
7	840	798	806	811	1090	797	802	825	777	825	775	809	768	960
8	840	814	806	811	1090	797	802	825	793	836	775	809	768	988
9	840	814	819	811	1090	810	817	825	793	836	792	820	768	988
10	840	814	819	825	1114	810	817	836	793	836	792	820	783	988
11	856	814	819	825	1114	810	817	836	793	846	792	830	783	988
12	856	828	831	825	1114	822	817	847	807	846	792	830	783	1014
13	856	828	831	825	1114	822	817	847	807	846	807	840	783	1014
14	856	828	831	838	1137	833	831	857	807	857	807	840	797	1014
15	856	828	842	838	1137	833	831	857	807	857	807	850	797	1014
16	871	828	842	838	1137	833	831	857	807	857	807	850	797	1014
17	871	842	842	838	1137	833	831	868	807	866	807	850	797	1038
18	871	842	842	838	1159	844	831	868	820	866	807	859	797	1038
19	871	842	853	850	1159	844	843	868	820	866	821	859	797	1038
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27	885	866	873	862	1179	874	855	896	833	893	834	886	822	1061
28	898	866	873	862	1199	874	855	896	833	893	834	886	822	1082
29	898	866	873	862	1199	874	855	905	833	893	834	895	822	1082
30	898	866	882	873	1199	884	855	905	845	902	834	895	822	1082
31	898	866	882	873	1199	884	866	905	845	902	834	895	822	1082
32	898	866	882	873	1218	884	866	905	845	902	846	904	834	1082
33	911	877	882	873	1218	893	866	914	845	910	846	904	834	1103
34	911	877	891	873	1218	893	866	914	845	910	846	904	834	1103
35	911	877	891	873	1218	893	866	923	845	910	846	913	834	1103
36	911	877	891	884	1218	902	877	923	856	918	846	913	834	1103
37	911	877	900	884	1236	902	877	923	856	918	846	913	834	1103
38	911	888	900	884	1236	902	877	923	856	926	846	921	845	1103
39	923	888	900	884	1236	911	877	931	856	926	857	921	845	1123
40	923	888	900	884	1236	911	877	931	856	926	857	921	845	1123
41	923	888	909	894	1236	911	887	931	856	934	857	930	845	1123



# Important Information



- All schools do not participate in this process if they are overly populated.
- Do not enter school staff emails or phone numbers.
- Student must use the drop down menu in the Student Information section of the application to select **DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL** as the current school they are attending.
- **We do not teach Algebra.**
- Always make sure you **SAVE & CONTINUE** when making changes in application.

# Criteria Based School

Each of these schools has its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, grades, and standardized test scores.

Students citywide may apply to these schools but must meet the criteria to be considered for admission.



- Academy at Palumbo High School
- Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush
- Central High School
- Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA)
- Franklin Learning Center High School
- G. W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science
- Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP)
- Julia R. Masterman High School
- Lankenau Environmental Science Magnet
- Motivation High School
- Northeast Medical, Engineering, and Aerospace Magnet
- Parkway West & Center City High School
- Philadelphia High School for Girls
- Science Leadership/ Beeber Campus
- Walter B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences
- William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs

School	Grade Requirements	Attendance Requirements	Assessment Requirements	Additional Requirements
Academy at Palumbo High School	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Amy Northwest Middle School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Audition
Central High School	As and Bs	95%	80th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA)	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Audition
Franklin Learning Center High School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Audition or portfolio presentation
G.W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
G.W. Carver Middle School of Engineering and Science	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
George Washington International Baccalaureate Diploma Program	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP)	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Audition

School	Grade Requirements	Attendance Requirements	Assessment Requirements	Additional Requirements
Hill-Freedman World Academy School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Julia R. Masterman High School	As and Bs	95%	80th Percentile in Math & ELA	Algebra I
Julia R. Masterman Middle School	As and Bs	95%	80th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Lankenau Environmental Science Magnet	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Motivation High School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Northeast Medical, Engineering, and Aerospace Magnet	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Northeast Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Program	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Parkway Center City Middle College	As and Bs	95%	65th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Parkway NW High School for Peace and Social Justice	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Parkway West High School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	

# Criteria Based Schools



School	Grade Requirements	Attendance Requirements	Assessment Requirements	Additional Requirements
Philadelphia High School for Girls	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Russell Conwell Middle School	At most two Cs	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
Science Leadership Academy	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Individual project-based presentation
Science Leadership Academy – Beeber Campus	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	Individual project-based presentation
Walter B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	
William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs	At most one C	90%	50th Percentile in Math & ELA	



# City-wide Schools

**City-Wide 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.**

- Building 21
- Constitution High School
- Dobbins, Murrell High School
- High School of The Future
- Mastbaum, Jules E. Area Vocational Technical High School
- Overbrook High School
- Philadelphia Military Academy (PMA)
- Randolph, A. Philip Career and Technical High School
- Robeson, Paul High School for Human Services
- Swenson Arts and Technology High School
- The LINC
- The U School
- The Workshop School





# Catchment Schools

~~Neighborhood~~ These schools have an open admissions policy (no criteria) for students who have attended 8th grade. The schools that the child attends within a certain distance based on the family's home address. Students outside the catchment are still able to apply through the selection process.

- Bartram, John High School
- Edison, Thomas A. High School
- Fels, Samuel High School
- Frankford High School
- Franklin, Benjamin High School
- Furness, Horace High School
- Kensington High School for Creative and Performing Arts (Kensington CAPA)
- Kensington Health Sciences Academy
- Kensington High School
- King, Martin Luther High School
- Lincoln, Abraham High School
- Northeast High School
- Olney High School
- Overbrook High School
- Penn Treaty High School
- Roxborough High School
- Sayre, William L. High School
- South Philadelphia High School
- Strawberry Mansion High School
- Vaux Big Picture High School
- Washington, George High School
- West Philadelphia High School

# Charter High Schools



**September 19th- January 20, 2026**

- Create an account
- Select the schools you would like to apply to
- Some charter schools still have their own applications
- Application end date:
- Not all charter schools are on this website



• Philadelphia Charter Schools

• One Application

• Easy



**APPLYPHILLYCHARTER.ORG**

## **Examples:**

**Freire, Freire Tech, KIPP, Boys Latin of Philadelphia, First Philadelphia Preparatory, Franklin Towne, Imhotep, Mastery, Multicultural, Belmont**

# CLASS OF 2026

## Graduation DUES

due by Monday, March 16, 2025

**\$325.00**

- Graduation Ceremony
- Caps & Gowns
- Yearbook
- Graduation Activity
- 8th Grade T-shirt

## 3 STRIKES POLICY

- (10) Latenesses equal: (1) **Strike**.
- (3) Unexcused Absences (*Truancy*) equal (1) **Strike**
- (3) Write-ups equal (1) **Strike**
- Disrespect/Theft equal (1) **Strike**
- Fighting/ Bullying/Cyberbullying (1) **Strike**
- A next day letter, suspension or any levels of consequences that involve parent/guardians coming to the school is equal to
- (1) **Strike**.
- (3) Uniform violations including gym uniform equal (1) **Strike**

**If you receive 3 Strikes, you will not be permitted to attend any events including the graduation!**

CLASS OF 2025  
"MOVING UP"  
GRADUATION



**Friday, June 5, 2025 (PM?)**



8th Grade International  
Trip  
Date: May 2026

# Greece





ANY  
QUESTIONS  
?

# START NOW

Create your Account  
for School Selection  
Process

