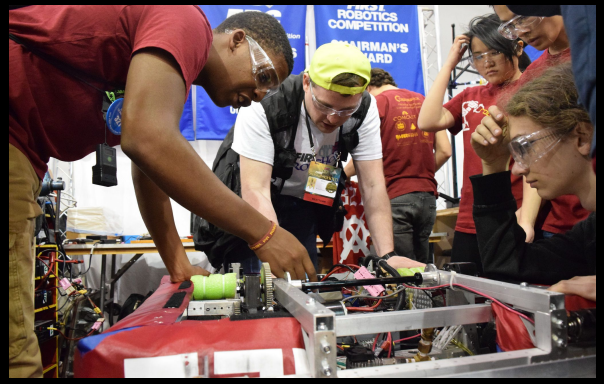


Find Your Fit School Selection 2027-2028

Tonight's Agenda

- Timeline
- Documents Needed
- Application Process
- Important Information
- Charter Schools
- Community Service
- Class dues/ 3 Strikes
- Graduation

Timeline: 2027-2028

Monday, October 5th at 4 pm :
Application OPENS

Tuesday, November 24th at 11:59 pm:
Application CLOSES

December/January: Preliminary eligibility released, Appeal window

January/February: Individualized reviews; Auditions and project-based presentations

February/March: Final eligibility released; Lottery Offers and acceptances

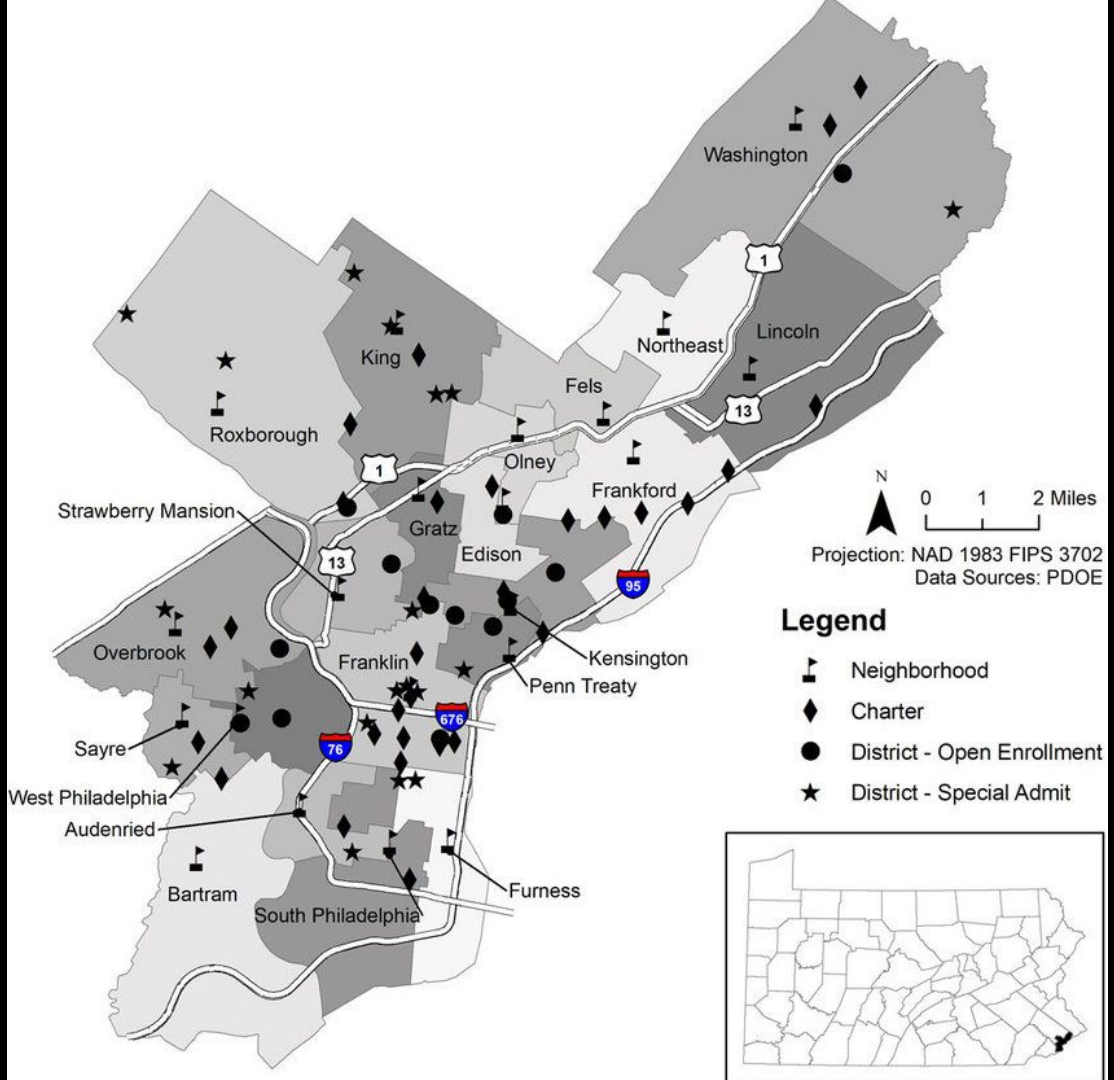
March/April: Waitlist offers released

Documents Needed

Mrs. Blake

Checklist:

- Common Transcript Form for School Selection (Mrs. Blake)
- PA Secure ID on report card: (Mrs. Blake)
- 6th &7th grade PSSA Scores: (Mrs. Blake)
- 6th &7th grade Attendance Report: (Mrs. Blake)
- 6th & 7th grade Report cards (Mrs. Blake)
- 6th & 7th grade Behavior Report (Mrs. Blake) IF NEEDED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District - Open Enrollment
District - Special Admit

Philadelphia School Directory

https://www.philasd.org/hsd/

https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/school-selection/#resources

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).

Application Tips

- All Non-District students should apply to (5) schools/programs you/your child are most interested in.

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

- It's important to rank them in order of preference so the lottery accurately captures your choices.
- 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.

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 the current school they are attending.
- We do not teach Algebra. (Mastermaum)
- Always make sure you SAVE & CONTINUE hanges in application.

PSSA: 2025-2026 (Hold)

- Applicants will use 2025 assessment data and official 2026 assessment data as part of the process.
- Families do not need to take any action regarding 2026 assessment scores right now.
- Once official 2026 results are released, the District will contact applicants and provide instructions for submitting scores.
- Families can continue exploring schools and programs now in preparation for the October 5 application Opening.

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
- Motivation High School
- Northeast Medical, Engineering, and Aerospace Magnet
- Parkway 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

City-Wide Schools

City-Wide schools accept students from across the city. Students must meet the requirements to go through the 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
- 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). The schools that the child attends within a certain distance based on the family's home address. If not, you can select a school.

- 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

- 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 in eligible if applying to criteria-based schools.

- Providing the missing documentation does not guarantee eligibility.

Charter High Schools

apply PHILLY CHARTER

September 18th- January 15, 2027

- Some charter schools still have their own applications
- Application end date:
- Not all charter schools are on ths website

APPLICATION TIMELINE
FOR 27-28

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
Application Opened

JANUARY 15, 2027
Last Day to Apply & Edit Rankings

FEBRUARY 8, 2027
Lottery Results Are Released

FEBRUARY 22, 2027
Deadline to Accept Lottery Offers

Examples: Freire, Freire Tech, KIPP, Boys Latin, First Philadelphia Preparatory, Imhotep, Mastery, Belmont

Community Service

- Requirement for graduation
- All 8th grade students must complete (40) hours of community service
- All forms must be completed at each location the service is being done.

Deadline: Friday, Feb 19, 2027

CLASS OF 2027

Graduation DUES

Due by Friday, April 2, 2027

$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*
- (2)Next day letters, 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 student receives 3 Strikes, they will not be permitted to attend any events including the graduation!

Class of 2027
"Moving up"
Graduation

Friday, June 4, 2027

ANY
QUESTIONS
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