

# Admission Criteria for Special Admission High Schools

*Schools may decide to change their admission criteria from time to time. In case of any discrepancy between this document and the actual school policy, the school version will prevail.*



## [Map of all Special Admission High Schools](#)

### **Academy at Palumbo High School**

*1100 Catharine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 ([Map](#))*

- Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- Writing sample required
- 88th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Interview may be required for students that have insufficient data on application.

### **Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School**

*11081 Knights Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's on most recent final report card
- 80th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Successful audition in chosen major (art, dance, music, or theatre) required

### **William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs**

*1101 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- 80th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- 3 letters of reference

### **Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA)**

*901 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's in major subjects with the exception of one C on the most recent final report card
- 80th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Successful audition in the chosen art field.

### **George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science**

*1600 West Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's in major subjects with the exception of one C in a minor subject, and no failures in any subject, on the most recent final report card
- 85th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Writing sample required

## **Central High School**

*1700 West Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- 88th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Writing sample required
- Special needs and ELL students are invited to apply to Central
- Decisions are made through a team process

## **Franklin Learning Center High School**

*616 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- 80th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary record with no unexcused absences.
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Audition or Portfolio presentation required for Arts Majors

## **Girard Academic Music Program High School (GAMP)**

*2136 W. Ritner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: ALL A's and B's on all report cards
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- 80th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Applicants must have experience with vocal and instrumental music to be considered
- Priority for admission is given to GAMP's current 8th grade class

## **Hill-Freedman World Academy High School**

*6200 Crittenden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19138 ([Map](#))*

- Applicants must have grades of A's and B's in major subject areas with the possibility of one C on the most recent report card
- Students must score at or above the 80th percentile in the reading and math sections of the PSSA or other nationally recognized standardized test ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Exemplary attendance & punctuality.
- If a student meets the criteria, they will be invited to an interview assessed with a rubric embedded in 21st Century Skills.
- Special Education: Students with complex needs are encouraged to apply for our transition program. The Special Education Team with cooperation of the Office of Specialized Services will make all decisions regarding placement.
- All Hill-Freedman World Academy Middle Years students will need to reapply for High School admissions

## **Lankenau Environmental Science Magnet**

*201 Spring Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128 ([Map](#))*

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's, B's, and C's on most recent final report card
- 70th Percentile or higher ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports

### **Julia R. Masterman High School**

1699 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's in major subjects on most recent final report card.\*
- 88th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests \* ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Successful completion of Algebra I and French I or Spanish I in 8th grade.
- Priority for admission given to Masterman's current 8th grade students.

\*These are minimum criteria. Students accepted typically far exceed the minimum.

### **Motivation High School**

5900 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Other: Interview and writing sample required.

### **Northeast Medical, Engineering and Aerospace Magnet**

1601 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111 ([Map](#))

- A's and B's on most recent final report card
- 85th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports

### **Northeast Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**

1601 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111 ([Map](#))

- A's and B's on most recent final report card
- 85th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports

### **Parkway Center City High School**

540 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 ([Map](#))

- A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card.
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports and no 3's in Citizenship
- Demonstrated attitude of aspirations to attend college

### **Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice**

1100 E. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150 ([Map](#))

- Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- 70th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- School and/or community volunteer hours and personal interview required

### **Parkway West High School**

4725 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19139 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent final report card
- 70th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Interview by invitation only

### **Philadelphia High School for Girls**

1400 W. Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's on most recent final report card
- 85th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports
- Strong motivation and interest to be challenged academically
- Interview may be required

### **Walter Biddle Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences**

7100 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128 ([Map](#))

- A's and B's with the possible exception of one C in major subjects on most recent report card;
- 70th percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality;
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports over the past 3 years

### **Science Leadership Academy**

55 N. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C on most recent final report card
- Attendance: Good attendance & punctuality
- No negative disciplinary reports.
- Project-based interview (Families must call school to schedule an interview, which will be held in early December.)
- A weeklong Summer Institute is strongly recommended for all incoming ninth grade students

### **Science Leadership Academy at Dimner Beeber**

5925 Malvern Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19131 ([Map](#))

- Admission Requirements: Grades: A's and B's with the possible exception of one C on most recent final report card
- Attendance: Good attendance & punctuality.
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports.
- Project-based interview. (Families must call school to schedule an interview, which will be held in early December.)
- A weeklong Summer Institute is strongly recommended for all incoming ninth grade students

### **George Washington Pre-International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**

10175 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116 ([Map](#))

- Grades: A's and B's on most recent final report card
- 85th Percentile or higher in Standardized Tests ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Attendance: Exemplary attendance & punctuality
- Behavior: No negative disciplinary reports