

Admission Criteria for Special Admission Middle 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 middle Schools](#)

Academy for the Middle Years (AMY) Northwest (Grades 6-8)

6000 Ridge Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19128

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- A's & B's; no more than two C's for the previous two years
Students who have scored at or above the 70th percentile on the PSSA Test in Reading and Mathematics (other nationally recognized standardized tests may be considered.)
[\(PSSA Conversion Chart\)](#)
- Students who attend regularly – no more than 7 absences or 5 occurrences of lateness during the previous school year
- Students who exhibit good behavior; no history of serious incidents or suspensions
(Parents will be required to sign a behavioral agreement that will state their commitment to abiding to the code of student conduct. If their child does not maintain a positive behavior record, the student may lose their assignment to AMY NW and be returned to their neighborhood school.)
- Students who have parents/guardians who will commit to participate in at least one volunteer opportunity per school year

The school's admissions review team completes all admission decisions. Please note that all qualified applicants may not be admitted due to space limitations.'

Andrew Hamilton Achieving in Middle School (AIMS) Magnet Program (Grades 6-8)

5640 Spruce St.

Philadelphia, PA 19139

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- Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) level of advanced or proficient
- Excellent Report Card Grades for the previous two years indicating all "A's and B's"
- An attendance rate of 90% or better, and a minimal number of latenesses
- Must have excellent behavior grades

Engineering & Science Middle Years Program (Grades 7-8)

1600 West Norris Street

Philadelphia, PA 19121

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- Grades - All A's and B's in major subjects
- Attendance - Minimal lates and absences
- Behavior - No suspensions, no behavior comments on report card
- Standardized Test - 80% and above. Most recent standardized test percentile ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Essay - A one page (typed) essay detailing your reasons to attend Carver E&S

Conwell Middle Magnet School (Grades 5-8)

1849 E. Clearfield St.

Philadelphia, PA 19134

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Students enter in grade 5; there are limited admissions in grades 6, 7 and 8.

- Minimum standardized test scores in both Reading and Mathematics to qualify for admission are as follows ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#)):
 - Grade 6 – 70th percentile
 - Grades 7th & 8th – 80th percentile
- Excellent Report Card Grades for the previous two years indicating all “A’s” and “B’s.”
- Excellent Behavior Record for the previous two years all positive comments, with no suspension record for the current application year
- An attendance rate of 95% or better, with a minimal number of latenesses is required
- Each applicant must be able to attend an interview and testing session at the Conwell School. Notification of this session will be provided by the sending school. A parent/guardian must accompany the applicant to the interview

Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP) (Grades 5-8)

2136 W. Ritner St.

Philadelphia, PA 19145

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- Academic Requirements:
 - 80% on PSSA or Standardized testing submitted ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
 - Report Card Grades – A’s and B’s
 - Attendance
 - Behavior

- Audition Requirements:
 - Vocal – **All** students are required to audition for vocal music, as all of our students are required to be in our choir
 - Instrumental – Students that have played an instrument for more than one year are encouraged to audition with their instrument. Students auditioning instrumental are required to bring a prepared piece to play

Grover Washington Music Magnet Program (Grades 5-8)

201 E. Olney Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19120

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Hill-Freedman World Academy (Grades 6-8)

1100 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19150

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- Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) level of advanced or proficient.
- Excellent Report Card Grades for the previous two years indicating all “A’s and B’s”

Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration Middle Magnet School (Grades 5-8)

1699 Spring Garden St.

Philadelphia, PA 19130

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- A local percentile of 88 on the PSSA test in both Reading and Math are the minimum requirements. Most accepted students score higher. ([PSSA Conversion Chart](#))
- Non-public school families should contact the child’s present school for score conversion information. The national percentile on a nationally recognized standardized test will be considered when it is available. Independent school students may submit ERB scores or any other nationally recognized standardized test
- A lower reading score may be considered for students who have lived in the U.S. for three years or less
- All A’s and B’s are the minimum grades required to apply. Most of the students who are admitted have nearly all A’s. The highest levels of other marking systems are also expected
- A full year of French or Spanish and Algebra are required prior to grade nine.
- The behavior/citizenship grades in all areas should be B or higher
- Excellent attendance and punctuality are required