

# Letter to Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians:



Choosing a high school is the first step towards choosing your future. In The School District of Philadelphia, we want our students and families to choose wisely and well. As you consider the type of school to best match your child's talents and interests, this Directory of High Schools provides an overview of program offerings, admission requirements and academic expectations at each of the 49 schools.

I hope that you will use this directory as one tool in the high school selection process. You will also want to review your child's academic history, visit the school and talk to teachers, administrators, students and parents to determine the best fit. This directory includes school profiles, contact information and admission requirements and academic expectations for each school. I hope that you will take the time to consider your goals and how The School District of Philadelphia, with its vast array of programs and services, can help you to achieve them.

This is an exciting time for your family. The high school years will pass by much too soon. Take this opportunity to ensure that you open the right door to a promising future.

Thanks for your continued support of The School District of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Hite, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D.  
Superintendent

# Types of High Schools

The School District of Philadelphia has three types of high schools: special admission high schools, citywide admission high schools, and neighborhood high schools. All eighth grade students must fill out a high school application for up to five (5) schools or programs of any type in any combination.

Students complete the application by checking off that they plan to attend their neighborhood/feeder high school or by listing school/program name and code number in order of preference from 1 (first choice) to 5 (fifth choice). Students who are not accepted to their chosen schools or programs will be eligible to attend their neighborhood high schools.

Individuals with disabilities (IEP or Service Agreement) and English Language Learners are encouraged to apply to all schools (including special admission and citywide admission high schools). Admission criteria may be waived for those students who, given accommodations, may be successful in requested schools, as determined by the appropriate school teams. Individuals with disabilities and English Language Learners are important parts of any school community. Remember that we seek, welcome, and celebrate diverse student populations in all of our high schools.

## Neighborhood High Schools (NS)

Twenty-three (23) high schools have open admission to students who attend a grade eight school that is within the feeder pattern. Students from outside of the feeder pattern may apply. Admission for CTE programs, however, is based upon space availability.

## Citywide Admission High Schools (CW)

These eight (8) high schools have admissions criteria, and students citywide may apply. In order to be eligible for the lottery, students must meet three of the following four criteria: 1) grades of A, B, or C on the most recent final report card; 2) no more than 10 absences; 3) no more than 5 latenesses; and 4) no negative disciplinary reports on the most recent final report card. In addition, students may have to attend an on-site interview. Please see the specific School Profiles for any additional admissions requirements, if applicable.

## Special Admission High Schools (SA)

These nineteen (19) high schools are “magnet schools,” each with its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, punctuality, behavior, grades, and standardized test scores. Students citywide may apply to these special admission high schools. However, it is strongly recommended that you review the set of admissions criteria and your own scholastic record prior to applying.

## Promise Academy High Schools (P)

The Philadelphia Promise Academies are Renaissance schools that are staffed and managed by District employees with union affiliations. It is characterized by longer school days, a longer school year, and instructional programs, which are research-based and have a proven track record for increasing student achievement.

## NEIGHBORHOOD (NS)

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|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Bartram                               | 8. Kensington Health Sciences Academy                               | 12. Lincoln                         | 19. South Philadelphia             |
| 2. Edison <sup>1</sup>                   |   | 13. Northeast                       | 20. Washington                     |
| 3. Fels                                  | 9. Kensington International Business, Finance, and Entrepreneurship | 14. Overbrook                       | 21. West Philadelphia <sup>1</sup> |
| 4. Frankford                             |   | 15. Penn Treaty                     |                                    |
| 5. Franklin                              | 10. Kensington Urban Education Academy                              | 16. Roxborough                      |                                    |
| 6. Furness                               |   | 17. Sayre                           |                                    |
| 7. Kensington Creative & Performing Arts | 11. King <sup>1</sup>   | 18. Strawberry Mansion <sup>1</sup> |                                    |

## CITYWIDE(CW)

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 22. Constitution     | 26. Robeson                       | 29. Swenson         |
| 23. Dobbins          | 27. Philadelphia Military Academy | 30. Workshop School |
| 24. HS of the Future |                                   |                     |
| 25. Mastbaum         | 28. Randolph                      |                     |

## SPECIAL ADMISSION (SA)

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 31. Academy at Palumbo   | 37. Franklin Learning Center | 43. Northeast Magnet                 | 49. SLA at Beeber |
| 32. Arts Academy at Rush | 38. GAMP                     | 44. Parkway Center City              | 50. Saul          |
| 33. Bodine               | 39. Hill-Freedman            | 45. Parkway Northwest                |                   |
| 34. CAPA                 | 40. Lankenau                 | 46. Parkway West                     |                   |
| 35. Carver               | 41. Masterman                | 47. Philadelphia HS for Girls        |                   |
| 36. Central              | 42. Motivation               | 48. Science Leadership Academy (SLA) |                   |

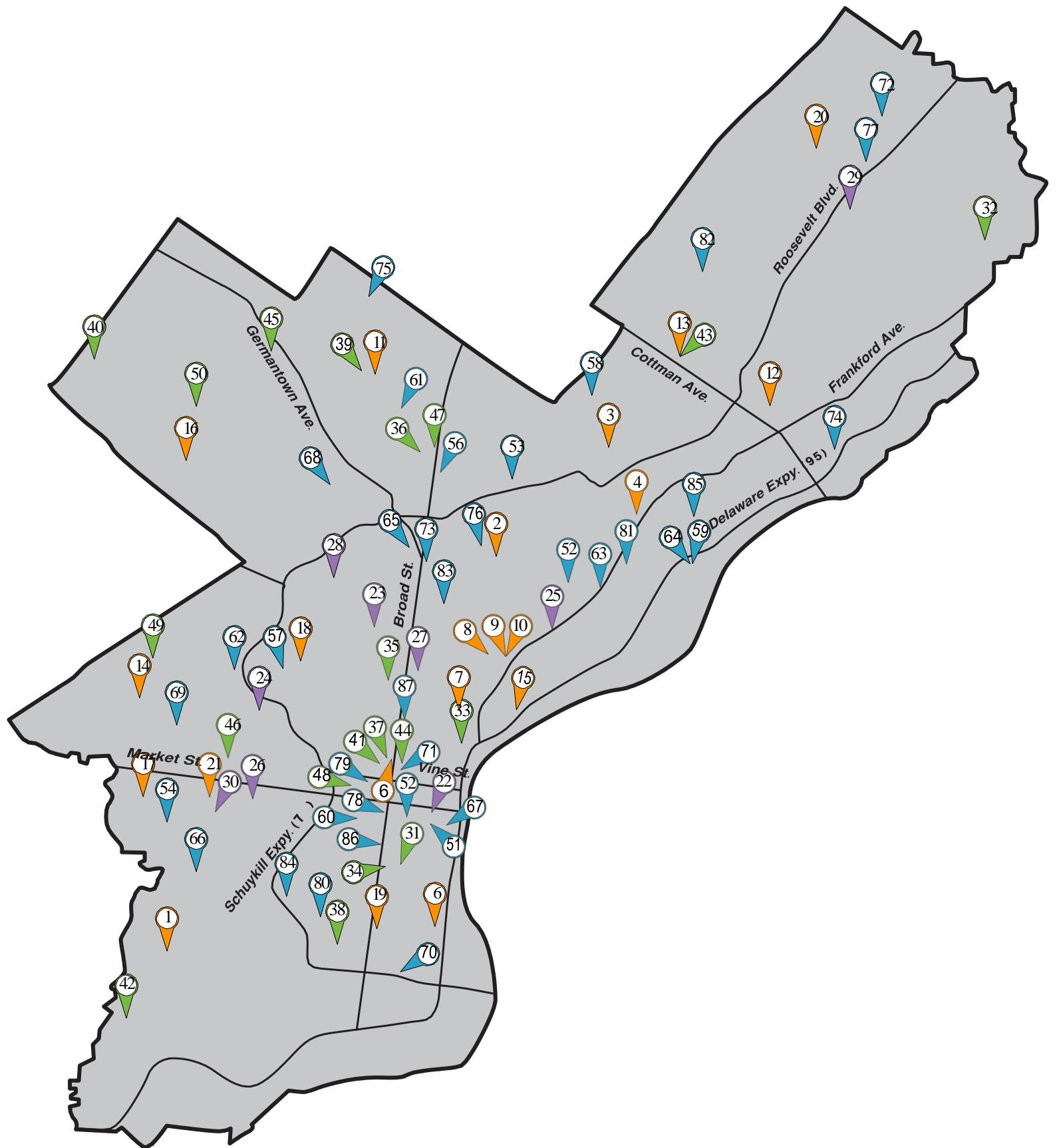
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| 51. Architecture & Design             | 63. Mariana Bracetti                       | 74. New Foundations                      | 84. Universal Audenried <sup>2</sup> |
| 52. Arise Academy High                | 64. Maritime Academy                       | 75. New Media Technology                 | 85. Walter D. Palmer Leadership      |
| 53. ASPIRA Olney <sup>2</sup>         | 65. Mastery - Simon Gratz <sup>2</sup>     | 76. Nueva Esperanza                      | 86. World Communications             |
| 54. Boys Latin of Philadelphia        | 66. Mastery – Hardy                        | 77. Philadelphia Academy                 | 87. YouthBuild Philadelphia          |
| 55. Community Academy of Philadelphia | 67. Mastery – Lenfest                      | 78. Philadelphia Electrical & Technology |                                      |
| 56. Delaware Valley                   | 68. Mastery – Pickett                      | 79. Philadelphia Performing Arts         |                                      |
| 57. Eastern University                | 69. Mastery – Shoemaker                    | 80. Preparatory Charter School of Math   |                                      |
| 58. First Philadelphia                | 70. Mastery – Thomas                       | 81. Sankofa Freedom                      |                                      |
| 59. Franklin Towne                    | 71. Mathematics Civics and Sciences        | 82. Tacony Academy                       |                                      |
| 60. Freire                            | 72. Mathematics, Sciences & Tech Community | 83. Truebright Science                   |                                      |
| 61. Imhotep Institute                 | 73. Multi-Cultural                         |  |                                      |
| 62. KIPP Philadelphia                 |  |  |                                      |

<sup>1</sup>Promise Academies

<sup>2</sup>Renaissance Neighborhood Charter School

# High Schools by Type



# High School and Program Codes

PROGRAM CODES	SCHOOL NAME/NOMBRE DELA ESCUELA	TYPE/ TIPO	PROGRAM CODES	SCHOOL NAME/NOMBRE DELA ESCUELA	TYPE/ TIPO
2620	Academy at Palumbo	SA	7010	Frankford	NS
8040	Arts Academy at Rush		701B	●Building Management/ Property Maintenance	CW
804A	●Arts Academy at Rush --- Art	SA	701C	●Culinary Arts	CW
804D	●Arts Academy at Rush --- Dance	SA	2010	Franklin, Benjamin	NS
804M	●Arts Academy at Rush --- Instrumental Music	SA	201B	●Culinary Arts	CW
804R	●Arts Academy at Rush --- Theatre	SA	201C	●Architectural Drafting (CAD)	CW
804V	●Arts Academy at Rush --- Vocal Music	SA	201D	●Precision Mechanical Tool Technology	CW
3414	ASPIRA Olney High School (Renaissance Charter High School)	NS	201E	●Electro Mechanical/ Mechatronics	CW
1010	Bartram	NS	201F	●Pre---Engineering	CW
101A	●Commercial Advertising Art	CW	201W	●Welding Technology	CW
101C	●Cinematography Film/Video Production	CW	2290	Franklin Learning Center	
101H	●Health Related Technology	CW	229A	●F.L.C. ---Art	SA
101W	●Web Design	CW	229B	●F.L.C. --- Computer & Business Applications	SA
5150	Bodine	SA	229D	●F.L.C. --- Dance	SA
2020	HS for Creative & Performing Arts		229R	●F.L.C. --- Drama	SA
202C	●CAPA --- Creative Writing	SA	229H	●F.L.C. --- Health Related Technology	SA
202F	●Cinematography Film/Video Production	SA	229Y	●F.L.C. --- Humanities/Liberal Arts	SA
202D	●CAPA --- Dance	SA	229M	●F.L.C. --- Instrumental Music	SA
202R	●CAPA --- Drama	SA	229V	●F.L.C. --- Vocal Music	SA
202M	●CAPA --- Instrumental Music	SA	2160	Furness	NS
202A	●CAPA --- Visual Arts	SA	216A	●Hotel Restaurant, Travel and Tourism	CW
202V	●CAPA --- Vocal Music	SA	216B	●Business Accounting	CW
4030	Carver HS of Engineering & Science	SA	2410	Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP)	SA
6010	Central	SA	6460	Hill Freedman (9th & 10th Only)	SA
2670	Constitution	CW	1030	High School of the Future	CW
4060	Dobbins Technical		5510	Kensington Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship	NS
406H	●Dobbins --- Barbering	CW	551A	●Business Technology	CW
406A	●Dobbins --- Business Technology	CW	551B	●Business Sports Marketing	CW
406J	●Dobbins --- Cosmetology	CW	5520	Kensington Creative & Performing Arts	NS
406E	●Dobbins --- Culinary Arts	CW	552A	●Cinematography Film/Video Production	CW
406K	●Dobbins --- Fashion Design	CW	552B	●Commercial Advertising Art	CW
406D	●Dobbins --- Commercial Advertising Art	CW	5550	Kensington Health Sciences Academy	NS
406I	●Dobbins --- Plumbing Technology	CW	555A	●Health Related Technology	CW
5020	Edison	NS	555B	●Dental Assistant	CW
502A	●Automotive Technology	CW	555C	●Pharmacy Technology	CW
502B	●Automotive Collision Repair	CW	5600	Kensington Urban Education Academy	NS
502C	●Child Care	CW	6060	King (Promise Academy)	NS
502D	●Cinematography Film/Video Production	CW	606A	●Automotive Repair Technology	CW
502E	●Commercial Advertising Art	CW	606B	●Business Technology	CW
502F	●Computer Systems Technology	CW	606C	●Culinary Arts	CW
502G	●Cosmetology	CW	606D	●Commercial Advertising Art	CW
502H	●Culinary Arts	CW	606E	●Health Related Technology	CW
502J	●Electrical	CW	6540	Lankenau	SA
502K	●Health Information Management	CW	8010	Lincoln	NS
502L	●Health Related Technology	CW	801A	●Health Related Technology	CW
502M	●Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC)	CW	801B	●Business Technology	CW
502N	●Warehousing/Logistics	CW	801C	●Horticulture	CW
502W	●Welding Technology	CW			
7120	Fels	NS			
712A	●Visual Arts	CW			
712D	●Dance	CW			
712V	●Vocal	CW			
712M	●Instrumental Music	CW			
712B	●Business Technology	CW			
712C	●Cinematography Film/Video Production	CW			

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5060	<b>Mastbaum Technical</b>		6040	Saul HS for Agricultural Sciences	SA
506C	●Mastbaum --- Automotive Technology	CW	1100	Sayre	NS
506A	●Mastbaum --- Business Technology	CW	2650	Science Leadership Academy	SA
506E	●Mastbaum --- Carpentry	CW	2651	Science Leadership Academy---Beeber Campus (9th & 10th Only)	SA
506D	●Mastbaum --- Culinary Arts	CW	2000	South Philadelphia	NS
506G	●Mastbaum --- Electrical & Power Transmission	CW	200A	●Academy of Process Technology	SA
506B	●Mastbaum --- Commercial Advertising Art	CW	200C	●Business Accounting	CW
506J	●Mastbaum --- Health Related Technology	CW	200B	●Business Technology	CW
506I	●Mastbaum --- Medical Records Technology	CW	200D	●Computer and Networking Technology	CW
506F	●Mastbaum --- Welding Technology	CW	200F	●Culinary Arts	CW
2140	<b>Masterman</b>	SA	200E	●Engineering Related Technology	CW
3416	<b>Mastery @ Gratz (Renaissance Charter High School)</b>	NS	200I	●Health Related Technology	CW
1190	<b>Motivation</b>	SA	200G	●Carpentry	CW
8020	<b>Northeast</b>	NS	200H	●Child Care	CW
802C	●Communications Technology	CW	4140	<b>Strawberry Mansion</b>	NS
802M	●Northeast Magnet Program	SA	414A	●Architectural Drafting (CAD)	CW
4020	<b>Overbrook</b>	NS	414C	●Culinary Arts	CW
402A	●Architectural Drafting (CAD)	CW	8090	<b>Swenson Arts and Technology</b>	
402B	●Building Management/ Property Maintenance	CW	809C	●Swenson --- Automotive Collision Repair	CW
402H	●Health Related Technology	CW	809D	●Swenson --- Automotive Technology	CW
402V	●Recreational Vehicle Repair	CW	809F	●Swenson --- Baking	CW
5080	<b>Parkway Center City</b>	SA	809H	●Swenson --- Carpentry	CW
5070	<b>Parkway Northwest</b>	SA	809I	●Swenson --- Communications Technology	CW
5090	<b>Parkway West</b>	SA	809B	●Swenson --- Computer Systems Networking	CW
5160	<b>Penn Treaty</b>	NS	809E	●Swenson --- Culinary Arts	CW
516A	●Business Accounting	CW	809J	●Swenson --- Electrical	CW
516B	●Business Sports Marketing	CW	809G	●Swenson --- Engineering Related Technology	CW
6050	<b>Philadelphia HS for Girls</b>	SA	809K	●Swenson --- Health Related Technology	CW
5050	<b>Philadelphia Military Academy</b>	CW	809I	●Swenson --- Plumbing Technology	CW
6090	<b>Randolph Career Academy</b>		809W	●Swenson --- Welding Technology	CW
609B	●Randolph Automotive Repair	CW	3417	<b>Universal Audenreid (Renaissance Charter School)</b>	NS
609C	●Randolph Automotive Technology	CW	8030	<b>Washington, George</b>	NS
609T	●Randolph Construction Trades	CW	803B	●Business Technology	CW
609A	●Randolph Culinary Arts	CW	803C	●Culinary Arts	CW
609E	●Randolph Fire Academy	CW	803S	●Business Sports Marketing	CW
609G	●Randolph Health Related Technology	CW	1020	<b>West Philadelphia (Promise Academy)</b>	NS
609H	●Randolph Dental Assisting	CW	102A	●Architectural Drafting (CAD)	CW
609V	●Randolph Vending Repair	CW	102C	●Communication Advertising Art	CW
609W	●Randolph Welding	CW	102M	●Communications Technology	CW
1050	<b>Robeson HS for Human Services</b>	CW	102N	●Computer System Networking	CW
6030	<b>Roxborough</b>		8560	<b>Workshop School</b>	NS
603C	●Roxborough Business Technology	CW	856A	●Automotive Technology	CW
603B	●Roxborough Bio Technology	CW	856B	●Automotive Collision Repair	CW
603A	●Roxborough Cinematography Film/Video Production	CW	856C	●Engineering Related Technology	CW
603G	●Roxborough Web Design	CW			

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## Information Concerning the High School Application Process

- You may use this form to apply to The School District of Philadelphia's various high school opportunities which include special admission, city-wide admission, and neighborhood high schools as well as Career and Technical Education programs.
- You may use this form to apply to the following Renaissance Charter High Schools: ASPIRA Olney, Mastery at Gratz, and Universal Audenried. You may not use this form to apply to other Charter schools. For all other charter schools, you must contact the individual charter school to get their application form and procedures.
- All requests are to be made by the parent/legal guardian. Families can obtain this form from their local school's main office, local Parent and Family Resource Center, The Office of Student Enrollment and Placement located at 440 N. Broad Street, and the School District of Philadelphia's website at [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org).
- Requests will not be approved for a school, grade, or course already filled to capacity.
- A separate form must be submitted per child.
- Admission is not guaranteed. Filling out an application does not guarantee the request will be approved.
- Admission is only valid for the grade level for which the student is applying.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Admission is based upon student's ability to meet the school's minimum admission criteria, space availability, and in some cases selection by a random computerized lottery.

**School District of Philadelphia students: Return this application to your current school.**

**Non-District students: Return this application to the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement at the School District of Philadelphia, 440 North Broad Street, Suite 111, Philadelphia PA 19130.**

**All Applications MUST be received by 5:00pm December 6, 2013**

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