

Kensington/New High Schools Lottery March 2014

Who is eligible to apply?

Current eighth-graders from both district and non-district schools are welcome to apply.

Is there an entrance criterion for these high schools?

None of the high schools have academic requirements for admission. However, students applying to Kensington CAPA will be required to audition for the arts programs offered at the school.

How will students be selected for the schools?

All students will be selected by a computerized lottery.

- For the Kensington schools- Preference will be given to students whose address is within the attendance boundary of the Kensington high schools.
- For the LINC and U School- 50% of the 9th grade seats will be filled with students from the following zip codes: 19120, 19121, 19122, 19123, 19124, 19125, 19130, 19132, 19133, 19134, and 19140. The remaining 50% of seats will be filled with students from across the city.
- For Building 21- 60% of the 9th grade seats will be filled with students from zip codes: 19120, 19121, 19122, 19123, 19124, 19125, 19130, 19132, 19133, 19134, and 19140. The remaining 40% of seats will be filled with students from across the city.

Will I receive a multiple approval?

Yes, student may be selected for multiple schools through the lottery.

I participated in the High School Selection process and received an approval or decided to stay on the waitlist for a school. Does the Kensington/New Schools Lottery delete that approval or waitlist seat?

No. This process is separate from the High School Selection process. If you receive an approval or are placed on a school's waitlist through the Kensington/New Schools Lottery, you will be asked to make a final enrollment decision between the schools for which you were approved.

How and when will I receive my determination letter?

The results of the lottery process will be released during the week of June 9, 2014.

- District students will receive notification of the lottery results through the Student Portal.
- Parents of non-district students will receive an email notifying them that a decision letter is available on the Kensington/New High Schools Lottery website.

Can I get help applying to these new high school placement options at the Parent and Family Resource Centers?

Yes. Information about the Kensington/New Schools Lottery process is available at Parent and Family Resource Centers. Parents can also visit the resource center computers to access school profiles and ask questions.

What is the difference between a special admission, a citywide admission high school, and non-academically selective school?

Special admission schools have more competitive entrance criteria. Students accepted to special admission schools must meet the school's standardized test score, report card grade, and attendance requirements. *Citywide admission schools* have lower entrance requirements, but still

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have admission criteria regarding standardized test scores grades, attendance, and discipline records. *Non-academically selective or non-selective schools* do not have admission criteria based on academics, attendance, or behavior.

Should students in an alternative education placement apply and choose to attend one of the new schools?

Yes, all students are encouraged to apply to the new schools. Current eighth-grade students in placement are encouraged to apply.

Should students with IEPs or who are English language learners apply and choose to attend to these schools?

Yes, all students are encouraged to apply to any of the new schools. Current eighth-grade students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or who are English Language Learners can learn more about this process by contacting their counselor or the Office of Specialized Services at 215-400-4170.

What is the enrollment process?

- This enrollment opportunity is for all current eighth-grade students for enrollment in to ninth-grade beginning in September 2014.
- Both district and non-district students are welcome to apply.
- The application process will begin on March 24, 2014 and end at 5:00 PM, April 25, 2014.
- The Kensington/New School Lottery applications allow students interested in the schools to rank their selections in the order of his/her preference.
- The Office of Student Enrollment and Placement and The Office of Information Technology will run a blind electronic lottery for a percentage of seats that are 1) geographic (11 zip codes) and 2) citywide zip codes.
- Families will be notified about the outcome of the lottery.

What is the timeline for this process?

March 24th: Application opens for three new school models

April 25th: Application closes for three new school models

Week of June 9th: Final notifications for new schools sent to students/families.

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Please visit http://philasd.org/kensington-new_high_schools_lottery for updates and additional information. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement at 215-400-5985 or email us at 7schoolslottery@philasd.org.