

FAQ

How do I know what the admissions criteria is for Criteria-based (City-Wide or Special Admissions) or Comprehensive High Schools?

The criteria for city-wide and special admissions high schools can be found in the High School Directory. You can obtain a High School Directory by going online to The Office of Student Enrollment & Placement (<http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/s/student-placement>) and click on the Forms tab. You can also ask your school counselor.

Where can I find a list of high schools that have programs for AS, ES, LSS? (Special Education Only)

Requesting a list of high schools with programs (AS, ES, LSS, etc) would go against the LeGare Consent Decree. ALL of our schools either support individual students with disabilities OR have a program for students' with disabilities.

How can I help my child with their application?

Parents should: 1) Take child to High School Expo; 2) Chooses high schools based on strengths and interest; 3) Obtain outside recommendations; 4) Work with child on essays; 5) Submit ALL application materials on time to the school counselor; 6) Work with counselor on scheduling interviews or auditions; 7) Take child to interviews and auditions on time.

How do I ask for a waiver of certain admissions criteria?

Waivers for certain admissions criteria can be given if there is documented evidence of an extenuating circumstance (i.e.: absence due to hospitalization).

How will I find out if my child was accepted to a criteria-based (city-wide high school or special admissions high school) or a CTE program?

Decision letters will be mailed home with an acceptance or non acceptance indicted in the letter. Decisions of non-acceptance will have a reason indicated in the letter.

What is Impartial Review? How will I find out if my child is eligible for Impartial Review?

Impartial Review is a final review for students with IEP's, 504 Plans and ELL students who have applied to **criteria-based** programs (city-wide and special admissions high schools), and they were not accepted by those schools. Impartial Review **does not** apply to comprehensive high schools (unless student applied to a CTE program in a comprehensive high school), charter schools, or non-district schools. Eligible students will receive a letter with instructions on how to request Impartial Review.