Magnet & criteria-based middle schools

Entry grade is the grade your child starts: apply during 4th for 5th; 5th for 6th; 6th for 7th.

WHICH RECORDS COUNT?

Final grades and attendance: best ELA/Reading, Math and Science results from the two completed school years before applying. For 5th-grade entry: 2nd/3rd-grade records and 3rd-grade PSSA scores.

Julia R. Masterman

Academic magnet | grades 5-12

APPLY FOR 5TH GRADE

95% attendance | A/B grades
80th percentile ELA AND Math

1699 Spring Garden St, PA 19130
215-400-7580 masterman.philasd.org

Girard Academic Music (GAMP)

Music-centered | grades 5-12

APPLY FOR 5TH GRADE | AUDITION

90% attendance | A/B + up to 1 C
50th percentile ELA AND Math

2136 W Ritner St, PA 19145
215-400-8230 gamp.philasd.org

Russell Conwell Middle Magnet

Enrichment | grades 5-8

APPLY FOR 5TH GRADE

90% attendance | A/B/C grades
50th percentile ELA OR Math

1849 E Clearfield St, PA 19134
215-400-7210 conwell.philasd.org

Science Leadership - Beeber

Inquiry / project-based | grades 5-12

APPLY FOR 5TH GRADE | GROUP PROJECT

90% attendance | A/B + up to 1 C
50th percentile ELA AND Math

5925 Malvern Ave, PA 19131
215-400-7270 slabeeber.philasd.org

AMY Northwest

Academy for the Middle Years | grades 6-8

APPLY FOR 6TH GRADE

Criteria-based: check current grade, attendance and test cutoffs

6000 Ridge Ave, PA 19128
215-400-3460 amynw.philasd.org

Hill-Freedman World Academy

International Baccalaureate | grades 6-12

APPLY FOR 6TH GRADE

90% attendance | A/B + up to 2 Cs
50th percentile ELA OR Math

1100 E Mount Pleasant Ave, PA 19150
215-400-3530 hfwa.philasd.org

Carver Engineering & Science

STEM-focused middle years | grades 7-12

APPLY FOR 7TH GRADE

95% attendance | A/B grades
65th percentile ELA AND Math | No extras listed

1600 W Norris St, PA 19121
215-400-7380 hses.philasd.org

ADMISSION TERMS

ELA + Math = both scores qualify.

ELA OR Math = either score qualifies.

Percentile = national comparison, not percent of test questions correct.

School cutoffs: verify for current cycle.

How to apply: parent checklist

An easy-to-use overview for families exploring Philadelphia middle schools.

APPLICATIONS: USUALLY CLOSE IN THE FALL

Often late October, but dates can change. Current deadline: philasd.org/studentplacement/school-selection/

1. **Confirm where your child can enter**

   Match the incoming grade (5th, 6th, or 7th) to each school. Schools may not accept applicants in every grade.

2. **Compare school admissions requirements**

   Criteria-based schools review grades, attendance, and tests; some also require auditions or group presentations.

3. **Gather the right academic records**

   Use the best final ELA/Reading, Math and Science grades and attendance from the two prior completed years.

4. **Review test scores correctly**

   Applying for 5th grade: 3rd-grade PSSA. For grades 6+, scores may come from the two prior years.

5. **Rank schools and submit the application**

   Choose up to five schools in your actual preference order. Submit through the appropriate District application portal.

6. **Watch eligibility, lottery and waitlists**

   Meeting criteria does not guarantee a seat. Monitor offers, deadlines, and waitlist updates after applying.

RESEARCH BEFORE YOU RANK

School Finder: confirm location and address.
Avela Explore: verify eligible grades, category and availability for the application year.
School Profiles: compare programs and supports.

Avela Explore **School Profiles**

SCHOOL AVAILABILITY CAN CHANGE

Schools are options to research, not a promise of an open seat. Offered grades, admission categories and lottery seats can change by application cycle.
Confirm current participation and seat availability in the District application.

NEED HELP?

Office of Student Enrollment & Placement: 215-400-4290
Official School Selection information and criteria