

Regulation

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GIFTED AND TALENTED PUPILS

GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY

The Passaic Public Schools has developed criteria and procedures to identify students who demonstrate high levels of ability, and provide those students with learning opportunities that allow for exploration, growth, and achievement.

Eligibility criteria and procedures for admission to the Gifted and Talented Academy, Grades 2 – 8:

1. Students entering grades 2-8 who are eligible to attend Passaic Public Schools as defined by district policy may apply for admission.
2. Parents/Guardians of eligible students must complete the application in order to be considered.
3. Procedures, criteria and applications for acceptance will be made available to all eligible students and families.
4. Applications will be scored and ranked based on a student's academic records, standardized test performance, writing samples, portfolios, auditions, and/or district-developed matrices corresponding to Academics, Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Visual Arts.
  - a. All students entering grades 2-8 will be assessed on measures of academic achievement based on multiple assessment tools.
    - i. All students entering grades 2-4:
      1. Will be required to take an entrance examination.
      2. Will be required to provide a writing sample at the district's discretion using an applicable rubric.
      3. Students applying for Performing Arts and/or Visual Arts will be required to audition and will be assessed using the strand matrices.
      4. Students applying for Physical Education will be required to demonstrate knowledge of their selected sport and will be assessed using strand matrices.
    - ii. Students entering 5-8:
      1. Will be required to provide a writing sample at the district's discretion using an applicable rubric.
      2. Students applying for Performing Arts and/or Visual Arts will be required to audition and will be assessed using the strand matrices.

3. Students applying for Physical Education will be required to demonstrate knowledge of selected sport and will be assessed using strand matrices.
  - b. Students applying for the Academic Strand will be ranked based on the academic assessment tools including an entrance examination and/or writing sample.
  - c. Students applying for the Performing Arts, Physical Education, or Visual Arts Strands will be ranked using measures of academic achievement and strand matrices.
    - i. Measures of academic achievement will account for 40% of the final score and strand matrices will account for 60% of the final score.
5. The Superintendent and his/her designee will identify a committee through which all applications will be reviewed. All applicants and their families will be notified as to the status of their acceptance, wait list, or non-acceptance.
6. Parents/Guardians of students accepted to the Gifted and Talented Academy must notify the Principal of intent to attend within 14 calendar days.
7. Students placed on the wait list or not accepted must reapply for the next school year.
8. Students who attended the Gifted and Talented Academy during the previous year will not need to reapply.

### Exhibits

- A. Gifted and Talented Academy Student Application
- B. Gifted and Talented Academy- Academic Strand Acceptance Matrix
- C. Gifted and Talented Academy- Performing Arts Strand Acceptance Matrix
- D. Gifted and Talented Academy- Physical Education Strand Acceptance Matrix
- E. Gifted and Talented Academy- Visual Arts Strand Acceptance Matrix
- F. Gifted and Talented Academy- Writing Sample Holistic Scoring Rubric

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