



HIGH SCHOOL:

THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD COLLEGE

**A MANUAL FOR 6TH, 7TH &
8TH GRADERS & THEIR
FAMILIES**

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Research (WHEN: spring of 7th grade)

Start with this booklet. Visit the websites of schools that jump out at you and read the “Overview” section of websites which will tell you:

- how big the school is
- a summary of the teaching philosophy
- a bit about the religious affiliation, specialization, or focus of the school
- extra-curricular activities

Write down the admissions and financial aid deadlines and the contact person in the admissions and financial aid offices. Call schools and ask if they are having an open house or if you can visit and take a tour.

****Please see footnote regarding charter and public school applications.**

2. Visit Schools (WHEN: the fall and spring of 8th grade)

Schools usually have one open house in the fall and one in the spring. Attend open houses or schedule an individual visit so you can see the school while classes are in session. This will give you the opportunity to meet the Principal, admissions officers, faculty and students. **Don't be afraid to take advantage of your visit by asking a lot of questions.** Admissions offices will often let you speak with students involved in activities or sports your child is interested in.

3. Apply to Schools and for Financial Aid (WHEN: winter and spring of 8th grade)

Make a list of the schools you want to apply to. Call admissions offices to ask any questions that you have about what is needed to apply. As you do this, make a list of everything that you and your child have to do to complete the applications for each school, then:

- submit the test scores that schools request OR
 - sign up for a date to take their entrance exams
- set up interviews
- prepare portfolios where requested

Print out the financial aid forms as soon as you decide that you want to apply to any private school. It is extremely important to have all financial aid materials in before the deadline.

4. Follow up (WHEN: after you apply)

After you apply, you may have to wait some time to find out if you have been accepted. If you don't hear back from a school, follow up with a call. Also, since acceptance and financial aid are often awarded separately at private schools, it's a good idea to keep in touch with the financial aid staff as well.

5. Enrollment and Registration (WHEN: late spring to summer of 8th grade)

Once you have been accepted, you must choose a high school and enroll. Enrollment usually involves signing paperwork and paying a registration fee and/or a down-payment on tuition or fees. If you don't pay your registration fee, or fail to complete the final registration process, the school usually will not hold your seat. **Make sure that the schools you have enrolled in are aware of your financial situation and that you have completed all the necessary steps in applying for financial aid.**

**Each of the Philadelphia Charter Schools has different application procedures and deadlines. Visit the schools' Websites for more information.

****If applying to a Citywide Admission (CW) or Special Admission (SA) Philadelphia public school, the application needs to be submitted to the school system by December 6th. Please use this website: <http://ow.ly/pHbVG>, for information on applying to these schools. Most CW and SA schools have their own admissions requirements. Please see the Philadelphia High School Directory to learn more. It is available for download from this website: <http://ow.ly/pHajg>.****

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A HIGH SCHOOL

It is important to think about what you want from a high school. This will be different for every student and for every family. Below are five factors that are important to consider when trying to figure out what school is right for you.

Academics

Questions to ask the Principal:

- How many, and what kinds, of Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered? The more, the better.
- What is the teaching philosophy of the school? Do you think that this aligns with your academic needs?
- What sorts of academic opportunities does the school provide or encourage? Think educational field trips, independent research projects, internships, partnerships or collaborations with other schools or organizations, and summer programs.
- What is the average class size?

Questions to ask students and teachers:

- What is the academic environment of the school? Is it competitive? Do students help each other? Do students respect and like their teachers? Do the students seem eager and ready to learn?
- What do other students at the school say about the workload? Ask students if they feel that the school and their teachers have prepared them with the skills they need to complete the work successfully.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- How important are sports to the culture of the school? How competitive are the teams? Are there any intramural sports offered?
- How big and involved are the other extra-curricular activities that interest you (ex. drama, student government)?

Location

- How will I get back and forth from school?
- How long is the commute? How much will the commute cost?
- Does the school provide any sort of transportation?

Cost

- What is the tuition? How much do fees, books, and uniforms cost?
- How much financial-aid will the school grant?
- How often will I have to re-apply for financial-aid?

Values

- Is the school affiliated with a religion? If so, how prevalent is that religion in the curriculum and culture of the school? What percentage of the student body is a part of that religion?
- How do the school's values match up with your family's values or your personal values? What will the teachers espouse as right and wrong?
- What approach does the school have, if any, to sex education?
- Is the school co-ed, or single-sex? What are benefits and drawbacks of going to a co-ed vs. single-sex school?
- How racially and ethnically diverse is the school?

PAYING FOR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL

Tuition, fees, and books at private high schools can be very expensive. However, there is good news: most private high schools offer financial aid programs to families who do not have the resources to pay the tuition on their own. Be sure to ask about financial aid programs offered by the school.

There are also many individual organizations that offer scholarships and grants to high school students. Below is a list of a few of those organizations. **CSFP does not award any scholarships for high school students and we are not affiliated with any of the following organizations.**

Scholarship Programs

The Deirdre L. Bailey, Esq. Scholarship Program, **The Black Alliance for Educational Options**

www.philadelphia.baeo.org

Phone: (215) 851-1795

Faith First Educational Assistance Corporation

www.faithschoice.org

Contact: Alberta Wilson, Phone: (215) 870-9454, Email: albertaahh@aol.com

Officer Daniel Boyle Scholarship Fund

www.officerdanielboyle.com

Email: boyles410@aol.com

Philadelphia Foundation Community Scholarship Fund

www.philafound.org

Phone: (215) 563-6417, Email: awilder@philafound.org

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Tuition Assistance

<http://ow.ly/pHcug>

Phone: (215) 587-3700

Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)

www.blocs.org

Phone: (215) 587-0590

A Better Chance

www.abetterchance.org

Phone: (800) 562-7865

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

www.jkcf.org

Phone: (410) 735-6270, Email: jkc@jhu.edu

Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI's) Children's Tuition Fund

www.acsiglobal.org

Phone: (717) 285-3022, Email: david_hegedus@acsi.org

Bridge Educational Foundation

www.bridgeedu.org

Contact: Natalie Nutt, Phone: (717) 214-6792, Email: natalie.nutt@bridgeedu.org

CEO America Lehigh Valley

www.ceoamerica.net

Contact: Jim Saunders, Phone: (610) 776-8740

Faith Builders Scholarship Services

www.fbep.org/admissions/scholarships

Phone: (814) 789-4518

Family Choice Scholarship Fund of the PA Family Institute

www.pafamily.org

Phone: (717) 545-0600

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

www.jewishphilly.org

Contact: Brian Mono, Phone: (215) 832-0812, Email: bmono@philafederation.org

Henkels Foundation

Contact: Maria Marston, Phone: (215) 283-7628, Email: mmarston@henkels.com

Steppingstone Scholars, Inc.

www.stepsstonescholars.org

Phone: (215) 508-5150

Tuition Loan Programs

Tuition loan programs assist families in making tuition payments more affordable by providing the funds upfront and spreading the payments over a longer period of time than tuition payment plans allow. If you are interested in any of the providers listed here, please contact them directly for current fees, rates, and other details. Most, if not all, are credit-based loans and may have different standards of creditworthiness. In some cases, as noted, the school must be a participant in the program.

ACT Education Loans

Phone: (877) 328-1565 ext. 3

www.acteducationloans.com/k_12_student_loans

Citibank / The Student Loan Corporation

Phone: (800) 967-2400

www.studentloan.com

Key Education Resources

Phone: (800) KEY-LEND (800-539-5363)

www.keybank.com

Sallie Mae

(888) 2-SALLIE

www.salliemae.com/k12loan

Your Tuition Solution

(800) 920-9777

www.yourtutionsolution.com

STUDENTS:

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

The next four years will be exciting because you will meet new people, be introduced to new classes, and participate in different activities. You can expect to be challenged. However, by keeping a positive perspective you will meet those challenges and continue achieving your goals.

Freshman Year (9th grade)

You will meet many new people and make new friends. Classes may be larger and more advanced than they were in middle school. Rules may be enforced differently than at your previous school, and the workload will have increased. There may be times of frustration, but it is important that you do not get discouraged and remember that everyone goes through the same thing during their first year. You should try out every new activity or sport that peaks your interest and throw yourself into your new school's traditions and social opportunities. Remember that colleges will look at your 9th grade year, including grades and activities. Start good study habits now.

Sophomore Year (10th grade)

You will be much more comfortable in your high school setting. Your academic ability will continue to expand and you will have learned the formalities and procedures of high school classes. Set academic goals for yourself and think about your academic and extra-curricular interests more deeply. This year, you will continue with your required classes but you will also have a choice in picking elective classes that speak to your specific interests and talents.

Many schools administer the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) for 10th graders in their spring semester. The PSAT, often called the "practice SAT," has verbal, math, and writing components just like the regular SAT. Your scores on the PSAT do not impact your grades and are not sent to any colleges; however they are used by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to award the National Merit Scholar awards and to determine eligibility for some merit-based scholarships. It is important to take the PSAT to familiarize yourself with taking a college admissions exam. If you don't sign up for the PSAT in the spring of your sophomore year, you should take it during the fall of your junior year. For more information, please contact the College Board (1-888-477-PSAT, www.collegeboard.org).

Junior Year (11th grade)

Many high school students say that this is the most important year academically. Colleges obviously want to see the best grades possible, but they are also looking for your grades to take an upward swing from year to year. If you apply for early admission to a college, that college will not be able to see your senior year, first semester, grades because of the early deadline. Thus, your junior year grades become extremely important. Try not to stress about this. Just buckle down, work hard, and ask for help where needed. Discuss taking more challenging honors and AP courses with your parents, teachers, and school counselors. It is important to challenge yourself without overwhelming yourself at the same time.

In the spring of your junior year, you should start studying for and preparing to take the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test). You may take the SAT as many times as you wish, and you may choose which scores to send off to colleges that you are applying to. Study for and take the SAT in the late spring of your junior year. If you are not happy with the scores, study more over the summer and re-take the test in the fall of your senior year. For more information, please contact the College Board (1-866-756-7346, www.collegeboard.org).

Senior Year (12th grade)

Graduation! This is an amazing year. You might be a little overwhelmed with everything that is taking place, but this is the year that will prepare you for your transition into college. When choosing a college or university, keep in mind all the factors you took into account when choosing a high school. Take advantage of your school's college counselor's office to research schools, scholarships, and financial aid. There are deadlines and qualifications you will have to meet in order to receive aid. Make sure to keep on top of your SAT's, college applications, essays, recommendations, and school work amid all of the excitement and celebrations. As the year ends, you will look back on high school and wonder how time flew by so quickly.

Philadelphia Area Private High Schools

The following is a list of independent private high schools in the Philadelphia area. CSFP does not endorse nor recommend any specific school, and only you can determine which of these schools would make the best educational environment for you. We encourage you to contact schools you may be interested in, research their websites, and apply for financial aid programs immediately if you have any interest in attending.

PENNSYLVANIA PRIVATE SCHOOLS

<p>Abington Friends School 575 Washington Lane Jenkintown, PA 19046 Phone: (215) 886-4350 Fax: (215) 886-9143 www.abingtonfriends.net Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Academy of Notre Dame de Namur 560 Sproul Road Villanova, PA 19085 Phone: (610) 687-0650 Fax: (610) 687-1912 www.ndapa.org/ Catholic, Girls</p>	<p>Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools 2815 Benade Circle Bryn Athyn, PA 19009 Phone: (215) 947-4200 www.ancss.org/ New Church, Separate schools for girls & boys</p>
<p>The Agnes Irwin School Ithan Avenue and Conestoga Road Rosemont, PA 19010-1042 Phone: (610) 525-8400 Fax: (610) 525-8908 www.agnesirwin.org/ Girls</p>	<p>The Baldwin School 701 W. Montgomery Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 525-2700 www.baldwinschool.org Girls</p>	<p>CFS, The School at Church Farm 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy. Exton, PA 19341 Phone: (610) 363-7500 Fax: (610) 363-5367 www.gocfs.net Christian, Boys</p>
<p>Chestnut Hill Academy 500 West Willow Grove Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19118 Phone: (215) 247-4700 Fax: (215) 247-1068 www.chestnuthillacademy.org/ Co-Ed with the Springside School</p>	<p>Country Day School of the Sacred Heart 480 Bryn Mawr Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 527-3915 Fax: (610) 527-0942 www.cdssh.org Catholic, Girls</p>	<p>Delaware Valley Friends School 19 E. Central Avenue Paoli, PA 19301 Phone: (610) 640-4150 Fax: (610) 296-9970 www.dvfs.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>
<p>Devon Preparatory School 363 North Valley Forge Road Devon, PA 19333 Phone: (610) 688-7337 http://www.devonprep.com/ Catholic, Boys</p>	<p>The Episcopal Academy 1785 Bishop White Drive Newtown Square, PA 19073 Phone: (484) 424-1400 www.episcopalacademy.org Episcopal, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Friends Select School 17th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway Philadelphia, PA 19103-1284 Phone: (215) 561-5900 Fax: (215) 864-2979 www.friends-select.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>
<p>Friends' Central School 1101 City Avenue Wynnewood, PA 19096 Phone: (610) 649-7440 www.friendscentral.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>George School 1690 Newtown Langhorne Road Newtown, PA 18940 Phone: (215) 579-6500 www.georgeschool.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Germantown Academy 340 Morris Road Fort Washington, PA 19034 Phone: (215) 646-3300 www.germantownacademy.net Co-Ed</p>

<p>Germantown Friends School 31 West Coulter Street Philadelphia, PA 19144 Phone: (215) 951-2300 www.germantownfriends.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Girard College 2101 South College Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19121 Phone: (215) 787-2600 www.girardcollege.com Co-Ed</p>	<p>The Haverford School 450 Lancaster Avenue Haverford, PA 19041 Phone: (610) 642-3020 www.haverford.org Boys</p>
<p>The Hill School 717 East High Street Pottstown, PA 19464 Phone: (610) 326-1000 www.thehill.org Co-Ed</p>	<p>Hill Top Preparatory School 737 South Ithan Avenue Rosemont, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 527-3230 www.hilltopprep.org Co-Ed, "Serving Bright Students with Learning Disabilities"</p>	<p>Holy Ghost Preparatory School 2429 Bristol Pike Bensalem, PA 19020 Phone: (215) 639-2102 Fax: (215) 639-4225 www.holyghostprep.org Catholic, Boys</p>
<p>Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy 272 South Bryn Mawr Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 922-2300 www.jbha.org Jewish, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Kimberton Waldorf School 410 West Seven Stars Road Phoenixville, PA 19460 Phone: (610) 933-3635 www.kimberton.org Co-Ed</p>	<p>La Salle College High School 8605 Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038 Phone: 215-233-2911 Fax: 215-233-1418 www.lschs.org Catholic, Boys</p>
<p>Malvern Preparatory School 418 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355 Phone: (484) 595-1100 www.malvernprep.org Catholic, Boys</p>	<p>Moorestown Friends School 110 E. Main Street Moorestown, NJ 08057 Phone: (856) 235-2900 www.mfriends.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Mount Saint Joseph Academy 120 W. Wissahickon Avenue Flourtown, PA 19031 Phone: (215) 233-3177 Fax: (215) 233-4734 www.msjacad.org Catholic, Girls</p>
<p>Perkiomen School 200 Seminary St Pennsburg, PA 18073 Phone: (215) 679-9511 Fax: (215) 679-5202 www.perkiomen.org Co-Ed</p>	<p>The Phelps School 583 Sugartown Road Malvern, PA 19355 Phone: (610) 644-1754 Fax: (610) 644-6679 www.thephelpsschool.org Boys</p>	<p>The Shipley School 814 Yarrow Street Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 525-4300 Fax: (610) 525-5082 www.shipleyschool.org Co-Ed</p>
<p>Solebury School 6832 Phillips Mill Road New Hope, PA 18938 Phone: (215) 862-5261 www.solebury.org Co-Ed</p>	<p>Springside School 8000 Cherokee Street Philadelphia, PA 19118 Phone: (215) 247-7200 www.springside.org Co-Ed with Chestnut Hill Academy</p>	<p>St. Joseph's Preparatory Academy 1733 West Girard Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19130 Phone: (215) 978-1950 Fax: (215) 765-1710 www.sjprep.org Catholic, Boys</p>

<p>Valley Forge Military Academy 1001 Eagle Road Wayne, PA 19087 Phone: (610) 989-1200 www.vfmac.edu Military, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Villa Joseph Marie High School 1180 Holland Road Holland, PA 18966 Phone: (215) 357-8810 www.vjmhs.org Catholic, Girls</p>	<p>Westtown School 975 Westtown Road Westtown, PA 19395 Phone: (610) 399-0123 Fax: (610) 399-3760 www.westtown.edu Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>
<p>William Penn Charter School 3000 West School House Lane Philadelphia, PA 19144 Phone: (215) 844-3460 www.penncharter.com Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Woodlynde School 445 Upper Gulph Road Strafford, PA 19087 Phone: (610) 687-9660 Fax: (610) 687-4752 www.woodlynde.org Co-Ed</p>	

DELAWARE & NEW JERSEY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

<p>Archmere Academy 3600 Philadelphia Pike Claymont, DE 19703 Phone: (302) 798-6632 Fax: (302) 798-7290 www.archmereacademy.com Catholic, Co-Ed</p>	<p>St. Mark's High School 2501 Pike Creek Road Wilmington, DE 19808 Phone: (302) 738-3300 Fax: (302) 738-5132 www.stmarkshs.net Catholic, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Sanford School 6900 Lancaster Pike Hockessin, DE 19707 Phone: (302) 239-5363 Fax: (302) 239-5389 www.sanfordschool.org Co-Ed</p>
<p>St. Andrew's School 350 Noxontown Road Middletown, DE 19709 Phone: (302) 378-9511 Fax: (302) 378-7120 www.standrews-de.org Episcopal, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Doane Academy 350 Riverbank Burlington, NJ 08016 Phone: (609) 386-3500 www.doaneacademy.org Episcopal, Co-Ed</p>	<p>The Tatnall School 1501 Barley Mill Road Wilmington, DE 19807 Phone: (302) 998-2292 www.tatnall.org Co-Ed</p>
<p>Tower Hill School 2813 West 17th Street Wilmington, DE 19806 Phone: (302) 575.0550 Fax: (302) 657.8366 www.towerhill.org Co-Ed</p>	<p>Ursuline Academy 1106 Pennsylvania Avenue Wilmington, DE 19806 Phone: (302) 658-7158 www.ursuline.org Catholic, Girls</p>	<p>Wilmington Friends School 101 School Rd Wilmington, DE 19803 Phone: (302) 576-2900 www.wilmingtonfriends.org Quaker/Friends, Co-Ed</p>

Philadelphia Catholic Archdiocese High Schools

The following private schools are a part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Archdiocese has its own school board, and sets its own curriculum and tuition prices for its member schools. Tuition for schools in the Archdiocese is generally significantly lower than in independent private high schools. The Archdiocese may charge a supplemental tuition fee for students who are not Catholic or whose family does not belong to a parish. Financial aid is not administered through the school directly like in other private schools, but through the Archdiocese's Tuition Assistance program. **Please see the Archdiocese website for more information, including a list of more high schools, at www.catholicchools-phl.org.** CSPF does not endorse or recommend any specific school.

<p>Archbishop Ryan High School 11201 Academy Road Philadelphia, PA 19154 Phone: (215) 637-1800 www.archbishopryan.com North Philadelphia, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Cardinal O'Hara High School 1701 S. Sproul Road Springfield, PA 19064 Phone: (610) 544-3800 Fax: (610) 544-1189 www.cohs.com Delaware County, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Father Judge High School 3301 Solly Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19136 Phone: (215) 338-9494 www.fatherjudge.com North Philadelphia, Boys</p>
<p>John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School 311 North 19th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 Phone: (215) 563-8930 Fax: (215) 563-3809 www.jwhallahan.com South Philadelphia, Girls</p>	<p>Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls 1000 W. Lycoming Street Philadelphia, PA 19140 Phone: (215) 455-6900 www.littleflowerhighschool.org North Philadelphia, Girls</p>	<p>Roman Catholic High School 301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 Phone: (215) 627-1270 Fax: (215) 627-4979 www.romancatholicchs.com South Philadelphia, Boys</p>
<p>SS Neumann Goretti High School 1736 South Tenth Street Philadelphia, PA 19148 Phone: (215) 465-8437 www.neumanngoretti.org South Philadelphia, Co-Ed</p>	<p>St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls 7320 Torresdale Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19136 Phone: (215) 624-6840 Fax: (215) 624-5940 www.huberts.org North Philadelphia, Girls</p>	<p>West Philadelphia Catholic High School 4501 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19139 Phone: (215) 386-2244 www.westcatholic.org South Philadelphia, Co-Ed</p>
<p>Mercy Vocational High School 2900 W. Hunting Park Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19129 Phone: (215) 226-1225 Fax: (215) 228-6337 www.mercyvocational.org North Philadelphia, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Northeast Catholic High School for Boys 1842 E. Torresdale Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19124 Phone: (215) 831-1234 Fax: (215) 743-0926 www.northcatholic.com North Philadelphia, Boys</p>	<p>Conwell-Egan Catholic High School 611 Wistar Road Fairless Hills, PA 19030 Phone: (215) 945-6200 www.conwell-egan.org Bucks County, Co-Ed</p>
<p>Archbishop Wood Catholic High School 655 York Road Warminster, PA 18974 Phone: (215) 672-5050 www.archwood.org Bucks County, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Bishop McDevitt High School 125 Royal Avenue Wyncote, PA 19095 Phone: (215) 887-5575 Fax: (215) 887-1371 www.mcdevitts.org Montgomery County, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Monsignor Bonner High School 403 N. Lansdowne Ave Drexel Hill, PA 19026 Phone: (610) 259-0280 www.bonnerhigh.com Delaware County, Boys</p>

<p>Lansdale Catholic High School 700 Lansdale Avenue Lansdale, PA 19446 Phone: (215) 362-6160 www.lansdalecatholic.com Montgomery County, Co-Ed</p>	<p>Archbishop Prendergast High School 401 N. Lansdowne Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026 Phone: (610) 259-0280 www.prendie.com Delaware County, Girls</p>	<p>Bishop Shanahan High School 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown, PA 19335 Phone: (610) 518-1300 www.shanahan.org Chester County, Co-Ed</p>
<p><u>Archbishop Carroll High School</u> 211 Matson Ford Road Radnor, PA 19087 Phone: (610) 688-7610 Fax: (610) 688-8326 www.jcarroll.org Delaware County, Co-Ed</p>		

Philadelphia Public Charter High Schools

Charter schools are publicly funded schools that operate independently from the city's Board of Education. While the following schools do have to abide by some state curriculum guidelines, the schools and their teachers have more freedom to design their own academic programs than those in traditional public schools. Many charter schools have a specific focus or concentration, such as science and technology, community service, or the arts. Because they receive public funding, charter schools are not allowed to charge tuition. Families do have to apply for admission and a lottery process is often used to select which applicants may enroll. **Please see the Philadelphia High School Directory : (<http://ow.ly/pHajg>) for more specific information, including a list of more charter high schools.** CSFP does not endorse or recommend any particular school.

<p>Charter High School for Architecture & Design 675 Sansom Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Phone: (215) 351-2900 Fax: (215) 351-9458 www.chadphila.org</p>	<p>Boys Latin of Philadelphia Charter School 5501 Cedar Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143 Phone: (215) 387-5149 Fax: (215) 387-5159 www.boyslatin.org</p>	<p>Community Academy of Philadelphia Charter School 1100 E. Erie Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19124 Phone: (215) 533-6700 Fax: (215) 533-6722 www.communityacademy.org</p>
<p>Franklin Towne Charter High School 5301 Tacony Street, Box 310 Philadelphia, PA 19137 Phone: (215) 289-5000 Fax: (215) 535-8910 www.franklintowne.org</p>	<p>Mastery Charter School Lenfest Campus 35 S. 4th Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Phone: (215) 922-1902 Fax: (215) 922-1903 www.masterycharter.org</p>	<p>Imhotep Institute Charter High School 2101 W. Godfrey Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19138 Phone: (215) 438-4140 Fax: (215) 438-4160 www.imhotepcharter.com</p>

<p>The Mathematics Civics and Sciences Charter School 447 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 Phone: (215) 923-4880 Fax: (215) 923-4859 www.mcscs.org</p>	<p>Nueva Esperanza Academy Charter High School 301 W. Hunting Park Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19140 Phone: (215) 457-3667 Fax: (215) 457-4381 www.neacademy.org</p>	<p>Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School 2501 Kensington Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19125 Phone: (215) 291-4436 Fax: (215) 291-4985 www.mbags.org</p>
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<p>Delaware Valley Charter HS 5201 Old York Road Logan Plaza – Suite A Philadelphia, PA 19141 Phone: (215) 455-2550 Fax: (215) 455-5701 www.dvchs.net</p>	<p>Freire Charter School 2027 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 Phone: (215) 557-8555 Fax: (215) 557-9051 www.freirecharterschool.org</p>	<p>Maritime Academy Charter School 2275 Bridge Street, Bldg. 11 Philadelphia, PA 19137 Phone: (215) 535-4555 Fax: (215) 535-4398 www.maritimecharter.org</p>
<p>The Multi-Cultural Academy Charter School 3821 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19140 Phone: (215) 227-0513 Fax: (215) 227-0415 www.macs.k12.pa.us</p>	<p>YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School 1231 N. Broad Street, 3rd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19122 Phone: (215) 627-8671 Fax: (215) 763-5774 <i>Providing grade 12, for out-of-school youth</i> www.youthbuildphilly.org</p>	<p>Mathematics, Sciences & Tech Community Charter School 1800 E. Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19116 Phone: (267) 348-1100 Fax: (267) 348-1217 www.mastcharter.org</p>
<p>Philadelphia Academy Charter School 1700 Tomlinson Road Philadelphia, PA 19116 Phone: (215) 676-3990 Fax: (215) 673-3341 www.philadelphiaacademy.org</p>	<p>World Communications Charter School 512 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19146 Phone: (215) 735-3198 Fax: (215) 735-3824 www.worldcomcs.org</p>	<p>Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter High 1420-22 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 Phone: (267) 514-1823 Fax: (267) 514-1834 www.pettech.org</p>
<p>Sankofa Freedom Academy 4256 Paul St Philadelphia, PA 19124 Phone: 267 288-2001 Fax: 267 288-2099 www.sankofafreedomacademy.org</p>	<p>Truebright Science Academy Charter School 926 W. Sedgley / Allegheny Ave Philadelphia, PA 19132 Phone: (215) 225-3437 Fax: (215) 689-2500 <i>Providing Grades 7 – 10</i> www.truebright.org</p>	<p>Cristo Rey Philadelphia Charter High School 5218 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19141 Phone: (215) 219-3943 www.cristoreyphiladelphia.org</p>

Philadelphia Public High Schools

All eighth graders moving onto high school in the Philadelphia School District may choose up to five high schools to apply for. There are two types of high schools that have selective admissions criteria that we thought you should have information about if you are considering going to a public high school. Most of the following schools have special academic programs. **For more information about materials needed to apply to one of the following high schools, please see this website: <http://ow.ly/pHbVG>**

Citywide Admission High Schools (CW schools)

Students are selected through a lottery process for the following schools. Generally, in order to be eligible for the lottery, students must attend an on-site interview and meet grade, attendance, and behavior standards. **Please see the Philadelphia High School Directory (<http://ow.ly/pHajg>) for more specific information about special programs offered and admissions criteria.**

<p>Bok Technical High School 1901 South 9th Street Philadelphia, PA 19148 Phone: (215) 952-6200 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/bok <i>Programs: accounting, business technology, carpentry, culinary, computer systems, criminal justice, engineering technologies, health technology</i></p>	<p>Communications Technology High School 8110 Lyons Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19153 Phone: (215) 492-6959 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/commtech <i>Programs: commercial photography, commercial art, cinematography/TV production</i></p>	<p>Constitution High School 18 South 7th Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 Phone: (215) 351-7310 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/constitution <i>Program: college-prep program in partnership with the National Constitution Center and the History Channel.</i> <i>Students will be required to take two Social Studies courses each year and to engage in service learning throughout their academic tenure.</i></p>
<p>Dobbins Technical High School 22nd Street and Lehigh Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19132 Phone: (215) 227-4421 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/dobbins <i>Programs: barbering, business technology, accounting, cosmetology, computer systems, culinary, fashion design, graphic communications, plumbing, web/multimedia design</i></p>	<p>Mastbaum Technical High School 3116 Frankford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19134 Phone: (215) 291-4703 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/mastbaum <i>Programs: auto repair, business technology, carpentry, culinary, electrical technology, electromechanical technology, graphic design, health technology, certified nursing assistant, welding</i></p>	<p>Paul Robeson High School for Human Services 42nd and Ludlow Streets Philadelphia, PA 19104 Phone: (215) 823-8207 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/robeson <i>Programs: Urban Education Academy, health professions</i></p>
<p>Stephen A. Douglas High School 2700 East Huntingdon Street Philadelphia, PA 19125-4097 Phone: (215) 291-4705 <i>Program: academic and work-based learning</i></p>	<p>Philadelphia High School for Business and Technology 540 North 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 Phone: (215) 351-7375 <i>Programs: accounting/finance, business technology</i></p>	<p>A. Philip Randolph Career Academy 3101 Henry Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19129 Phone: (215) 227-4407 <i>Programs: auto repair, carpentry, culinary, electrical and power transmission, firefighter training academy, health technology, certified nursing assistant</i></p>

Special Admission High Schools (SA schools)

These eighteen high schools are “magnet schools,” each with its own set of admissions criteria related to attendance, punctuality, behavior, grades, and standardized test scores. It is strongly recommended that you contact the schools regarding their own criteria for admissions. It is also advised that you review your own scholastic records prior to application.

<p>Academy at Palumbo 1122 Catharine Street Philadelphia, PA 19147 Phone: (215) 351-7618 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/palumbo <i>Program: college-prep program modeled after Central High School</i></p>	<p>Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School 11081 Knights Road Philadelphia, PA 19154 Phone: (215) 281-2603 <i>Programs: art, dance, instrumental music, theatre, vocal music</i></p>	<p>Bodine High School for International Affairs 1101 North 4th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 Phone: (215) 351-7332 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/bodine <i>Program: International Baccalaureate</i></p>
<p>CAPA - High School for Creative and Performing Arts 901 South Broad Street Avenue of the Arts Philadelphia, PA 19147 Phone: (215) 952-2462 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/capa <i>Programs: creative and performing arts, radio, television, communications, graphics</i></p>	<p>Walter Biddle Saul High School for Agricultural Sciences 7100 Henry Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19128 Phone: (215) 487-4467 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/saul <i>Programs: Agriculture, Food Science, Animals Science, Pre-veterinary, Applied Horticulture, Floriculture, Greenhouse Management, Landscape Design, Natural Resource Management</i></p>	<p>Science Leadership Academy 55 North 22nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 Phone: (215) 979-5620 www.scienceleadership.org <i>Program: project-based, college-prep program in partnership with the Franklin Institute.</i></p>
<p>Franklin Learning Center 616 North 15th Street Philadelphia, PA 19130 Phone: (215) 684-5916 www.flc.phila.k12.pa.us <i>Programs: art, computer and business applications, dance, drama, health, humanities/liberal arts, instrumental music, vocal music</i></p>	<p>GAMP – Girard Academic Music Program 22nd and Ritner Streets Philadelphia, PA 19145 Phone: (215) 952-8589 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/gamp <i>Program: creative and performing arts</i></p>	<p>Lankenau High School 201 Spring Lane Philadelphia, PA 19128 Phone: (215) 487-4465 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/lankenau <i>Programs: environmental science and urban education academy</i></p>
<p>J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration High School 17th and Spring Garden Streets Philadelphia, PA 19130 Phone: (215) 299-4661 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/masterman</p>	<p>Motivation High School 2555 South 78th Street Philadelphia, PA 19153 Phone: (215) 492-6451 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/motivation <i>Programs: liberal arts, web/multimedia design</i></p>	<p>Northeast Medical, Engineering and Aerospace Magnet at Northeast High School 1601 Cottman Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111 Phone: (215) 728-5019 www.nehs.phila.k12.pa.us <i>Program: Project SPARC</i></p>

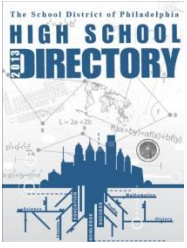




<p>Parkway Center City High School 540 North 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123 Phone: (215) 351-7095 or 7096 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/parkwaycc <i>Program: liberal arts/college-prep</i></p>	<p>Parkway Northwest High School for Peace and Social Justice 7500 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19119 Phone: (215) 248-6220 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/parkwaynw <i>Program: Peace Academy</i></p>	<p>Parkway West High School 4725 Fairmount Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19139 Phone: (215) 481-5510 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/parkwaywest <i>Programs: business technology and Urban Education Academy</i></p>
<p>Philadelphia High School for Girls 1400 West Olney Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19141 Phone: (215) 276-5258 www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/girlshigh <i>Programs: college-prep program including courses at the advanced, honors, and AP levels, International Baccalaureate, Humanities, Performing Arts, and Student Leadership</i></p>		

Use this form for your personal records of the schools you are interested in.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

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RESOURCES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

	<p>Each year, The School District of Philadelphia updates their compiled High School Directory which is full of information on Neighborhood, Citywide Admission, Special Admission and Promise Academy High Schools.</p>
	<p><u>Mighty Writers</u> is a free afterschool and evening writer's workshop for Philadelphia children ages 7-17. The free workshops are often conducted by authors and veteran writers and encourage students to learn to express themselves in creative ways. Some workshops include Girl Power Poetry and Front Stoop Stories: Neighborhood Storytelling.</p>
	<p><u>The Cadence Cycling Foundation</u> welcomes all kids, ages 9-18 to discover the possibilities that the sport of cycling has to offer. The foundation's aim is to teach children valuable life skills, such as goal setting, discipline, teamwork, commitment, etc., through cycling.</p>
	<p><u>Steppingstone Scholars</u> is a program that helps prepare urban students for admission to elite private, independent, college-preparatory schools. The program supports students through admissions and then during the school year by providing mentoring, tutoring, summer programs, and college admissions assistance.</p>
	<p><u>Outward Bound Philadelphia</u> provides summer outdoor leadership programs for middle and high schoolers that strengthen and empower students to experience the world outside of what they already know. Merit-based scholarships make these programs available to low-income students.</p>
	<p><u>The City Heros Program</u> run by City Year is a weekend leadership development, social awareness, and community service program for high school-aged youth. City Heroes learn to lead their peers and other community members to tackle real community issues through service, action groups, and other community-based initiatives.</p>

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