



FAQs CONCERNING SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

1. What criteria make a student eligible for selective admissions?

Columbus Alternative High School & Eastmoor Academy:

- 1) be a current 8th grade student on track for 9th grade entrance at high school for the 2017-2018 school year; **AND**
- 2) be a resident of the Columbus City School district; **AND**
- 3) have had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all of the 7th grade; **AND**
- 4) have one of the following:
 - a. scored at or above the 90th percentile on both reading and math on the fall administration of the Measure of Academic Progress test (MAP) during the 8th grade year **OR**
 - b. has been identified as Gifted and Talented in either Specific Academic or Superior Cognitive Ability.

Duxberry Park Elementary:

- 1) be a current K through 4th grade student; **AND**
- 2) be a resident of the Columbus City School District; **AND**
- 3) one of the following:
 - a. be identified as Gifted and Talented in any one or more of the visual or performing arts (dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, visual art) **OR**
 - b. recommended for strong artistic talent by private instructor

Arts Impact Middle School:

- 1) be a current 5th grade student on track for 6th grade entrance at middle school for the 2017-2018 school year; **AND**
- 2) be a resident of the Columbus City School District; **AND**
- 3) be identified as Gifted and Talented in any one or more of the visual or performing arts (dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, visual art)

Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School:

- 1) be a current 8th through 11th grade student on track to advance to the next grade level for the 2017-2018 school year; **AND**
- 2) be a resident of the Columbus City School District; **AND**
- 3) be identified as Gifted and Talented in any one or more of the visual or performing arts (dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, visual art)

2. How are students notified about eligibility for selective admissions?

The Gifted & Talented division reviews eligibility information and generates letters to eligible students. Counselors send letters home on January 9.

3. What are the timelines for Selective Admissions for 2017?

Jan. 9: Letters are given to eligible students to take home

Jan. 27: Deadline to submit CAHS/Eastmoor application to current school guidance counselor or Duxberry/AIMS/Fort Hayes application to School Choice Division.

Feb. 1: Arts schools notified of applicant contact information to arrange for meeting and auditions

Feb. 3: Deadline for counselors to submit CAHS/Eastmoor applications to School Choice Division

Feb. 28: Deadline to submit regular High School lottery application if not selected via selective admissions

Feb. 24: Deadline for arts schools to provide to the School Choice Division a list of students meeting audition criteria.

March: School Choice staff will begin to notify parent/guardians of selected students of offers to attend all selective admissions schools.

March 31: Deadline to submit regular Elementary and Middle School lottery applications.

- 4. What do we do if we believe our student is eligible but the student did not receive a letter?**
Contact Colleen Boyle in the Gifted & Talented division at 365-6626 to review eligibility information and determine if a letter and application are appropriate.
- 5. May students apply for more than one selective admissions program?**
Eligible students may apply for both Fort Hayes and either CAHS or Eastmoor Academy if they meet the eligibility criteria for both programs.
- 6. Can applications be submitted after the deadline if seats are still available?**
No. Applications received after January 27, 2017, will not be considered for selective admissions.
- 7. How will students and parents/guardians know if they are selected?**
The School Choice staff will call selected students via the phone number on the application. Parent/guardian must submit a signed acceptance to School Choice within 2 days to accept the offer.
- 8. What if students submit a regular lottery application for other schools by February 28/March 31?**
If the student was selected through the selective admissions program and accepts the offer, other lottery applications will be canceled. If not selected or if an offer for selective admissions is declined, all applications on file will be included in the electronic lotteries if the lottery application was submitted by the established lottery deadline.
- 9. Will there be any seats left for the regular lottery?**
Absolutely. Up to 20% of seats in the freshman class at CAHS and Eastmoor, up to 20% of available seats at 6th grade for AIMS, and up to 20% of available seats in grades 9-12 for Fort Hayes have been set aside for selective lottery applicants. After selective admissions and feeder pattern placements of students, all other seats will be filled during the regular lottery process.
- 10. May students who live outside of the Columbus City School District apply for selective admissions?**
No. Students must currently reside within the geographic boundaries of Columbus City Schools.
- 11. May students who reside in the Columbus City School District apply for selective admissions if they currently attend schools outside of the district?**
Yes. Students must complete on-line registration and take enrollment documents, along with proof of eligibility for Selective Admissions to Central Enrollment.
- 12. May students who are not currently identified as gifted in the visual or performing arts apply for and audition for selective admissions to the arts schools?**
No. Students must currently be identified as gifted in the visual or performing arts prior to selective admissions. Because of the time required for the gifted evaluation process in the arts, students may not be screened or assessed for gifted identification between now and the selective admissions deadline.
- 13. Do students need to use selective admissions if planning to attend their feeder pattern school (ie. Berwick students to Eastmoor, Duxberry to AIMS, or AIMS to Fort Hayes)?**
No. Placement at the feeder pattern school is automatically available through the completion of a reservation form to students in the feeder pattern.
- 14. May families submit a "Return to Home School" form if they change their mind?**
Yes. The "Return to Home School" form must be received by the School Choice Division by March 17, 2017.

Additional information can be found online at <http://www.ccsch.us/SchoolChoiceLotteryInformation1.aspx>.

Contact Tonya Freeman in the School Choice Division at 614-365-7459.