



FAQs CONCERNING SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

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 2020-2021 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. be 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:
 - c. 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**
 - d. recommended for strong artistic talent by private instructor Arts Impact Middle School.

Arts Impact Middle School:

- 1) be a current 5th grade student on track for 6th grade entrance at middle school for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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)

Columbus Africentric Early College

1. Be a current 5th – 8th grade student on track for the 2020-2021 school year; **AND**
2. be a resident of the Columbus City School District; **AND**
3. Have had a grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade; **AND**
4. Have one of the following:
 - a. scored on grade level for both Reading and Math MAP test **OR**
 - b. scored on grade level for both Reading and Math on an equivalent assessment

2. How are students notified about eligibility for Selective Admissions?

The Gifted & Talented Division reviews eligibility information and generates letters to eligible students for CAHS, Eastmoor Academy, Fort Hayes, AIMS, and Duxberry Park. The Director of Africentric Early College reviews eligibility information and generates letters to eligible students for Africentric. Counselors send letters home on January 14, 2020.

3. What are the timelines for Selective Admissions for 2020?

Jan. 14: Counselors give letters to eligible students to take home; the Division of School Choice emails letters to eligible students who have emails on file

Jan. 31: Deadline to submit application online via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Late February: School Choice staff will begin to notify parent/guardians of selected students of offers to attend all Selective Admissions schools.

February 28: Deadline to submit regular High School and Middle School lottery applications.

March 31: Deadline to submit regular Elementary 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. For questions about eligibility for Africentric, contact Todd Walker at 365-8675.

5. May students apply for more than one Selective Admissions program?

Eligible students may apply for Columbus Africentric, Fort Hayes, and either CAHS or Eastmoor Academy if they meet the eligibility criteria for any or all programs. The Infinite Campus Parent Portal will make all applications available on the selection screen for which the student is eligible.

6. Can applications be submitted after the deadline if seats are still available?

No. Selective Applications cannot be submitted after the January 31, 2020, deadline

7. Can paper applications be submitted?

No. All applications for Selective Admissions, School Choice Lottery, and/or Return to Home School must be made using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If a family does not have access to a computer, they may use a computer at any of the district buildings or their local library.

8. What if I cannot access my Parent Portal account?

You can email a picture ID to parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us requesting your access code (if you have never set up an account) or your username/password. Parents/guardians of students newly enrolling in the district will receive the login information at the enrollment appointment.

9. How will students and parents/guardians know if they are selected?

The Division of School Choice will notify families of a pending offer via an auto-dialer and an email (if an email address is available through the Parent Portal). Parents/guardians must accept the offer within the Infinite Campus Parent Portal within 2 days.

10. What if students submit a regular lottery application for other schools by February 28/March 31?

Families are encouraged to submit a regular lottery application along with their Selective Admissions application. If the student is 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 a school in which they are eligible to submit a Reservation (i.e. Berwick students to Eastmoor, Duxberry to AIMS, or AIMS to Fort Hayes)?

No. Placement through a Reservation is automatically available to students in the feeder pattern through the completion of a reservation form in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

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 Division of School Choice via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by March 24, 2020.

Additional information can be found online at <https://www.ccsosoh.us/Page/1181>. Contact Tonya Freeman in the Division of School Choice at 614-365-7459.

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