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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Through the school lottery programs, families can enroll in schools with unique educational approaches. Columbus will once again offer selective admissions to specific schools, including Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year. Students identified as gifted in one or more area of visual and/or performing arts and residents within the Columbus City School District are eligible to apply for Selective Admission.

Duxberry Park is a home for students with artistic potential, and the district is pleased to extend this invitation. With a limited number of slots available, Duxberry Park is looking for students with a passion for the arts-integrated curriculum that drives teaching and learning at the school. Arts-identified students are not obligated to apply, and students currently enrolled in other schools and pleased with the programs offered there should continue on their chosen path. This Selective Admissions process is just one more opportunity from which students and families may choose.

The application and selection process is as follows:

1. Submit completed application in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal no later than **January 31, 2020**.
2. Prepare a written response to the following questions (to be provided during the time of interview):
 - a. Describe your special interests in the arts.
 - b. Why did you choose an arts school?
 - c. Include a letter of recommendation from an arts teacher (either a public school teacher who knows your child's visual or performing arts capabilities, such as the teacher at his/her current school, or a private arts instructor).
3. A member of the selection enrollment panel will contact you for an interview in February 2020.
4. Following the interview, the Division of School Choice will notify families of the child's acceptance to the school.

In order to participate in the selective admissions process, please submit your completed application using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal no later than **January 31, 2020**. If you need your login information for the Parent Portal, please contact your child's school office. If you need access to a computer to submit the application, please visit a district building or your local library.

Application does not guarantee admission. A limited number of seats are reserved for Selective Admissions based on class availability. Offers will be made and Selective Admissions seats filled beginning in late February. Students not selected through the Selective Admissions process will have the opportunity to participate in the regular lottery for any school if a School Choice Application has been submitted in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by the March 31, 2020, deadline.

Questions may be directed to the Principal of Duxberry Park, at 614-365-6023. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.ccssoh.us/Page/1181>.

FAQs CONCERNING DUXBERRY PARK SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

1. Why should a student wish to apply under Selective Admissions?

Duxberry Park is a teaching/learning approach in which the arts are infused deeply into the basic academic curriculum. The mission of the school is to serve students who have a passion for the arts and appreciate and benefit from the integration of the arts into their academic program.

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

Jan. 14: Counselors give letters to eligible students to take home; Division of School Choice emails letters to eligible students with 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.

March 31: Deadline to submit regular Elementary lottery applications.

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

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

4. 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.

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

You can email a photo 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.

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

The School Choice office will notify families of a pending offer by auto-dialer and email if an email address is on file in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Parent/guardian must accept the offer within the Infinite Campus Parent Portal within 2 days.

7. What if we submit a regular lottery application for other schools by March 31?

It is recommended that students interested in Selective Admissions also submit a regular lottery application. If the student was selected through the Selective Admissions program for Duxberry Park, 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.

8. Will there be any seats left for the regular lottery?

Absolutely. A limited number of openings at Duxberry Park have been set aside for Selective Admissions applicants based on class availability. Other seats for will be made available to students through the regular lottery process.

9. May students from any grade apply through Selective Admissions?

Yes. Selective lottery for Duxberry Park is open to any K-5 student identified as gifted in the visual and/or performing arts.

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 we submit a “Return to Home School” form after accepting Selective Admissions if we change our mind?

Yes. The “Return to Home School” form must be submitted in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by March 24, 2020.