

 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
PHILADELPHIA

# FIND YOUR FIT

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL SELECTION

Dear School Selection Applicant,

Thank you for your participation in the *Find Your Fit* school selection process for the 2025-2026 school year. We are pleased to inform you that your child's application has been reviewed and the preliminary eligibility results are now available. You may now view your updated application status online via the [school selection website](#). These eligibility statuses are considered to be preliminary, as some statuses indicate that additional steps are required in order to determine a student's eligibility.

### **Status Updates**

Your application will reflect one of the following preliminary eligibility application statuses:

- **Eligible for Lottery:** Program has no eligibility requirements OR student has met the requirements based upon attendance, grades, and assessment.
- **Ineligible for Lottery:** Student is not eligible for the lottery based upon attendance, grades, and assessment AND is not eligible for an Individualized Review.
- **Pending Audition:** Program has attendance, grades, and assessment criteria that the student has met, but the program also requires an audition that the student must complete and be evaluated on.
- **Pending Project-Based Presentation:** Program has attendance, grades, and assessment criteria that the student has met, but the program also requires a project-based presentation that the student must complete and be evaluated on.
- **Pending an Individualized Review:** Student meets two of the three attendance, grades, and assessment requirements for the program, and has requested that the ineligible area be waived. The student must also have an IEP, 504 plan or receive EL services. The student must have submitted an IEP/504 Plan or Access/Screening Scores and for IEP students, transition assessments. The student must also not be eligible for any other criteria-based schools/programs. They must be applying to the entry-level grade for a criteria-based school/program.

You may refer to the **Viewing Preliminary Eligibility Results Stepper** as a reference while reviewing your preliminary results on the [school selection website](#) underneath the *Review Window* section.

## Appeal Window

Applicants with an ineligible status will have an opportunity to [appeal](#) that decision during the appeals window, **November 27, 2024 at 5pm until December 6, 2024 at 5pm**. Applicants for performance or project based schools, please make every attempt to **submit your appeal by December 2, 2024**, if possible, in order to ensure sufficient time for an audition or project if your ineligibility status is overturned as a result of the appeal process.

## Appeal Criteria

- Decisions that CAN be appealed:
  - Applicants with an **ineligible status** have an opportunity to appeal that decision when there is evidence of a **documented barrier** to a fully complete application and you have received an ineligible status due to a(n):
    - **Language barrier** that prevented the applicant or parent/guardian from fully completing the submitted application; or
    - **Disability** that prevented the parent/guardian/representative from fully completing the submitted application; or
    - **Existing custody order** that prevented the applicant or parent/guardian from accessing the necessary records required to complete their application

## How to Submit an Appeal

- All appeals must be submitted through the [School Selection Appeal Form](#).
  - Appeals **will not** be accepted via email or in person. The Appeal Form will be made available when the appeal window opens.
- During the appeals process, further documentation may be required from or about the applicant.
  - If you have documentation of one of the listed barriers to fully completing an application, please send it to [appealoffice@philasd.org](mailto:appealoffice@philasd.org) after submitting the Google form.
  - Documentation must be provided within 24 hours of submission of the appeal.
- If you submitted an appeal for a **performance-based school**, you will receive a response via email by **mid December 2024**, in time for auditions/interviews. For all other criteria based schools, you will receive a response via email to your appeal by **mid January 2024**.

## Decisions that CANNOT be appealed:

- The student **did not meet eligibility criteria**, but the parent/guardian believes the student should be eligible based on their overall performance as a student
- Any decision by the Individualized Review Team (formerly known as “LeGare”) because the Individualized Review is, in effect, an appeal
- The result of an applicant’s audition or project-based presentation

- An application that was not submitted

Final eligibility for students will be released in January 2025. After final eligibility is released, the School Selection Lottery will take place.

We invite you to find answers to your additional questions at the [school selection website](#). After reviewing the website, if you are unable to find the answers you need, please reach out to us via our two-way communication platform, [Let's Talk](#), by clicking the *Contact Us* tab at the bottom of the school selection website. We ask for your patience as we usually experience higher-than-normal call and email volume at this time of the year. We remain committed to partnering with you to prepare our children to imagine and realize any future they desire.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia  
Office of Student Enrollment and Placement