



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

Student Placement & Registration ▪ 33 Ash Street ▪ Buffalo, NY 14204 ▪ (716) 816-3717

PLEASE READ GUIDELINES CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

The on-time application window is *Monday, September 29, 2025 - Friday, December 5, 2025.*

- Paper applications may be **delivered in person** to the above address; office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- This application is to be completed for elementary school students entering grades 3Y - grade 8. Please note there is a separate application for Frederick Law Olmsted #156 and City Honors School #195.
- Parents/caregivers must submit one application for each child.
- Only select school(s) you are interested in your child attending as **all school assignments carry a one-year commitment.**
- If current BPS students are not selected for any of their choices, they will remain in the wait pool (see wait pool information below).
- If a student is selected for any of their school choices, they will **not** remain at their current school. This includes students attending #64 (transitioning to #156), #156, #192, and #195. **ONLY submit an application if you wish your child to attend a different school for the 2026 – 2027 school year. School assignments carry a one-year commitment.**
- Applications for **NON- BPS** students will continue to be accepted after Friday, December 5, 2025.
- The application deadline date for current **BPS** students is Friday, December 5, 2025.
- No changes can be made to the submitted application after the deadline date of Friday, December 5, 2025.
- School placement is conditional upon students successfully passing their current grade.
- Lottery placements are conducted through a random computerized system when there are more applicants than available seats for applications submitted on or before the deadline date of December 5, 2025.
- For applications submitted after the deadline date of December 5, 2025, students will be placed according to date received based on seat availability.
- Assignments to criteria-based schools are determined based on the established criteria for the school.
- Specialized programs for students with special education or bilingual language needs may not be available in all schools.
- English as a New Language (ENL) services are available in every Buffalo Public School.
- **All assignments carry a one-year commitment. Your signature on the application will serve as acknowledgement of this commitment.**
- Waiting pools will remain active until **Friday, October 23, 2026**. Waiting pool for 3Y and Pre-kindergarten will remain active throughout the school year.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Bennett Park Montessori #32 program for 3-year-olds: Applicants must be born between December 2, 2022 – December 1, 2023.
- Pre-Kindergarten: Applicants must be born between December 2, 2021 – December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten: Applicants must be born between December 2, 2020 – December 1, 2021.

SIBLING PREFERENCE: is granted to students in grades Pre-Kindergarten to 8, based on seat availability and the following conditions:

- Sibling preference does not apply to criteria-based programs.
- Sibling must be a brother or sister of the applicant and reside within the same household.
- Sibling must be currently registered in a Buffalo Public School in grades 3Y to 8.
- Sibling preference is only given to students who will attend the same school for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Sibling preference must be requested on the application.

PROXIMITY PREFERENCE is granted to students, first school choice only, based on seat availability and the following conditions:

- Residence is located 0.1-to-1.5 walking distance from the school.
- Proximity preference *does not* apply to criteria-based programs.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS has the following proximity preference:

- 50% of the school population must consist of **Walker** [residence is located 0.1-to 0.7-walking distance from the school];
- 30% of the school population must consist of **Community** [residence is located 0.71-to-1.5 - walking distance from the school]; and
- 20% of the school population must consist of **District** [residence is located 1.51 and beyond from the school].

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY: Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten - 8 may be granted attendance boundary preference based on seat availability at the following schools: (<https://buffalopsny.sites.thrillshare.com/o/dept-admissions-registration/page/admissions-registration>).

Frederick Law Olmsted Elementary #64

- 65% of seats are assigned to the test-in Gifted and Talented program.
- 35% of seats are assigned to students as follows: (1) Neighborhood & Citywide siblings; (2) Neighborhood; (3) and Citywide.

Discovery School #67

- 50% of the available seats are assigned to Neighborhood students.
- 50% of the available seats are assigned to Citywide students.

Highgate Heights Elementary #80

- Preference is given to students living in Buffalo Promise Neighborhood Zone.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

BILINGUAL EDUCATION -Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

*** Two-Way Dual Language Immersion Program**

These classrooms consist of (EIM) English immersion students [**50% of students that demonstrate proficiency in English**] and (SIM) Spanish immersion students [**50% of students that demonstrate proficiency in Spanish**].

The Language Assessment Center will determine your child's language proficiency.

Students will foster and develop language and literacy skills in English and Spanish through each of the content areas.

**** One –Way Dual Language Immersion Program: (SIM – Spanish Immersion)**

These classrooms consist of Spanish dominant students only. Students will learn to speak, read, and write in English while continuing to foster their home language literacy skills, in Spanish, through each of the content areas.

SATURDAY ADMISSIONS TESTING & AUDITION DATES

SCHOOLS	DATES	TESTING & AUDITION LOCATIONS	
Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction #61 & Frederick Law Olmsted #64	November 1, 2025 November 22, 2025 December 13, 2025 All testing is conducted by appointment only. A district representative will contact you to schedule an appointment once your application has been processed.	<u>Kindergarten</u> Frederick Law Olmsted #64 874 Amherst Steet (716) 816-3420	<u>Grades 1-4</u> Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction #61 453 Leory Avenue (716) 816-3400
Buffalo Academy of the Visual & Performing Arts #192	November 15, 2025 November 22, 2025 Auditions are available on a walk-in basis only.	<u>Grades 5 -8</u> Buffalo Academy of the Visual & Performing Arts #192 450 Masten Avenue (716) 816-4220	

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SCHOOL NUMBER	SCHOOL NAME SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS	ADDRESS TELEPHONE	PROGRAM CODES	GRADES	UNIFORM
					SCHOOL SCHEDULE
003 <i>Community School</i>	D'Youville Porter Campus School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	255 Porter Avenue (716) 816-3120	DLI = Dual Language Immersion (*See Page 2)	PK-6	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
			GEN = General Education	K-8	
006	Buffalo Elementary School of Technology <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	414 South Division Street (716) 816-3767	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
017	Early Childhood Center <i>Accountability Status: Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI)</i>	1045 W. Delavan Avenue (716) 816-3150	GEN = General Education	PK-4	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
018	Dr. Antonia Pantoja Community School <i>Accountability Status: Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI)</i>	750 West Avenue (716) 816-3160	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
019	Native American Magnet <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	97 West Delavan Avenue (716) 816-3180	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
027	Hillery Park Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	73 Pawnee Parkway (716) 816-4770	GEN = General Education	PK-8	Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
030 <i>Community School</i>	Frank A. Sedita Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	21 Lowell Place (716) 816-3220	DLI = Dual Language Immersion (*See Page 2)	PK -6	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
			GEN = General Education	PK-8	
031	Harriet Ross Tubman Elementary School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	212 Stanton Street (716) 816-3780	GEN = General Education	PK-8	Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
032	Bennett Park Montessori School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	342 Clinton Street (716) 816-4603	GEN = General Education	3Y-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
033	Bilingual Center <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	157 Elk Street (716) 816-4783	DLI = Dual Language Immersion (*See Page 2)	PK-6	Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
			GEN = General	7-8	
037 <i>Community School</i>	Marva J. Daniel Futures Preparatory School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	295 Carlton Street (716) 816-3800	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
043 <i>Community School</i>	Lovejoy Discovery School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	161 Benzinger Street (716) 816-3260	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
045	International School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	141 Hoyt Street (716) 816-3300	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
048	School #48 @ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. #39 <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	487 High Street (716) 816-3240	GEN = General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
050 <i>Community School</i>	North Park Community School <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	780 Parkside Avenue (716) 816-3440	GEN= General Education	PK-8	No Uniform 8:20- 3:15 pm
053	Community School #53 <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	329 Roehrer Avenue (716) 816-3330	GEN = General Education	PK-8	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
054	Dr. George Blackman Early Childhood Center <i>Accountability Status: Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI)</i>	2358 Main Street (716) 816-3340	GEN = General Education	PK-4	Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
059 <i>Community School</i>	Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet–Museum <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	1 MLK Jr. Park (716) 816-3370	GEN = General Education	3-8	No Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
061	Arthur O. Eve Early Childhood Performing Arts School of Distinction <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	453 Leroy Avenue (716) 816-3400	EPA = Exploratory Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theater, & Visual Arts)	PK-4	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
			GAT = Gifted and Talented Testing Required	K-4	
064	Frederick Law Olmsted School <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i> 874 Amherst Street (716) 816-3420		C/W = Citywide N/H = Neighborhood	PK-4	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
			DLI = Dual Language Immersion (*See Page 2)	PK-4	
			GAT = Gifted and Talented Testing Required	K-4	

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065	Roosevelt Early Childhood Center <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	249 Skillen Street (716) 816-3430	GEN = General Education		PK-4	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
067	Discovery School <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	911 Abbott Road (716) 816-4922	C/W = Citywide N/H = Neighborhood		PK-8	No Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
069	Houghton Academy <i>Accountability Status: Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI)</i>	1725 Clinton Street (716) 816-4794	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
072	Lorraine Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	71 Lorraine Avenue (716) 816-4809	GEN = General Education		PK-8	Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
074 <i>Community School</i>	Hamlin Park Claude & Ouida Clapp Academy <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	126 Donaldson Road (716) 816-3490	GEN = General Education		PK-8	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
076 <i>Community School</i>	Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	315 Carolina Street (716) 816-3848	GEN = General Education		PK-8	Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
			SIM = Spanish Dominant Students Only <i>One-Way Dual Language Immersion</i> (*See Page 2)		PK-6	
079	Pfc. William J. Grabiarz School of Excellence <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	225 Lawn Avenue (716) 816-4040	GEN = General Education		PK-8	Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
080 <i>Community School</i>	Highgate Heights Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	600 Highgate Avenue (716) 816-4050	C/W = Citywide N/H = Neighborhood		PK-8	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
081	School #81 <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	140 Tacoma Avenue (716) 816-4060	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
082	The Ronald Peoples School of Scholars <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	230 Easton Avenue (716) 816-4070	GEN = General Education		PK-4	Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
089 <i>Community School</i>	Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	106 Appenheimer Street (716) 816-4110	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
90	School #90 Early Childhood Center (formally Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet – Annex) <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	50 A Street (716) 816-4120	GEN = General Education		PK-2	Uniform (Not Mandatory) 7:30am-2:25pm
092 <i>Community School</i>	B.U.I.L.D. Community School <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	340 Fougerson Street (716) 816-4140	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
093 <i>Community School</i>	Southside Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI)</i>	430 Southside Parkway (716) 816-4818	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
094 <i>Community School</i>	West Hertel Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	489 Hertel Avenue (716) 816-4150	GEN = General Education		PK-8	Uniform (Not Mandatory) 7:30am-2:25pm
095	Waterfront Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	95 Fourth Street (716) 816-3900	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 8:20am-3:15pm
097 <i>Community School</i>	Harvey Austin Elementary <i>Accountability Status: Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)</i>	1405 Sycamore Street (716) 816-4460	GEN = General Education		PK-8	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
099 <i>Community School</i>	Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	1095 Jefferson Avenue (716) 816-4180	GEN = General Education		PK-4	No Uniform 9:10am-4:05pm
156	Frederick Law Olmsted School <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	There is a separate application for BPS students applying for grades 6 and 8, or those opting to test on Saturday and non-BPS students available at www.buffaloschools.org . An application will automatically be generated for all BPS students who take the admissions test at their homeschool.				
192	Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	450 Masten Avenue (716) 816-4220	Audition, Two Recommendation & Teacher Evaluations Required - (See pages 6, 7 & 8)	VPA = Visual Performing Arts: Leads to one of the following majors: Dance, Music, (Vocal or Instrumental), Theatre, and Visual Arts.	5-8	No Uniform 7:30am-2:25pm
195	City Honors School at Fosdick-Masten Park <i>Accountability Status: Good Standing</i>	There is a separate application for BPS students applying for grades 6 and 8 or those opting to test on Saturday and non-BPS students available at www.buffaloschools.org . An application will automatically be generated for all BPS students who take the admissions test at their homeschool.				

**BUFFALO ACADEMY FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS #192
RECOMMENDATION FORM (GRADES 5-8 ONLY)**

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

This form must be completed by a **professional (artistic instructor)** who is able to address the artistic abilities, performance, and academic standing of the student applying for admission to Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts #192.

Name of Student: _____ **DOB:** _____

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? _____

Answer the following regarding the student's ability to be successful:

Coursework of Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts requires interacting as an ensemble member, with a high level of discipline. Describe the student's capacity to be successful as an artist/performer.

At Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts #192, students are required to be self-directed and be able to balance the demands of both academic and artistic requirements. Explain in detail your knowledge of how the student demonstrates such an ability.

Provide additional comments that describe the performances/productions in which the student has been involved.

Print Name

Signature

Title

**BUFFALO ACADEMY FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (BAVPA) #192
RECOMMENDATION FORM (GRADES 5-8 ONLY)**

(Pages 6 and 7 also need to be completed and submitted when applying to BAVPA #192)

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

Name of Student: _____ **DOB:** _____

Read these statements and rate the creative characteristics of the student according to the following scale:

- 1 – Seldom or never observed the trait**
2 – Observed this characteristic occasionally
3 – Observed this characteristic to a considerable degree
4 – Observed this characteristic almost all the time

- a. Student thinks, participates, and creates at high levels of complexity _____
- b. Student accepts constructive criticism _____
- c. Student pays attention to details _____
- d. Student self-assesses both self and work _____
- e. Student actively has creative, original thoughts _____
- f. Student acts independently and cooperatively _____
- g. Student applies corrections immediately _____
- h. Student thinks critically and abstractly _____
- i. Student takes responsibility for his/her actions _____
- j. Student holds self to a high standard _____

Please provide additional comments, if needed:

Name of Teacher (Print)

Signature of Teacher

Title

Date

TEACHER EVALUATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

- Students applying to Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts #192 must also complete and submit the Recommendation Forms on pages 6 & 7.
- This form should be distributed to teachers by the school staff only and not the student.

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This chart must be completed by each of the student's teachers listed below using the following scale:

*The “other” category MUST be completed by **an administrator, school counselor, coach, or other teacher** who interacts with the student on a regular basis. List the subject and/or title of the person providing the information.