

Signature of Principal or School Counselor

# **BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### 2026 - 2027 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION





Date

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·			App.#(Office Use Only)
	PLEAS	SE COMPLET	TE USING BLUE OR BLACK INK
Applying for Grade:	Curren	t School #:	Current School Name:
Student's Last Name:			Student's First Name: M.I:
Date of Birth:	Gei	nder: Stude	ent Identification Number (900#, Not Social Security): TWIN: Y/N
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s the student Hispanic,	Latino, or of Spa	nish origin?	Yes, Hispanic No, Not Hispanic
Select One or More Rac		an Indian A	Asian Black Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander White
Address of Student (Ho	ouse Number and Stre	et Name):	Apartment #:
City:			State: Zip Code:
Last Name of Parent/	Caregiver:		First Name of Parent/Caregiver:
Primary Telephone Nu	ımber:	Altern	nate Telephone Number:
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Email Address:			Charter Exit Reason:
Mark each category with Does the student receive 504/A		:t A -4):9	Yes No
Does the student currently rece	`	• /	Yes No No If yes, what level of service?
Does the student speak or unde	•		Yes No If yes, what rever of service:  Yes No If yes, what other language?
Has this student ever received I		_	Yes No
	C		ity Sport at their previous school? Yes No
GRADES & ATTENDANCE	- Only complete if ap	plying to #192, #198	8 MTA, #212, #304, #305 UTA and/or #415-Submission must be after 1st marking peri
61.187	Grades	g : 1a : :	Summer School Grades 2025 – If Applicable Attendance %
School Year Er 24-25 School Year	nglish Mathematics	Science Social	English Mathematics Science Social Studies 25-26 1st
Final Grades			Quarter 0/
25-26 1st Quarter Final Grades			
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Student's Last Name:	Student's First Name:	M.I.
Date of Birth:	Student Identification Number (900# Not Social Seco	urity):
IMPORTANT INFORMATION		

- The on-time application window is Monday, September 29, 2025 Friday, December 5, 2025.
- The application deadline date for current BPS students is Friday, December 5, 2025.
- Applications for NON-BPS students will continue to be accepted after Friday, December 5, 2025, for lottery-based schools.
- If you need assistance with this application, please contact your school counselor.
- Schools must be ranked in order of preference.
- Do not apply to schools/programs your child is currently enrolled.
- Only select school(s) you are interested in your child attending as all school assignments carry a one-year commitment.
- There is a **separate application** for Frederick Law Olmsted #156 and City Honors #195, visit buffaloschools.org for information.
- School name, school number, and program codes are attached to this application on pages 8, 9, 10, & 11. The school number and program code must be written in the boxes below exactly as listed on pages 8, 9, 10, & 11.
- Some specific services for students with disabilities or bilingual students may not be available in all high schools.
- English as a New Language (ENL) services are available in every high school.
- Differentiated Programs are available to special education students in <u>special classes only, e.g., 6:1+1 or 15:1</u> and are designated with asterisks (e.g., \*\*) following the program codes on pages 8, 9, 10, & 11.
- School placement is conditional upon student successfully passing the current grade.
- Sibling, proximity, and neighborhood preferences do not apply to high schools.
- If your child attends #156, #192, or #195 and applies to and is assigned to another school, they will have a one-year commitment to the new school.

Note: There is a heightened risk of exposure to allergenic foods for students enrolled at the Emerson School of Hospitality #302 and Buffalo School of Culinary Art & Hospitality Management #355. The Buffalo Public Schools will comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal and state statues regarding any student with a disability. Be aware that it may not be possible to accommodate every student's needs at Emerson School of Hospitality #302 or Buffalo School of Culinary Art & Hospitality Management #355.

\*\*\*Schools must be ranked in order of preference, as this is how choices will be considered (School Number 1 being your most desired school). Only choose schools that your child is interested in attending. If they are assigned to one of their choices, they will have a one-vear commitment. \*\*\*

Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5
Program Code				
Office Use Only				

Please Note: All Programs are lottery-based except the criteria-based programs that indicate additional requirements in the requirement columns on pages 6, 7, & 8.

### DEADLINE FOR ON-TIME SUBMISSION

This completed application must be signed by the parent/caregiver and submitted on or before the deadline of Friday, December 5, 2025, to: Central Registration Center, 33 Ash Street, Buffalo, NY 14204.

#### PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT Your signature indicates that you:

- Understand that if your child is not accepted into any of the above listed school selections, he/she will be assigned to a non-criteria-based high school, based upon seat availability and proximity to the student's home (BPS students only).
- Fully agree with and approve your child applying to each of the school selections above.
- Acknowledge that all assignments carry a one-year commitment, this includes students attending #156, #192, or #195.
- Acknowledge that the student may rely on public transportation to get to and from school.
- Certify that your primary residence will be within the city limits of Buffalo by July 1, 2026.

Signature of Parent/Caregiver:	Date
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### **TEACHER EVALUATION FORM**

This form MUST be completed for students only applying to #192, #198 MTA, #212, #304, #305 UTA, and/or #415

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Students applying to Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts #192 must also complete and submit the *Recommendation Forms* on pages 4 & 5.
- This form should be distributed to teachers by school staff only and not the student.

		PLEASE COM		G BLUE OR BLAC	K INK			
Student's Last Nan	ne:		Studen	t's First Name:				M.I.
Date of Birth:								
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Highly Eff	fective (4)	Effective	e (3)	Developing (	2)		Ineffective (	(1)
COURSES	EFFORT	ATTITUDE	STUDY SKILLS	COOPERATION	MATUR	ITY	EVALUATO	OR INITIALS
ENGLISH								
MATHEMATICS								
SCIENCE								
SOCIAL STUDIES								
OTHER* (Required)								
OVERALL TOTAL							100	%
O PERME IVIAL								Composite Percentage

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

### BUFFALO ACADEMY FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS #192 RECOMMENDATION FORM

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

## PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLUE OR BLACK INK

Name of Student:	D.O.I	B.:
How long have you known this student ar	nd in what capacity?	
Answer the following regarding the stu Coursework at Buffalo Academy for Vis with a high level of discipline. Describe t	ual and Performing Arts requires inter	
At Buffalo Academy for Visual and Perfeto balance the demands of both academic student demonstrates such ability.		
Provide additional comments that describe	e the performances/productions in which	th the student has been involved.
First and Last Name (Print)	 Signature	 Title

## BUFFALO ACADEMY FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS #192 RECOMMENDATION FORM

### PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLUE OR BLACK INK

Name of Student:	D.O.B.:		
Read these statements and rate the creative characteristics.	istics of the student according to the following scale:		
1 – Seldom or never observe 2 – Observed this characteri 3 – Observed this characteri 4 – Observed this characteri	stic occasionally stic to a considerable degree		
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 tho	ughts		
f. Student acts independently and cooperation	vely		
g. Student applies corrections immediately			
h. Student thinks critically and abstractly			
i. Student takes responsibility for his/her ac	tions		
j. Student holds self to a high standard			
Please provide additional comments, if needed:			
Teacher's Name (Print)			
Signature of Teacher			
Title			

Date

# RESEARCH LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL #366 ESSAY DOCUMENT

All students who submit an essay will be entered into a lottery for enrollment.

Name of Student:	D.O.B.:			
Students applying to Research Laboratory High School must submit an essay with their application.				
circles and class discussions. Academically, our goal is to develo effective communication and social change, through project-base have the opportunity to work with UB faculty in their areas of in	school where we engage in conversation frequently through talking op students as positive and creative problem solvers, capable of ed learning and an emphasis on computing. Students at RLHS will terest, and this may include coursework at UB, with the future goal of eated in the Tri-Main building and as a small school, we do not have a for athletics.			
The response to the essay prompt below MUST BE WRITTEN not type your response or use pencil. Essays should not be any	ON THIS FORM USING BLUE OR BLACK INK. Please do y longer than 250 words.			
ESSAY PROMPT:				
Explain why you are interested in attending Research L.				
What makes you a good candidate for Research Laborar	tory High School?			

# RESEARCH LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL #366 ESSAY DOCUMENT

Name of Student:	D.O.B.:

### SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED AND CITY HONORS

There is a **separate** application process for BPS students and non-BPS students testing on Saturday for grades 9-12 available at <a href="https://www.buffaloschools.org">www.buffaloschools.org</a>. **Do not use this application to apply for these two schools**. An application will **automatically** be generated for all BPS students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade who take the admissions test at their school.

Frederick Law Olmsted School #156	<b>DGB</b> = Differentiated Business **	
Frederick Law Offisted School #130	<b>DIT</b> = AU 8:1+1	
City Honors at Fosdick-Masten Park #195	Special Class Students Only	

#### LIST OF HIGH SCHOOLS

**Please Note:** Students new or returning to the Buffalo Public School District who are transitioning from a similar "like" program may be eligible for Admissions to a CTE program. Students entering grade 11 for CTE Programs will receive exposure to the courses but may not receive the endorsed certification through NYSED. Students entering grade 12 will need a general education program/school to graduate on time

HIGH SCHOOLS & GRADES	PROGRAMS OFFERED	REQUIREMENTS (If Applicable)
Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts #192 450 Masten Avenue (716) 816-4220 School Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	VPA = Leads to one of the following majors: Dance, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), Theater, Visual Arts, or *Communication Arts/Media	Audition (visit buffaloschools.org for audition dates and times) Grades (See Pg. 1) Recommendation Forms (See Pgs.4-5) Communication Arts/Media – *CTE Programs (See Page 8)
	<b>DTT</b> = Differentiated Technical Theater **	Special Class Students Only
<b>Buffalo School of Culinary Arts</b> & Hospitality Management #355 75 West Huron Street (716) 816-4778	<b>HOS</b> = Hospitality/Culinary Arts (See Pg. 2 Regarding Allergenic Food Warning)	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
School Hours: 8:25 a.m. –3:20 p.m.  Accountability Status: Good Standing  Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	DCL = Differentiated Culinary **	Special Class Students Only
Burgard High School #301	GEN = General Education	Lottery-Based Placement
400 Kensington Avenue (716) 816-4450 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing	EMT = Exploratory Manufacturing Technologies (Leads to one of the following majors: Automotive Technology, Precision Machining, or Welding)	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Community School)	<b>DAU</b> = Differentiated Automotive **	Special Class Students Only
East Community High School #309 820 Northampton Street (716) 816-3997	PSA = Exploratory Public Service Academy (Leads to one of the following majors: Forensics, Business Law, Police, or Fire)	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.  Accountability Status: Good Standing  Grades 9, 10, 11, 12  (Community School)	<b>DGB</b> = Differentiated Graphic Communication/Business **	Special Class Students Only
Emerson School of Hospitality #302 86 West Chippewa Street (716) 816-3018 School Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.	<b>HOS</b> = Hospitality/Culinary Arts See page 2 regarding allergenic food warning.	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	DCL = Differentiated Culinary **	Special Class Students Only

<sup>\*\*</sup>Differentiated Programs are available to special education students in special classes only, e.g., 6:1:1 or 15:1 and are designated with double asterisks.

HIGH SCHOOLS & GRADES	PROGRAMS OFFERED	REQUIREMENTS (If Applicable)
Hutchinson Central Technical High School #304 256 South Elmwood Avenue (716) 816-3888 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Admissions – Grade 9 and Grade 10 Only	ENG = Engineering (Leads to one of the following majors: Biochemical Technology, Computer Technology, Electrical Technology, or Engineering Technology)	*CTE Programs (See Page 8)  Entrance Examination (visit buffaloschools.org for testing dates and times) Grades (See Pg. 1) Teacher Evaluation Form (See Pg. 3)
	<b>DTE</b> = Differentiated Interior Design **	Special Class Students Only
International Preparatory School #198 110 14 <sup>th</sup> Street (716) 816-4300 School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Community School)	<b>BUS</b> = Business & Entrepreneurship	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
	MTA = Multilingual Urban Teacher Academy	*CTE Programs (See Page 8)  Grades & Attendance (See Pg. 1)  Teacher Evaluation Form (See Pg. 3)
	ARD = Architectural & Design GEN = General Education	Lottery-Based Placement
	DGB = Differentiated Business ** DTA = Differentiated Teacher Academy**	Special Class Students Only
Lafayette International High School #207 370 Lafayette Avenue (716) 816-4340 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Community School)	CPE = College Preparatory for English Language Learners	English Language Learners with six years or less in the United States, including students from Puerto Rico, who score at the Entering, Emerging, or Transitioning levels of English proficiency.
	DCB = Differentiated Carpentry & Building Management (Bilingual Spanish Only) **	Special Class Students Only
Leonardo da Vinci High School #212 167 East Utica Street – New Location! (716) 816-4380 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<b>DAV</b> = daVinci (Leads to one of the following majors: Media Arts & Animation, or College Preparatory).	Grades & Attendance (See Pg. 1) Teacher Evaluation Form (See Pg. 3)
Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>DGB</b> = Differentiated Business **	Special Class Students Only
Lewis J. Bennett High School of Innovative Technology #363 2885 Main Street (716) 816-4250 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Community School)	EIT= Exploratory Innovative Technologies Academy (Leads to one of the following majors: College Preparatory, Graphic Animation & Digital Design, Network & Hardware, or Software Development & Programming).	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement
	GEN = General Education	Lottery-Based Placement
	<b>DGB</b> = Differentiated Business **	Special Class Students Only
Math Science Technology Preparatory School #197 646 East Delavan Avenue (716) 816-4500 School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	BUS = Business & Entrepreneurship MCP = Medical Careers Pathway:  Health/Nurse Assisting GEN = General Education	*CTE Programs (See Page 8) Lottery-Based Placement Lottery-Based Placement
	DEF = Differentiated Environmental Facility Management **  DHH = Differentiated Home Health Aide**	Special Class Students Only

<sup>\*\*</sup>Differentiated Programs are available to special education students in special classes only, e.g., 6:1:1 or 15:1 and are designated with double asterisks.

HIGH SCHOOLS & GRADES	PROGRAMS OFFERED	REQUIREMENTS (If Applicable)
McKinley High School #305 1500 Elmwood Avenue (716) 816-4480 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	EBT = Exploratory Building Trades (Leads to one of the following majors: Carpentry, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, or Plumbing) ECO = Conservation HTC = Horticulture PRT = Printing	*CTE Programs (See Info. below) Lottery-Based Placement
	UTA = Urban Teacher Academy	*CTE Programs (See Info. below) Grades & Attendance (See Pg. 1) Teacher Evaluation Form (See Pg. 3)
	DGB = Differentiated Graphic Communication ** DHC = Differentiated Horticulture **	Special Class Students Only
Middle Early College High School #415 2885 Main Street (716) 816-4010 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Community School)	MEC = Middle Early College	Grades & Attendance (See Pg. 1) Teacher Evaluation Form (See Pg. 3) Student Interview Required if applicant meet all other criteria.
Research Laboratory High School #366 Tri-Main Center 2495 Main Street (716) 816-4700 School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m. Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	RLS = Research Lab School	All students who submit an essay will be entered into a lottery for enrollment.
2026-2027 – Some classes may be scheduled at the UB South Campus.		
Important Note: Assigned students will participate in mandatory summer programming to begin the summer prior to 9th grade. Summer programming for incoming grade 9 students will be collocated between RLHS and UB South.		
Upper classmen will have the opportunity to enroll in internships which will be scheduled at different locations throughout the city.	Di E	
Riverside Academy High School #208 51 Ontario Street (716) 816-4360 School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Blue Economy: ECO = Conservation ETO = Eco-Tourism/Entrepreneurship HAW = Health & Wellness	*CTE Programs (See Info. Below) Lottery-Based Placement
Accountability Status Good Standing Grade 9, 10, 11, 12	GEN = General Education	Lottery-Based Placement
(Community School)	DGB= Differentiated Business **	Special Class Students Only
South Park High School #206 150 Southside Parkway (716) 816-4828 School Hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	AMS = Electromechanical Technology BUS = Business & Entrepreneurship COS = Cosmetology PTF = Personal Training & Fitness	*CTE Programs (See Info. Below) Lottery-Based Placement
Accountability Status: Good Standing Grades 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>FAD</b> = Fashion Arts & Design Studies <b>GEN</b> = General Education	Lottery-Based Placement
(Community School)	DHT = Differentiated Horticulture ** cation students in special classes only e.g. 6:1:1 or 15:1 at	Special Class Students Only

<sup>\*\*</sup>Differentiated Programs are available to special education students in special classes only, e.g., 6:1:1 or 15:1 and are designated with double asterisk

SATURDAY ADMISSIONS TESTING & AUDITION DATES				
SCHOOLS	DATES & TIMES	TESTING LOCATIONS		
Hutchinson Central Technical High School #304	October 18, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. October 25, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. November 8, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. November 15, 2025@ 9:00 a.m.  All testing is conducted by appointment only using the QR code below.	Grades 9-10 Hutchinson Central Technical High School 256 South Elmwood Avenue (716) 816-3888		
Buffalo Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts #192	October 18, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m. October 25, 2025@ 8:00 a.m.  Auditions are available on a walk-in basis only.	Grades 9-12 Buffalo Academy for the Visual & Performing Arts 450 Masten Avenue (716) 816-4220		

### Board of Education Policy adopted June 26, 2013 regarding Career and Technical Education (CTE):

Applications will be made through the Parental Choice applications for all Career and Technical Education Programs for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade in accordance with the application process. Acceptance into the Career and Technical Education Programs will be based on a holistic approach with the primary indicator being the student's interest. An interest inventory will be **required** and available through O\*NET Online (www.onetonline.org). Attendance, grades, and behavior will also be evaluated holistically from the student's previous two school years but may not be used to preclude the student's admission into a Career and Technical Education program. Additionally, all available seats in 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> grades will be filled and no student should be denied access due to secondary indictors if an opening exists.

The Buffalo Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence), gender identity, sexual orientation, (the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, or asexuality), political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, weight, domestic violence, victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information, and other bias prohibited by New York State and/or federal nondiscrimination laws in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Deputy Director of Human Resources, 720 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202 or by calling (716) 816-3579.

BPS CRITERIA PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS				
SCHOOLS	PROGRAMS	PROGRAMS CRITERIA		
Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts	VPA = Leads to one of the following	Criteria required:  • Audition	70%	
BPS #192 Admissions: Grades 5 - 12	majors: Dance, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), Theater, Visual Arts, or Communication Arts/Media	Academic Standing     Grades     Previous School Year Grade Averages,     Plus the 1st Quarter Grade Average     of Current School Year	25%	
The International Preparatory	MTA =	Teacher Recommendation  Criteria required:	5%	
High School  BPS #198	Multilingual Teacher Academy	Grades     Previous 1 School Year Grade Averages,     Plus the 1st Quarter Grade Average     of Current School Year	40%	
Admissions: Grades 9 - 11		Attendance     First Quarter of Current Year     (85% - 100%)      Teacher Recommendation	40% 20%	
Leonardo daVinci High School	DA=	Criteria required:		
BPS #212 Admissions:	daVinci	Grades     Previous 1 School Year Grade Averages,     Plus the 1st Quarter Grade Average     of Current School Year	30%	
Grades 9 - 12		Attendance     First Quarter of Current Year	30%	
<b>Hutchinson Central Technical</b>	ENG=	Teacher Recommendation  Criteria required:	40%	
High School  BPS #304	Engineering	<ul> <li>Entrance Exam</li> <li>Grades</li> <li>Previous 1 School Year Grade Averages,</li> </ul>	33.3% 33.3%	
Admissions: Grades 9 – 10		Plus the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Grade Average of Current School Year	22.20	
McKinley High School	UTA=	Teacher Recommendation  Criteria required:	33.3%	
BPS #305 Admissions:	Urban Teacher Academy	Grades     Previous School Year Grade Averages,     plus the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Grade Average     of Current School Year	40%	
Grades 9 -11		Attendance     First Quarter of Current Year     (85% - 100%)	40%	
Research Laboratory High School	RLS = Research Lab School	Teacher Recommendation  Essay required: All students who submit an essay will be entered into a lottery for	20% or enrollment.	
BPS #366				
Admissions: Grades 9 - 12				
Middle Early College High School	MEC= Middle Early College	Criteria required: • Attendance 85% - 100%	35%	
BPS #415		<ul> <li>Average of 65% - 85% entering high school</li> <li>In-person Interview</li> </ul>	25% 40%	
Admissions: Grades 9 - 10				