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EXAMINATION HIGH SCHOOLS

What are the exam high schools?

Detroit Public Schools Community District offers enrollment in five selective admission high school programs, which offer rigorous college preparation, career preparation, competitive athletics programs and inspiring arts programs. Students are required to take an examination for admission consideration.

- [Cass Technical High School](#)
- [Renaissance High School](#)
- [Martin Luther King Jr., Senior High School](#)
- [Southeastern High School](#)
- [New school at Marygrove College](#)

Can you tell me more about the new school at Marygrove College?

This school will open in fall 2019 with accepting 9th grade students only. It will ultimately be a Pre-K-20 campus that will offer a unique cradle-to-career model.

The school is being jointly developed through a partnership that includes Detroit Public Schools Community District, the Kresge Foundation, The University of Michigan School of Education, the Marygrove Conservancy, Marygrove College, Starfish Family Services, IFF and the Detroit Collaborative Design Center of the University of Detroit Mercy. The school will have an engineering and social justice curriculum focus.

Who can attend the new school at Marygrove?

The school will only accept 9th graders for its initial year. Current 8th graders in and outside of the District are welcome to apply for admission, however, enrollment priority will be given to families who live within the immediate vicinity of the Marygrove College campus. These students will have additional points awarded to their application. Students who live within a mile of Marygrove are considered residents of the primary catchment area. Students within two miles of Marygrove are considered residents of the secondary catchment area.



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The school will be located on Marygrove College's campus and housed at its Liberal Arts Building. The campus address is 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

I'm interested! How can I learn more about the school?

Contact Principal Nir Saar at nir.saar@detroitk12.org or (248) 961-2173..

APPLICATION

What are the application requirements?

There are four components of a complete student application:

- Admission Examination Score
- Student transcript
- Student-authored Letter of Interest
- Reference (submitted by a third party)

In addition, out-of-district applicants may be asked to upload an IEP (if applicable) to determine testing accommodations. The IEP has no impact on the scoring for the application. It is only used to determine the need for accommodations.

When will I be notified if I have been accepted?

All students will receive notice of acceptance or denial of their application to an exam high school on March 15, 2019. Notification will be sent to the email address submitted with the application.

How do I apply for admission to an exam high school?

You are required to take an exam and submit a complete application. To start the application process, visit: detroitk12.org/examschools.

Who can apply?

Eighth grade students attending public and non-public schools are eligible to apply for the 9th grade class. Current high school students may also apply for openings in grades 9-11. The school at Marygrove is not an option for students who are currently in high school.



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May I pick up a hard copy of the application?

No, the entire application must be completed online. Visit detroitk12.org/examschools to start your application.

I do not have a computer. How can I submit an application?

The application is also mobile friendly, so you can apply with any internet-enabled device like a smart phone or tablet. If not, we encourage you to attend one of our Parent Workshops. Computers and scanners will be available for parents who need access. Please bring all required information with you to the workshop so that you will be able to complete the entire application onsite.

May I apply to only one exam high school?

Students may apply for all five examination high schools and will be asked to rank their top three choices. We recommend keeping your options open and selecting all schools that are reasonable options for you.

May I submit a report card instead of a transcript?

Application reviewers must be able to see applicants' cumulative grade point average (GPA). If the report card does not show a cumulative GPA, the student will receive a score of 0 out of the 30 points that are possible.

How do I obtain a transcript?

Please contact your school's main office or see your guidance counselor to request a transcript. Ensure it is from no earlier than the second semester of the 2017-18 school year.

I attend a private school and am not sure if I have a cumulative grade point average, or what it might be.

Please contact your school's main office or see your guidance counselor to request a transcript. Ensure it is from no earlier than the second semester of the 2017-18 school year.

Can I take a picture of my transcript, essay and/or letter of recommendation and upload it?

Yes, you can take a picture of your any of these materials and upload it as long as it is legible.



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How are references submitted?

You will need to enter the email of your reference person. The application system will send an email to the reference requesting the completion of a reference form.

My student is homeschooled, what should I submit as a transcript?

Please contact the Office of Enrollment for further details at exam.schools@detroitk12.org or (313) 873-6345.

How can I get more direct information on how to learn more about this process?

A series of parent workshops will be held at locations throughout the city December 4, 2018, through January 18, 2019. Please visit detroitk12.org/examschools for the schedule.

When is the exam high school application due?

The deadline for all exam high school applications is January 18, 2019. A second deadline date is Friday June 28, 2019. Seats will be limited in June. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

I am a student who previously attended an exam high school. How do I apply?

Students who would like to return may complete the Transfer Student Application. Students who were previously dismissed for academic or other reasons will be required to take the exam.

I am a current 11th grade student and I would like to seek fall admission to an exam high school going into my senior year. How do I apply?

Current 11th graders that will be entering the 12th grade the following year will only be allowed to apply if at least one of the following is true:

1. Student previously attended the desired exam high school.
2. Student's current school will be closed during the 2019-20 school year.
3. Student can provide documentation that they recently moved to Detroit from another city that is not in the immediate vicinity of Detroit.



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Students who meet the criteria may apply using the Transfer Student Application.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

What if my student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?

The application will specifically ask if a student has an IEP. Choose the yes option. You will be prompted to upload a copy of the IEP onto the application. This will allow us to best determine what type of accommodations, if any, are required for your student during the admission test.

TAKING THE EXAM – GENERAL

How long is the exam?

Plan on two to two-and-a-half hours for testing. Students whose IEPs require additional testing time will be given the additional time.

Does everyone have to take the exam?

Yes. The exam is required for all new examination high school students. An exception is granted for students who are seeking re-entry to an exam high school they previously attended if they left in good standing, ie., they were not dismissed for academic or other reasons.

When is the final test administration date for Fall 2019 admissions?

The final test administration will be on July 12, 2019. The application deadline to take this test will be June 28, 2019.

TAKING THE ADMISSIONS EXAM – DPSCD STUDENTS

My child is an 8th grader in DPSCD. How does he/she get to take the test?

All 8th graders that attend a District school will take the exam high school admissions test at school during the school day. The test will be administered between January 14 and January 25, 2019.



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My DPSCD 8th grader has an IEP. Will he/she get accommodations?

Yes. All students whose IEPs designate testing accommodations will receive them.

What if my 8th grader is absent the day their District school offered the exam high school admissions test? What should I do?

The District will offer a makeup admission test date February 2, 2019. Testing will be held at two locations: Amelia Earhart Elementary-Middle School (1000 Scotten Ave, Detroit, MI 48209) and Brenda Scott Academy (18440 Hoover St, Detroit, MI 48205).

Please either check with your child's school for more information on how they can register for the make-up admission test or email exam.schools@detroitk12.org.

When will testing be offered for current District 9th and 10th grade students?

Students who desire to transfer must complete the Transfer Application. Testing will be available for 9th and 10th grade students that currently attend a DPSCD school on January 26, 2019, and February 2, 2019. Parents and/or student will be able to choose the date that best works for their schedule during the application process.

Testing will be held at two locations: Amelia Earhart Elementary-Middle School (1000 Scotten Ave, Detroit, MI 48209) and Brenda Scott Academy (18440 Hoover St, Detroit, MI 48205).

If my student currently attends a DPSCD high school, do they need to register for an exam date?

Yes, they will need to complete a transfer application and register for an exam date. They may take the test on January 26 and February 2, 2019

For both dates, admissions testing will be held at two locations:

- Amelia Earhart Elementary-Middle School, 1000 Scotten Ave, Detroit, MI 48209
- Brenda Scott Academy, 18440 Hoover St, Detroit, MI 48205.

You will be able to choose the location that works best for you during the application process.



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TAKING THE ADMISSIONS EXAM – OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

When will testing be offered for out-of-District students that attend non-DPSCD schools?

There will be two dates when admission testing will be available for students that do not currently attend a DPSCD school. The first will be January 26, 2019, and the second will be February 2, 2019. Parents and/or student will be able to choose the date that best works for their schedule during the application process.

Where will testing occur?

For both dates, admissions testing will be held at two locations:

- Amelia Earhart Elementary-Middle School, 1000 Scotten Ave, Detroit, MI 48209
- Brenda Scott Academy, 18440 Hoover St, Detroit, MI 48205.

You will be able to choose the location that works best for you during the application process.

Following the Admission Test: Application Scoring (For All Students)

My student currently attends a DPSCD school and took the exam at their school his fall. Can I sign up my student to take the exam again on one of the January dates?

No, all students (i.e., current DPSCD students and out of district DPSCD students) will be allowed to take the test only one time.

What is the scoring rubric for the application?

The application scoring is based on the following rubric:

Exam Scores:	40 points
Transcripts (i.e. GPA):	30 points
Essay:	20 points
Reference:	10 points
Total:	100 points



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Current DPSCD Student	+10 points
Marygrove Primary Resident	+10 points
Marygrove Secondary Resident	+5 points

Do any of the Exam High Schools give preference to students who live in the boundary of the school?

The new school at Marygrove College will have a neighborhood residency preference for students that live in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Will there be an opportunity to retake the exam?

No. Students will not be allowed to retake the exam. However, they may participate in the petition process if they did not get a satisfactory placement.

Acceptance or Denial of Application: What's Next?

How are admissions decisions made?

Students must score above a minimum cut score to be considered for admission.

All students who score above the minimum cut score are ranked from highest score to lowest score based on their application scores. Students with the highest scores are admitted to their first choice of schools until all of those seats are exhausted, then students are admitted to their second choice schools, etc. until all seats are filled. Application scores are comprised of the points awarded for each component of the application (see application rubric.) and are dependent on students' examination school selections and available seats in student's selected schools.

I attend DPSCD and took the test, but I have not received a response letter.

You may not have received a letter because you did not submit an application packet. If you are unsure, please check in the school office or with your guidance counselor.

I was accepted to my top choice school! What's next?

DPSCD will contact you with further details about completing your enrollment.



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If I am unhappy with the result, what are my options?

Students have the option to participate in the petition process to request a reconsideration of their school assignments or denial of admission to the exam high school of their choice.

When are petition applications due?

The deadline to submit a petition is April 5, 2019.

I selected only one school on my application, but did not get in. Can I get into another school now?

Students may petition to get into another school, however, seats may be limited. We encourage students to keep all their options open when they apply.

What is the petition process?

The petition window for students denied admission will begin on March 15. Students who choose to participate in the petition process will be required to submit the following items for review. Additionally, an in-person interview may be required. Students will be notified if they will be required to participate in an interview. Not all students will be interviewed.

- Letter
- Three references OR two references and a supporting artifact (optional)
- Additional details with specific instructions will be sent to applicants.

What is the deadline to appeal?

The petition window closes for denied students on April 15, 2019.

When will I be notified of the final decision regarding my petition?

Notification will be given to students by April 19, 2019.



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Will DPSCD offer any opportunities for students to explore not just exam high school options but all high school options that the District offers?

Yes. On April 27, 2019, DPSCD will be holding a Level-Up High School Expo for all students seeking a high school. We have lots of other great high school options!