



BREAKTHROUGH SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT MANUAL



SAINT MARTIN
DE PORRES



HAWKEN



CLEVELAND
SCHOOL
OF THE
ARTS



Cleveland Central Catholic High School



HIGH SCHOOL • EARLY COLLEGE



SHARED GOAL

Breakthrough students have a unique opportunity to increase their chances of admission to high performing high schools through an early start to the admissions process. Our partner high schools give priority to our scholars by providing presentations, arranging informational visits, and other outreach activities. Our goal is to have 100% of our students placed by April of their 8th grade year.

Our partner high schools have different criteria for admission. In some cases students must have a certain GPA, required to take an admissions exam, complete a shadow day, and get recommendations from teachers. In other cases, students may not be required to complete any of these requirements. Using the School List students should apply to schools that fit their student profile. The student profile consists of academic records (transcript), Kick Board reports, I-Ready and State of Ohio assessment results. Please note the requirements for high school admissions when selecting schools.

Students should apply to multiple schools to ensure they have a variety of opportunities. Ideally, students should apply to at least two schools from the same category. For example, if your scholar is considering Saint Martin De Porres they should also consider Cleveland Central Catholic or VASJ from the Catholic School section of the School List.

**An early start to the admissions process
will ensure our success!**

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

High schools are categorized into three sections due to their unique admissions requirements, tuition, and school characteristics.

CMSD SCHOOLS

CMSD Schools begin their admissions process in December/January. There will be multiple steps to completing this process which include submitting an application in the School Choice Portal and submitting enrollment documents to CMSD. Students are notified of acceptance in March. All CMSD schools are non-tuition. All CMSD schools have Intervention Specialists and service IEP's.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Private Schools begin their admissions process in September/October. Families will need to create an online account to begin this process. The online application allows students to submit the application, essays, teacher recommendation requests, and parent information. It is important that all applications to private schools be submitted before Christmas Break to ensure application consideration and completion of financial aid. Students that apply to private schools will be required to take a very challenging admissions exam (Independent School Entrance Exam). The ISEE group was identified by 7th grade teachers last year. ISEE scholars have shown excellence in the classroom by maintaining a high GPA and above average results on I-Ready assessments and The Ohio State Test. All private schools have rigorous academic standards and admission processes. Private Schools do not provide ESE/IEP accommodations. Private schools are tuition based and cost on average \$35,000/year to attend. Private schools build financial aid awards by considering family income, available financial aid assistance, and Merit Scholarships.

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools begin admissions in September. Families will need to create an online account to begin this process. The online application allows students to submit the application, register for admissions exams, essays, teacher recommendations, and parent information. It is important that all applications to Catholic schools be submitted before Christmas Break to ensure application consideration and completion of financial aid. Catholic schools are tuition based and cost on average \$14,000/year to attend. Catholic schools award financial aid based on demonstrated family need and available funds.

The State of Ohio also provides scholarships to help cover tuition. The Cleveland Scholarship is awarded to any student admitted to a Catholic school that resides in Cleveland. The John Patterson Scholarship is awarded to students with IEPs. These scholarships make attending Catholic Schools very affordable. On average families can expect to pay \$0-\$100/month in tuition for Catholic Schools.

SCHOOL LIST

CMSD SCHOOLS

CMSD Criteria Schools that require an application, 2 teacher recommendations, GPA, and submission of I-Ready scores for consideration. The following schools are CMSD Criteria Schools.

All CMSD Schools service IEP's.

- Bard Early College- West (3.0 gpa)
- Cleveland School of the Arts (3.0 gpa; talent audition/portfolio required)
- John Hay- School of Science & Medicine (3.0 gpa)
- John Hay- School of Architecture & Design (3.0 gpa)
- John Hay- Early College (3.5 gpa)
- Students that do not reach GPA requirements can be accepted to their school of choice if they have strong teacher recommendations. Example: Sarah has a 2.9 GPA but really wants to attend John Hay Science/Medicine which has a 3.0 GPA requirement. She should still apply and will likely be accepted if her teachers provide strong recommendation letters about her character/behavior and academics.

SCHOOL LIST

CMSD Non-Criteria Schools that require an application but do not require students to obtain teacher recommendations or meet a specific GPA/I-Ready requirement or State Test scores. The following schools are CMSD Non-Criteria Schools.

All CMSD Schools service IEP's.

- Campus International
- Cleveland High School for Digital Arts
- Davis Aerospace
- Ginn Academy (All Boys)
- Max Hayes
- MC2 STEM
- Rhodes
- Garrett Morgan School of Leadership
- Garret Morgan School of Engineering
- John Marshall School of Information Technology
- John Marshall School of Engineering
- John Marshall School of Business
- Glenville
- John Adams
- John Adams College & Career School of 1
- Collinwood
- Cleveland Metro Remote
- John F. Kennedy

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Public Charter Schools do not have a GPA requirement, do not require teacher recommendations, or require certain scores on I-Ready assessments

- Horizon Science Academy
- Legacy Schools
- NEO

SCHOOL LIST

CATHOLIC/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Co-Ed	All Boys	All Girls
VASJ*	Saint Ignatius	Beaumont
Saint Martin De Porres	Benedictine*	Saint Joseph Academy
Cleveland Central Catholic*	Saint Edward*	Magnificat
Lutheran East/West*		
Trinity		
Holy Name		

* Identifies schools that can service students with IEPs.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

High GPA requirement, excellent character, teacher recommendations, and admissions exam (ISEE) required, high tuition based.

- Gilmour Academy (Religious)
- Hathaway Brown- All GIRLS
- Hawken Upper School
- Hawken Mastery
- Laurel School- All GIRLS
- University School- All BOYS
- Andrews Osborne Academy
- Western Reserve Academy
- The Hotchkiss School, Connecticut
- Cate School, California
- Olney Friends, Columbus, OH
- Hershey Montessori School, Painesville, OH

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HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEAM MEMBER ROLES

The HSP Team consists of scholars, parents, teachers, and Directors. Please contact the director specific to your model (The Preps or Citizens). We serve our respective campuses as a guide to introduce students to high school options and the admissions process. Students receive weekly touchpoints during scheduled Connections Blocks. During our HSP sessions we cover exploration, preparation for admissions, and transition to high school.

Scholars serve as the medium by passing on information to parents that was delivered during HSP sessions. Scholars are responsible for independent research of high schools. Scholars along with parents are responsible for completing admissions requirements. This includes scheduling shadow days, admissions exams, and completing financial aid applications when required.

Teachers provide recommendations that have a huge impact on admission into the majority of our partner high schools. Recommendations must be asked for in advance before submitting a teachers email for an electronic or handwritten form. Recommendations are confidential and not returned to students or parents under any circumstances. Strong character ensures recommendations increase our scholar's chances of being accepted to the high school of their choice.

Together our team will reach the goal of 100% placement into schools that fit the needs of our scholars!

Yours in Education,

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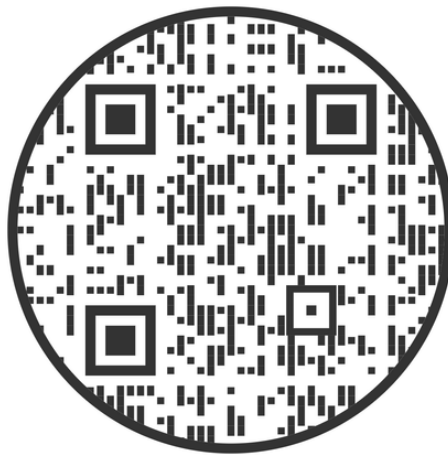
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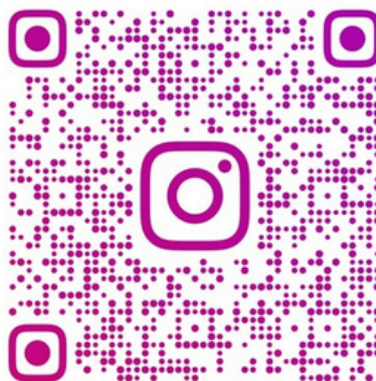
We can be reached by email, text, or call along the admissions journey!

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