

SY17-18 DCPS Selective High School Admissions Requirements and Processes

Below are the application and admission requirements for each selective DCPS high school. Several selective high school application timelines have additional components beyond the general My School DC application timeline. Contact the Enrollment Team with questions at enroll@dc.gov or (202) 478-5738.

1. Benjamin Banneker Academic High School: <http://www.benjaminbanneker.org/>
2. Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC): <http://checdc.org/>
3. Duke Ellington School of the Arts: <http://www.ellingtonschool.org/>
4. McKinley Technology High School: <http://mckinleytech.org/>
5. Phelps Architecture, Construction and Engineering High School: <http://www.phelpshsdc.org/>
6. School Without Walls High School: <http://www.swwhs.org/>

	Banneker	CHEC	Ellington	McKinley	Phelps	School Without Walls
Application Grades	9-10	9-12	9-10	9-10	9-11	9-12
Applicant Minimum Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3.0 GPA • "Met" or "Exceeded Expectations" on any standardized test 	None	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2.75 GPA in core subjects • "Met" or "Exceeded Expectations" on any standardized test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2.4 GPA • "Approached" or "Met" expectations on any standardized test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3.0 GPA in core subjects
Recommendation Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Counselor • Principal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Art (or other) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math 	None
Essay	Yes. <i>Discuss why you wish to attend Benjamin Banneker Academic High School.</i>	No. CHEC requires students to complete a student interest survey.	Yes. <i>Write a paragraph explaining why this art (selected in the application) is important to you.</i> <i>Most applicants audition for a single arts area, however you may also request an audition for a 2nd arts area. Write a paragraph explaining why this art (selected in the application) is important to you.</i>	Yes. <i>Describe a time when you overcame an obstacle. What was the obstacle and what steps did you take to overcome it. How do you plan to channel that motivation here at McKinley?</i>	Yes. <i>Describe and evaluate one experience that significantly influenced your academic interests in Phelps.</i>	No.
Admissions Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Family interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Group Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Audition • Admissions test • Family interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Interview (invitation only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Family interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application review • Admissions test • Student/Parent interview

