

DCPS SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS APPLICATION COMPONENTS AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS SY2025-26

SCHOOLS	APPLICATION COMPONENTS (DC CAPE scores will not be required as part of admissions in the 2025-2026 school year.)						ADMISSIONS PROCESS (First, the online application is reviewed. Schools then reach out regarding the next steps below)
	REPORT CARD			ESSAY	RECOMMENDATIONS (Submitted online through the My School DC Application)		
	Time Period	GPA Recommendation	Attendance Requirement		#	Type	
Bard High School Early College	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter ¹	GPA of 2.0 or above recommended	None	Yes (Administered in person)	2	English Teacher Math Teacher	Individual interview & In-person Essay
Benjamin Banneker High School	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	None	None	Yes (One essay submitted online via the MSDC application. One additional writing prompt will be administered in person.)	3	English Teacher Math Teacher Counselor or Administrator	Family interview
Columbia Heights Education Campus ²	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter ³	None	Attendance should be included on report card	No ⁴	2	English Teacher Math Teacher	Individual interview
Duke Ellington School of the Arts	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	None	None	Yes	3	Math Teacher Art Teacher (or other) Counselor or Administrator	Audition ⁵ Family interview
Early College Academy @Coolidge	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	GPA of 3.0 or above recommended	None	Yes	2	English Teacher Math Teacher	Family interview
McKinley Technology High School	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	GPA of 3.0 or above required (English, History, Math, and Science)	None	Yes (Administered in person)	2	English Teacher Math Teacher	Group interview & In-person Essay
Phelps Architecture, Construction, and Engineering High School	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	GPA of 2.5 or above recommended	Attendance should be included on report card	Yes (Administered in person)	2	Math Teacher Counselor or Administrator	Individual interview & In-person Essay
School Without Walls High School	Final SY23-24 and SY24-25 First Quarter	GPA of 3.0 or above required GPA of 3.5 or above recommended	None	Yes (Administered in person)	2	English Teacher Math Teacher	Family Interview & In-person Essay

¹ 11th-grade applicants must submit an official high school transcript in addition to their report card.

² Students who complete the 8th grade at CHEC have the right to enroll in CHEC for 9th grade without a My School DC lottery application.

³ 11th and 12th grade applicants must submit an official high school transcript in addition to the report card.

⁴ Columbia Heights Education Campus applicants are required to complete a student interest survey through the My School DC application.

⁵ Two programs at Duke Ellington School of the Arts (DESA) require additional information to be provided. Please visit [MySchoolDC.org](https://myschooldc.org) for more information.