



Mastery Charter Schools

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can attend Mastery schools?

Admission to Mastery schools without a lottery is on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to students who live within the school's attendance zone (catchment.)

All students living in Philadelphia are eligible to enter the lottery for the following Mastery schools:

- Hardy Williams Elementary
- Hardy Williams High
- Lenfest Campus
- Mastery Prep Elementary
- Pickett Campus
- Shoemaker Campus
- Simon Gratz High
- Thomas Elementary
- Thomas Campus

Some of our schools have neighborhood preferences. (See pages 3 – 4 for those preferences.) We also give preference to students with siblings currently attending the school they are applying to.

Do you have to take a test or have certain grades to attend?

Students do not have to take an entrance exam or meet academic requirements to attend Mastery schools.

What grades do you offer?

Mastery serves students in grades K-12.

How many Mastery schools are in Philadelphia and where are they located?

There are 18 Mastery schools across Philadelphia. They are listed below in alphabetical order:

ELEMENTARY

Clymer Elementary | Grades K-6

1201 W. Rush St., Philadelphia, PA 19133 | 215-223-2243

Frederick Douglass Elementary | Grades K-8

2118 W. Norris St., Philadelphia, PA 19121 | 215-684-5063

Grover Cleveland Elementary | Grades K-8

3701 N. 19th St., Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-5042

Hardy Williams Elementary | Grades K-6

5400 Warrington Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 | 215-724-2343

Harrity Elementary | Grades K-8

5601 Christian St., Philadelphia, PA 19143 | 215-471-2908

John Wister Elementary | Grades K-5

67 E. Bringhurst St., Philadelphia, PA 19144 | 215-951-4003

Mann Elementary | Grades K-6

5376 W. Berks St., Philadelphia, PA 19131 | 215-581-5616

Mastery Prep Elementary | Grades K-4 Growing to grade 6

1801 W. Pike St., Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-866-0067 Lottery school

Pastorius-Richardson Elementary | Grades K-8

5650 Sprague St., Philadelphia, PA 19138 | 215-951-5689

Smedley Elementary | Grades K-6

1790 Bridge St., Philadelphia, PA 19124 | 215-537-2523

Thomas Elementary | Grades K-6 Lottery school

814 Bigler St., Philadelphia, PA 19148 | 267-296-7000

SECONDARY

Gratz Prep Middle | Grades 7-8

1798 W. Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-4408

Hardy Williams High | Grades 7-12 Lottery school

5400 Warrington Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 | 267-499-2100

Lenfest Campus | Grades 7-12 Lottery school

35 S. 4th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106 | 215-922-1902

Pickett Campus | Grades 6-12 Lottery school

5700 Wayne Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144 | 215-866-9000

Shoemaker Campus | Grades 7-12 Lottery school

5301 Media St., Philadelphia, PA 19131 | 267-296-7111

Simon Gratz High | Grades 9-12 *Lottery school

1798 W. Hunting Park Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-4408

Thomas Campus | Grades 7-12 Lottery school

927 Johnston St., Philadelphia, PA 19148 | 267-236-0036



* Seats are given first to students from the catchment. Lottery is only conducted if there are still seats available.

Do you charge tuition?

No! All of our schools are free public schools.

What is the application and enrollment process?

There are three ways to apply to one of our schools:

1. Online at masterycharter.org/enroll
2. In person at one of our schools
3. By phone: (800) 891-3999

For schools with a lottery, all applications will go through the lottery process to determine who receives an offer to enroll and who will be placed on the waitlist. Families admitted through the lottery will be notified and invited to complete the enrollment process.

What's the application deadline? When do families find out the lottery results?

September 20, 2019 | Application opens for new students for the 2020-2021 school year

January 27, 2020 | Application deadline for the lottery. Applications received after the deadline will be added to the waitlist.

February 25, 2020 | Family notified of lottery results by phone, email and letter home

For non-lottery schools, admission is first-come, first-served.

Does Mastery offer bus transportation?

We offer bus transportation to the following students in Philadelphia:

- Students in grades 1-6 at Prep Elementary, Hardy Williams Elementary and Mann our only elementary schools that serve children from across the entire city
- Students with special needs, at their parent/guardian's request.

Like all other public schools in Philadelphia, we do not provide bus transportation to kindergarten students.

Students in grades 1-12 receive free SEPTA TransPasses to commute to school if they live within 1.5 miles of the attending school.

Are meals provided?

All Mastery schools provide free breakfast and lunch.

Does Mastery offer before or after school care? If so, what are the hours?

This varies by school. Please contact the school that you are interested in for details.

Is after-care free?

This varies by school. Please contact the school that you are interested in for details.

What are the school hours?

Arrival and dismissal times vary by school, but all schools start between 7:30 - 8:05 a.m. the end between 3:10 - 3:15 p.m.

Every Wednesday, all schools dismiss at approximately 1:00 p.m. This allows our teachers to participate in professional development activities so they can better serve all of our students.

Does Mastery offer extracurricular activities or enrichment programs?

Combined, Mastery schools offer more than 200 extracurricular activities and enrichment programs, including basketball, cheerleading, student government and robotics. Activities vary by campus. Contact the Mastery school you are interested in for details about what they offer.

Is there a uniform requirement?

All Mastery students are required to wear a uniform:

- Polo shirt (short or long-sleeved) with school logo and color
- Solid color pants, skirts, or knee-length shorts (for elementary schools only) in the school's required color
- Belt (if necessary)
- Closed toe, flat soled shoes or sneakers

During the winter, students can wear sweaters and sweatshirts (including hoodies) with the Mastery logo.

The uniform color varies according by school choice.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

Feel free to contact schools directly with questions. Phone numbers are on page 1.

ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES FOR 2020-2021

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PRIMARY

Clymer Elementary (K-6)

Clymer Elementary serves students in the Nicetown/Tioga area who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19133 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19133 zip code. [Click here to see the Clymer attendance zone map.](#)

Frederick Douglass Elementary (K-8)

Frederick Douglass Elementary serves students in North Philadelphia who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19121 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19121 zip code. [Click here to see the Douglass attendance zone map.](#)

Grover Cleveland Elementary (K-8)

Grover Cleveland Elementary serves students in the Nicetown/Tioga area who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19140 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19140 zip code. [Click here to see the Cleveland attendance zone map.](#)

Hardy Williams Elementary (K-6)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Hardy Williams Academy. Harrity Elementary (K-8)

Harrity Elementary serves students in Southwest Philadelphia who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19143 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19143 zip code. [Click here to see the Harrity attendance zone map.](#)

Mann Elementary (K-6)

Mann Elementary serves students in West Philadelphia who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19131 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19131 zip code. [Click here to see the Mann attendance zone map.](#)

Mastery Prep Elementary (K-4)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Mastery Prep Elementary, however, preference is given to students living in the 19140 zip code.

Pastorius-Richardson Elementary (K-8)

Francis D. Pastorius Elementary serves students in the Germantown community who live in the school's attendance zones within the zip codes of 19144 and 19138.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19144 and 19138 zip codes. [Click here to see the Pastorius attendance zone map.](#)

Smedley Elementary (K-6)

Smedley Elementary serves students in the Frankford area who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19124 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19124 zip code. [Click here to see the Smedley attendance zone map.](#)

Thomas Elementary (K-6)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Thomas Elementary. First preference, however, is given to students living within the 19148 zip code, followed by students living within zip codes 19145, 19146, and 19147, followed by all other applicants. This is so we can serve as a neighborhood school, per our charter.

John Wister Elementary (K-5)

John Wister Elementary serves students in the Germantown community who live in the school's attendance zone within the 19144 zip code.

The school cannot enroll students living outside of its attendance zone, even if they reside within the listed 19144 zip code. [Click here to see the Wister attendance zone map.](#)

SECONDARY

Gratz Prep Middle School (7-8)

Admission to Gratz Prep Middle School is first come, first served to students living in the Gratz High School attendance zone (click here to see the attendance zone map) and students currently attending:

- Bethune
- Cleveland
- Clymer
- Duckrey
- Kenderton
- Steel

Students from schools not listed above and outside the Gratz attendance zone may also apply for the lottery, however they can only enroll if seats are available.

Hardy Williams High School (7-12)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Hardy Williams Academy, however preference is given to current students at Harrity Elementary.

Lenfest Campus (7-12)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Lenfest Campus, however preference is given to current students at Smedley Elementary.

Pickett Campus (6-12)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Pickett Campus, however preference is given to current students at John B. Kelly and Wister elementary schools, and students living in the 19144 zip code.

Shoemaker Campus (7-12)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery at Shoemaker Campus, however preference is given to current students at Mann and Bluford elementary schools.

Simon Gratz High School (9-12)

There is guaranteed enrollment at Simon Gratz High for students living in Gratz attendance zone (click here to see the attendance zone map) and students attending:

- Cleveland
- Clymer
- Kenderton
- Bethune
- Duckrey
- Steel

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Thomas Campus (7-12)

Any student living in Philadelphia is eligible to apply for the lottery, however, preference is given to current students at Thomas Elementary and students living in the South Philadelphia zip code 19148.



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