

Da Vinci Arts Middle School Admissions FAQ

Who comes to da Vinci? *Students from throughout the PPS district. You must live within PPS boundaries to apply. Successful students have a strong interest in the Arts and are willing to try new things and develop new relationships.*

How do you get admitted? *Enrollment is through a lottery process. There are 150 new 6th-grade students each year. There are usually 5-7 students entering in 7th grade through the lottery. Entry for 8th grade or mid-year is by a hardship petition process. Students with a co-enrolled sibling are given preference.*

How is the lottery conducted? *The lottery is run by PPS Enrollment and Transfer. It is purely mathematical so all students that apply have a chance. There is a weight to favor families that qualify for Free/Reduced Meal benefits to meet a district average across schools.*

What if my student is exceptionally talented- can they audition or submit a portfolio? *Additional materials are not considered in the lottery.*

Can we submit letters of recommendation? *These are not considered in the lottery.*

When do we find out the results? *Results are usually sent out by Enrollment and Transfer about six weeks after the closing date. Results are sent by email, text (if requested) and mail.*

Do students need to be accomplished in the arts to apply? *No, but we hope they have a strong interest. Every student must take at least one quarter of Dance, and, especially for 6th graders, they may not get their first elective arts choice. We ask that all students have a willingness to try new things.*

Is there transportation provided? *No, families are responsible for transportation. Families work together to carpool and many students take public transportation.*

Are there any after school programs? *There are no agency-sponsored programs or before/after-care. Parents/guardians/community members can run activities as volunteers. Dance and Drama departments hold after school rehearsals.*

Where do da Vinci students go for high school? *Students usually go to their neighborhood public comprehensive high schools. Some go to private schools.*