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*Performing Arts*

Charter School

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## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR OUR PROPOSED EXPANSION

PPACS is a public charter school and must abide by the state regulations for admitting students. We accept new applications year-round, however only applications received by March 15<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the lottery. Once all names are entered into our computer system a number is randomly assigned to each applicant and a waitlist is established. Vacant slots will be filled beginning with the names at the top of the list. All other names will remain on the waitlist. Should a vacancy occur in the latter part of the school year, the next applicant on the list will be contacted. Applications received after March 15<sup>th</sup> will be placed at the bottom of the list. Although we would like to accommodate every family, students can only be admitted by following this process.

**Applications must be hand delivered or sent by certified/registered mail to the main office.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

**Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old and First Grade applicants must be 6 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible.**

CHECKLIST OF FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

Please be sure to include the forms and documents listed below:

- Intent to Register
- Enrollment Application
- Arts Survey (Please complete survey for appropriate grade)
- Certification Page
- Copy of child’s birth certificate  
**(Original birth certificate must be presented when students are accepted)**
- Copy of child’s social security card
- Copy of child’s immunization records
- Copy of a document with your child’s name and address (i.e. prescription label, insurance card, doctor’s report, etc.)
- Copy of child’s current and past report cards
- Most recent Standardized Test Scores (students in grades 1-8)
- Individual Education Plan for Special Education/Mentally Gifted Programs (If applicable)

**All documents must accompany this application to be considered.**

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**INTENT TO REGISTER**

**2010-2011**

**Grades K\*-8**

**Please Print**

- 1. **Application for Grade** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female
- 4. Parent/Legal Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify)  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What is the name of the nearest public elementary school in your neighborhood?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Are there siblings applying for this lottery also?  
  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Is there a sibling presently attending PPACS?  
  
(If yes) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School is a tuition-free public school open to the children of the City of Philadelphia. PPACS is committed to educational equality and will not discriminate on the basis of race, ancestry, color, religion, disabilities, gender or any other legally protected classification.

**IMPORTANT! This portion is your receipt and must be initialed by a PPACS representative when your application is returned. If application is returned by mail, retain registered receipt.**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (next school year)** \_\_\_\_\_

Lottery results will be mailed in April. Due to the volume of applicants, we are unable to respond to individual requests regarding your lottery status. Please wait until you receive your results by mail.

PPACS Rep Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Date Stamp \_\_\_\_\_

**ENROLLMENT APPLICATION**

School Year \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name MI Age Date of Birth

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(this school year): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one only: 0\_\_ White 1\_\_ African American 2\_\_ Latino 3\_\_ American Indian  
4\_\_ Asian 5\_\_ Multi-racial (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country of birth (if U.S., name of city and state)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Language(s) spoken if other than English

**PARENT/GUARDIAN (please print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Last Name First Name MI Relationship to child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation Employer Name Work Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Last Name First Name MI Relationship to child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (If different from above) Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation Employer Name Work Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Emergency Contact Phone Number

If guardian, do you have legal custody?

\_\_\_\_ yes (Please supply court document) \_\_\_\_ no (Please provide explanation on back of application)

**ENROLLMENT APPLICATION cont.**

**STUDENT EDUCATION HISTORY**

Type of school last attended

<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Philadelphia	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<b>Date Last Attended</b>	<b>Grade Last Attended</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Private		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parochial	<input type="checkbox"/> Parochial		
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Schooled			

_____	_____
<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Address of School (include zip code)</b>

Did child ever attend Pre-School?  Yes  No If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

Did child ever attend Kindergarten?  Yes  No If yes specify Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Was child ever in a Special Education Program?  Yes  No If yes specify Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
(A copy of the latest Individual Education Plan (IEP) must be included.)

What was child's exceptionality? \_\_\_\_\_

Was your child ever in a (MG) Mentally Gifted Program?  Yes  No If yes, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Was you child ever in an accelerated Math or English program?  Yes  No If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**SIBLING INFORMATION (List all siblings. Continue on back of form if more space is needed)**

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>

Is sibling presently attending a school?  Yes  No If yes, provide the following information.

_____	_____
<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Grade</b>

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>

Is sibling presently attending a school?  Yes  No If yes, provide the following information.

_____	_____
<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Grade)</b>

I/We further certify that the information supplied in this application is true and correct.

_____	_____
<b>Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian</b>	<b>Date</b>

## Arts Curriculum Policy

The mission of the Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School is to integrate arts in education as well as offer the student a full arts curriculum. In addition to French and Innovations in Science, students will study Visual Art, Creative Writing, Vocal, Ballet, and Instrumental Music.

**Arts classes and performances are part of the Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School curriculum and are mandatory.**

Students in grades K to 5 will attend arts classes seven hours per week and will be graded on ability, participation and performance skills in each arts discipline.

- Students who receive a failing grade in three or more arts classes during the school year will be placed on probation.
- Any student who receives a failing grade in three or more arts classes at the end of the school year will be asked to withdraw from PPACS.

Upon entering grade 6, students are required to select one of the arts as a major. Students will receive an intensive course of study (7 ½ hours/week) in their selected arts discipline for the next three years.

- Students who receive a failing grade in their arts major will be placed on probation until the following marking period.
- Students who fail during probation will be asked to withdraw from PPACS.
- Students who fail in the final marking will be asked to withdraw from PPACS.

Arts grades are included in the student's GPA and will become part of the student's permanent school record.

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K – 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE ARTS SURVEY

***To be completed by those applying to grades K to 4 only***

1. Why have you chosen a performing arts school for your child?
2. Has your child studied any of the arts? If yes, please explain.
3. Where has your child studied?
4. How long has your child taken classes?
5. What would like to tell us about your family's experience and exposure to the arts?

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ARTS SURVEY

**You are welcome to attach your child's portfolio.**

1. Why have you chosen a performing arts school for your child?
  
2. Has your child received formal training outside of school in the any of the areas listed below. (check all that apply).
  - Ballet       Vocal       Instrumental (Specify\_\_\_\_\_)
  - Visual Art       Creative Writing       French
  - Other (Specify\_\_\_\_\_)
  
2. Where has student trained?
  
3. How many years has student studied?
  
4. Does student currently attend arts classes outside of their school?
  
5. How many days/hours per week does student take lessons?
  
6. Please list performance experience.
  
7. If applicable, please list professional experience (i.e. commercials, TV, etc.)
  
8. Does student have any other performing arts areas of interest? If yes, please explain.

# PPACS FAQs

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Does my child need experience in the arts to attend PPACS?** No, however, students entering 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades have a smoother transition if they have had some performing arts experience.
- 2. Must my child audition for PPACS?** No, students must only complete a lottery application to be eligible for enrollment.
- 3. What additional classes must my child take?** Boys and girls in grades Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> have classes in French, Innovations in Science, Creative Writing, Vocal, Instrumental, Visual Art, and Ballet each week. Upon entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade, students choose one of the arts as a major and receive that subject everyday for the following three years.
- 4. What about academics?** PPACS' academic curriculum is aligned with the PA State standards and includes accelerated Math & English. Arts subjects are integrated into the academic subjects.
- 5. How long is the school day?** Due to the extended curriculum, PPACS students begin their day at 7:45 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- 6. Must my child wear a uniform?** Yes, PPACS has a uniform policy that is strictly enforced. All items are available at Cramer's Kids on East Passyunk Avenue.
- 7. Does PPACS provide transportation?** No, there is no transportation provided by PPACS, however, families with children in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, who live more than 1.5 miles from the school are reimbursed by the School District of Philadelphia for travel expenses. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade who live more than 1.5 miles receive free transpasses.
- 8. Does PPACS have a free lunch program?** Yes. Eligible students receive free or reduced lunches. Lunch is also available for purchase.
- 9. Must I pay tuition?** No, there is no cost to attend PPACS. PPACS is a Philadelphia Public School that is governed by a private Board of Directors.
- 10. What happens if my child is not selected?** We maintain our list for one year. If a vacancy occurs at anytime during the school year, the next name on the waitlist is contacted. If your child's name is not selected you must reapply the following year.

## CERTIFICATION PAGE

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete. I understand that any false information will void this enrollment application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date