

# Admission Policy and Selection Criteria

## Admissions Philosophy

We believe that every child has the right to learn regardless of religious background, nationality, color, academic standard or culture. We cater to talented, mainstream and academically challenged students, respecting and appreciating the individuality of each child. Our admission policy is inclusive, and we welcome all children regardless of their culture, background, or nationality. We embrace students with diverse abilities, including Students of Determination (SODs) and those who are gifted and talented.

## Admissions Standards and Selection Criteria

Our school maintains an inclusive admissions policy, admitting students and offering suitable placements and personalized services to meet their needs, and as long as our school has available capacity.

To ensure an accurate evaluation of applicants' learning needs, the Principal or other members of the Senior Management will interview all new applicants and their parents. All applicants must sit for a formal assessment in the core subjects such as English, Arabic and Mathematics, as well as provide previous academic records and recommendations where applicable.

### Admission of New Students

Students applying to Philadelphia Private School have to pass through two phases: the **academic assessment and the interview**.

When the student completes the assessment (the academic assessment, he or she will be interviewed by the relevant Director of Section and possibly by the Principal and the School Counselor.

The interview aims at evaluating the learner's personality, attitude and communication skills, in order to identify or detect any risk of behavior challenges or any specific gifts. The interviewers will pay attention to the following:

- Speech
- Communication skills
- Social skills and manners
- Problem solving skills and tolerance
- Noticeable gifts

If the interview team suspect interpersonal or social competencies challenges or gifts, the student will be directed to the Inclusion department to complete a diagnostic assessment to go through an interview in order to determine the student's present level and to develop the right plan that suits his/ her abilities and needs. (refer to the Inclusion Policy)

### Admission Procedure

- 1:** Contact the school
- 2:** Fill out the Registration Form
- 3:** Complete the placement test.
- 4:** Fill out the Medical Form
- 5:** Fill out the Transportation Form (where applicable)
- 6:** Register your child officially