# Your Gifted and Talented Program Grades 2-8



These schools offer an accelerated program for students with extraordinary talents in academics, visual arts, performing arts, and physical education who demonstrate a desire and



# Your Gifted and Talented Program Among the Best in America



National Blue Ribbon Schools

Every Child, Achieving Excellence.

## G/T Program Essentials

• Grade Span: Grades 2-8

• Enrollment: 1134 students at School No. 7 1144 students at School No. 22 (\*Also houses Pre-Kindergarten)



• <u>Locations</u>: School No. 7 - 436 First Avenue

School No. 22 - 612 Pulaski Street

• School Day: 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

• <u>Dress Code</u>: Required G&T Uniform\*

• Transportation: Available (\*must be 2.0 miles from school)



## The G & T Program Today

#### Two Gifted and Talented Schools

- William F. Halloran School No. 22
  - Principal, Lauerin Gareis
  - Grades 2-8

- Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
  - Principal, Jenny Costa Reguinho
  - Grades 2-8





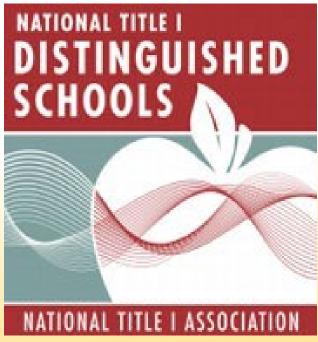


Two National Blue-Ribbon School designations by the U.S. Department of Education in 2011 & 2019



Designated 2018-2020 National School of Character Designated 2023-2027 State School of Character





Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the New Jersey State Department of Education in 2013



Ranked Top 50 Schools out of 2500+ Public Schools in the State of NJ as per the 2018-2019

NJDOE Performance Report

And is recognized as a Model School of the Arts



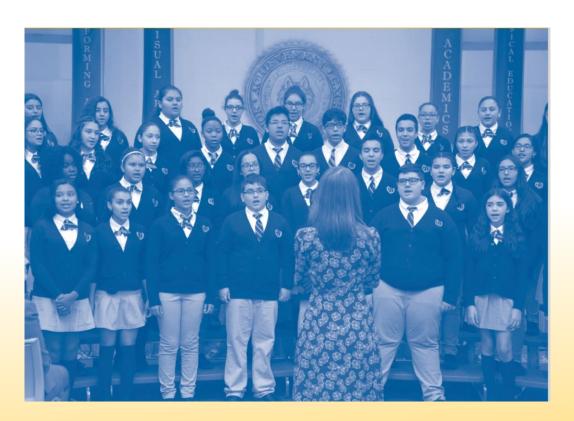


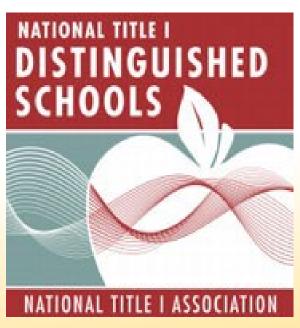
## William F. Halloran School No. 22



Three National Blue-Ribbon School designations by the U.S. Department of Education since 1997

### William F. Halloran School No. 22





Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the New Jersey State Department of Education in 2016

## William F. Halloran School No. 22



Certificate of Recognition



Microsoft School



William F. Halloran School No. 22

has been awarded this Microsoft in Education certificate in recognition of membership in the Microsoft School program

Designated a 2020 Microsoft Showcase School National 2019 HP (Hewlett Packard) Spotlight School

## William F. Halloran School No. 22



2020 National School of Character

#### Our Gifted and Talented Schools Are Among The Best in The Nation

#### Terence C. Reilly School No. 7



- Designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education – 2011, 2019
- Designated an Apple Distinguished School 2015, 2017, 2019
- Designated a National School of Character 2018
- Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the NJ Department of Education - 2013
- Named NJ Model School in the Arts 2013
- Designated an NJ Reward School 2011-2017
- Designated Gold Status School (one of two elementary schools in U.S.) by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation as part of their Healthy School Program - 2012

#### William F. Halloran School No. 22



- Designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S.
   Department of Education 1997, 2006, 2014
- Designated an HP Spotlight School in 2019 the first in the United States
- Designated a National School of Character 2020
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### **G&T Parental Contract**

- Academic Rigor
  - Accelerated Math Program beginning in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Mandatory G&T Uniform
- Attendance/ Tardiness Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Letter of Commitment



## **G&T Components of Focus**

- Academics
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Visual Arts
  - All students (General Education, English Language Learners, Students with 504 & IEP plans) are eligible to apply to the G&T program.
  - Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Visual Arts teachers identify students with talent and aptitude within their specific content area and will communicate with the families of those students to apply.

## **Academic Student Selection**

#### **Index Score for Incoming Grades 2&3**

- ELA BM average
- MATH BM average
- ELAY1 average through Q3
- MATHY1 average through Q3
- DRA Independent
- Social Emotional Assessment Rubric
- ELA G&T Assessment
- MATH G&T Assessment
- Writing G&T Assessment

#### **Index Score for Incoming Grades 4-7**

- ELA BM average
- MATH BM average
- ELAY1 average through Q3
- MATH Y1 average through Q3
- Social StudiesY1 average through Q3
- ScienceY1 average through Q3
- Social Emotional Assessment Rubric
- NJSLA ELA average
- NJSLA MATH average



## **Performing Arts Student Selection**

#### Criteria

- Student's grades in their music classes based on their average for MPI and MPII. Projects and performance-based assessments, as well as the benchmark assessment for MPII.
- Students that are selected and recognized by their home-school teachers based on their performance in class and ensembles.
- Students that demonstrate a propensity in Vocal and/or Instrumental music performance.

#### **Index Score**

- A rubric will be used to identify the following areas:
  - 1. Tone Quality
  - 2. Intonation
  - 3. Rhythm
  - 4. Dynamics
  - 5. Articulation
  - 6. Phrasing
  - 7. Expression
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II, & MP III
- Overall yearly average in Component for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Social Emotional assessment
- Portfolio Assessment



## Physical Education Student Selection

#### Criteria

#### Student Benchmarks

Advanced Proficient in physical education

#### Student Recognition

- By home school physical education teachers and coaches based on performance in:
  - Class
  - > Athletics Teams

#### Student Demonstrates

 Propensity in physical literacy (force production, reduction & stabilization in general movement)

#### **Index Score**

#### Performance Assessment

- Physical Education performance test
   w/rubric to identify the ability to
   satisfactorily complete the grade
   band specific "Decathlete"
   assessment.
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II & MP III
- Overall yearly average in Component for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Social Emotional assessment
- Portfolio Assessment



## **Visual Arts Student Selection**

#### Criteria

- Students Grades in their art classes based on their project-based assessments, as well as benchmark assessment.
- Students that are recognized by their home-school teachers based on their Complexity and Elaboration (Ability to relate information about subject matter or idea in details and/or space in art pieces)
- Students that can include Critical judgment and self-reflection about the qualities of a personal work of art.

#### **Index Score**

#### Art Entrance Exam

A rubric will be used to identify the following areas:

- 1. Elements of Art- Comprehension of use in a Project as a whole.
- 2. Planning and Organization of Work
- 3. Craftsmanship
- 4. Self-Reliance and Initiative
- 5. Project Extension and Application
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II, & MP III
- Overall yearly average in Art for the 2023-2024 School Year
- Portfolio Review (Three pieces of artwork minimum)
- Social Emotional assessment



## **G&T Application Process**

- Online Application Process opens 2/27/24 4/12/24 2024 Gifted and Talented Application will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Due date: April 12, 2024
- Notifications of admission via letter in PowerSchool: end of June 2024
- Key information to have when applying:
  - Parent PowerSchool Account Needed
- Randomized student selection for School No. 22 and School No. 7



## **G&T Application Process**

- All applications must be submitted using the Parent Portal in PowerSchool.
- If you do not have a PowerSchool account, you must have one created to apply.
- You can reach out to your current school guidance counselor for your Access ID and Password for account setup and create one.

## G&T Entrance Testing Exam Dates

Saturday, April 13, 2024	Sessions 10:00AM & 12:00 PM	Place: School 7
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Sessions 4:00 PM	Place: Schools 7 & 22
Saturday, April 20, 2024	Sessions 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM	Place: School 22
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Sessions 4:00 PM	Place: Schools 7 & 22
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## (Grades 1 and 2 only)

## **G&T Application Process for Non-current EPS Students**

All non-current EPS students who reside in Elizabeth, NJ need to visit the Children's Welcome Center to start the registration and application process:

**Children's Welcome Center Grades K-8** 

**507 Westminster Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208** 

**Email: WelcomeCenterK8@epsnj.org** 

Phone: (908) 552-7500



## **G&T Application Process for Non-EPS Students**

## Proof of residency required

Registration — Required Documents for all Grades (Pre-K through 12)

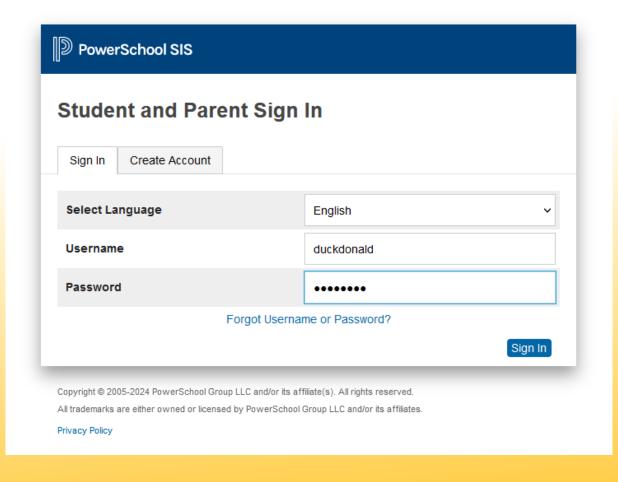
The child's birth certificate, his/her immunization records, physical examination (within one year), if new to the United States of America, tuberculosis (TB) testing is required, and proof of residency as listed below.

Please provide <i>one</i> of the following to meet your five point requirement:					
Deed Current Property Tax Bill Current Lease or 5-C form	Mortgage Landlord Affidavit (form 6-C)"				
Four of the following (All must have your name and address)					
Government Issued Identification	Credit card bill				
Current Gas bill	Current Electrical Bill				
Current Cable Bill	Benefit Statement				
Current Water/sewer Bill	Current Cell Phone Bill				
Homeowner Insurance	Auto Insurance				
Paystub from Employer	Bank Statement				

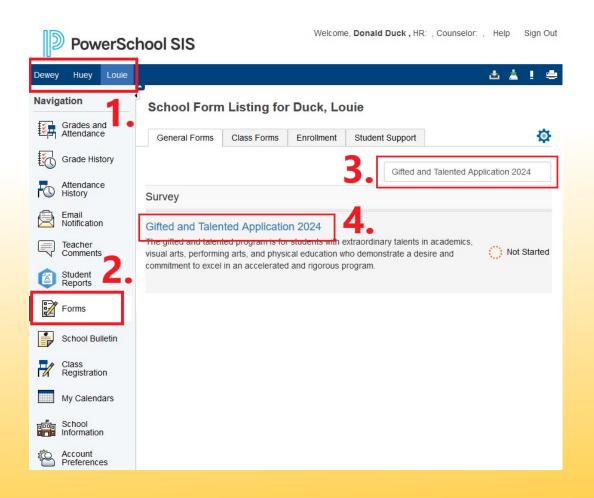
## Sign in to PowerSchool Parent Portal

#### **Web Browser**

https://epsnj.powerschool.com/public/



### **Navigate to the Application Form**



#### **Web Browser**

- 1. Select a Student
- 2. Click on Forms
- 3. Search for "Gifted and Talented Application 2024"
- 4. Click on the application form

## Select a Language (If needed)

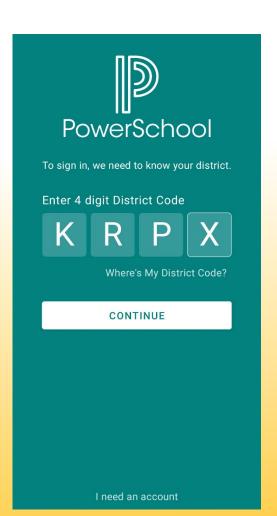
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### **Mobile App**

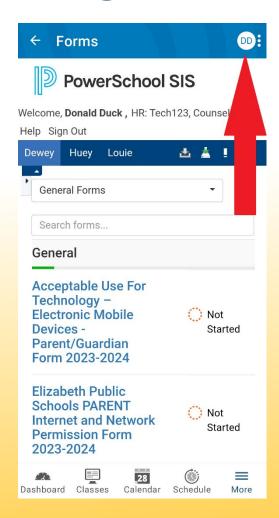
PowerSchool App available on the Google and Apple Appstore

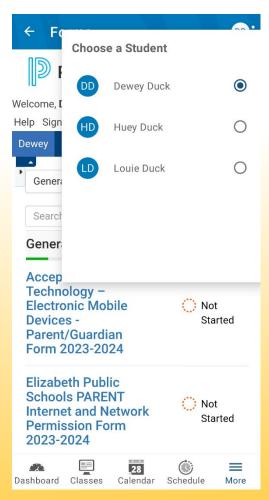


Use District Code: **KRPX** 



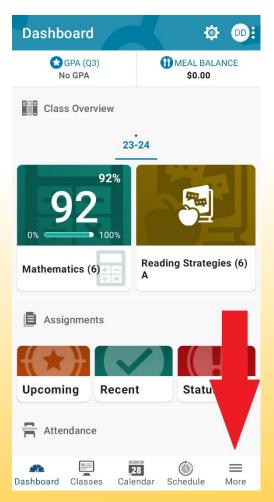
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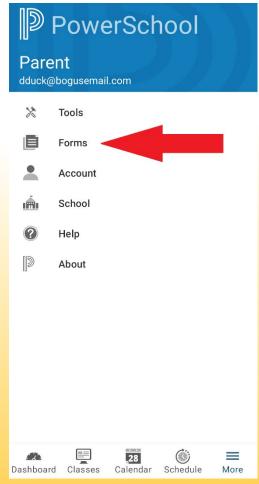




- 1. Tap on the top right button
- 2. Select a Student

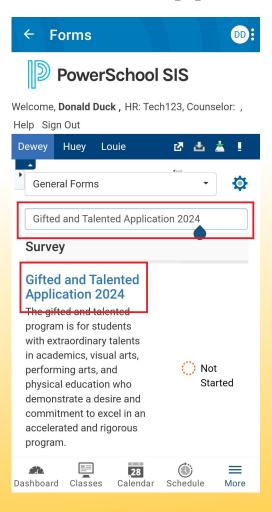
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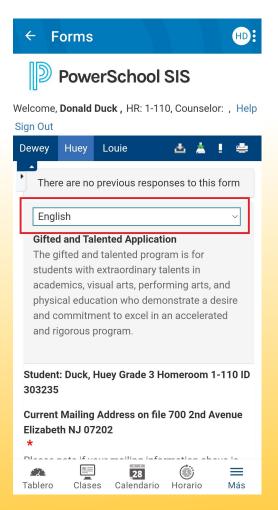
- 3. Tap on More
- 4. Tap on Forms

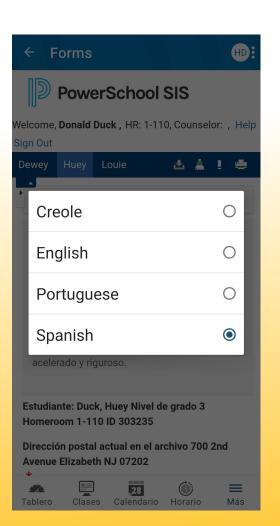
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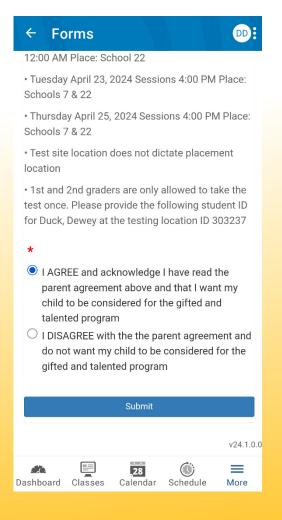


#### Fill Out and Submit the Form

#### **Web Browser**

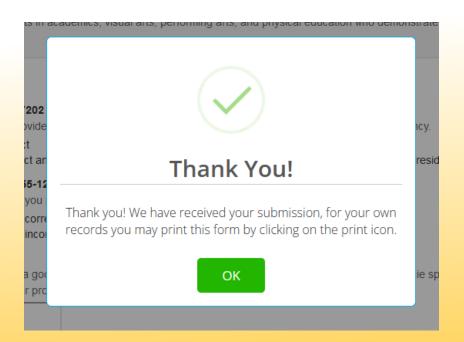
- I agree that my child will be removed from the Gifted and Talented Program if the Gifted and Talented Committee determines that he/she does not comply with the previously stated requirements.
- I understand that students are required to wear school uniforms.
- \*
- I AGREE and acknowledge I have read the parent agreement above and that I want my child to be considered for the gifted and talented program
- I DISAGREE with the parent agreement and do not want my child to be considered for the gifted and talented program

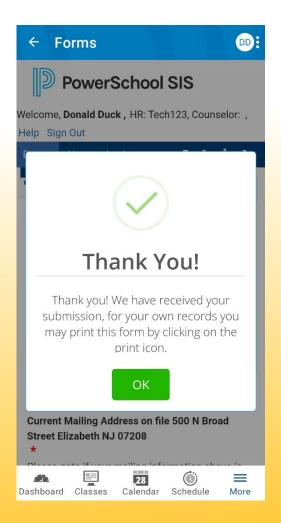
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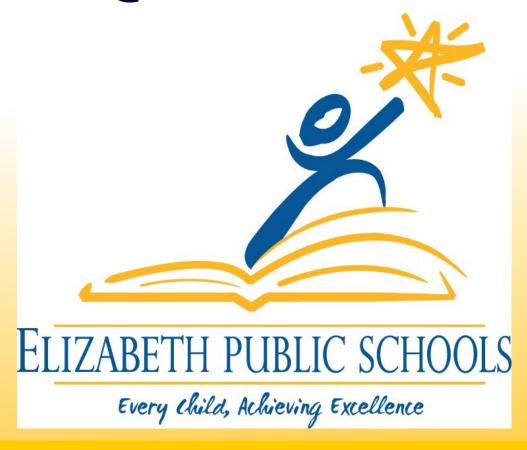
## You will receive a **Confirmation Message**

#### **Web Browser**





## Frequently Asked Questions?





## Can I select a specific school, either School 22 or School 7?

 Unfortunately, no. Parents apply to the G&T program, not the specific school.

If there is a sibling that already attends that school, the school principal will try their best to accommodate the family, but it depends if there is an opening for that grade level. It is not guaranteed.

## Does my child have to take an entrance exam?

• Only students currently in grades 1 & 2 will take the G &T assessment.

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The selection process will be determined by other metrics, which include report card grades, benchmark grades, portfolio assessments, and a behavior rubric completed by the child's current teacher.

## Can bilingual students apply to the program? Can students with IEP's and 504's apply?

Yes, they can. All students are encouraged to apply!



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