

*Your*

# *Gifted and Talented Program*

## *Grades 2-8*



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*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 commitment to excel.*



# 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

# G/T Program Essentials

- Grade Span: Grades 2-8
- Locations: School No. 7 - 436 First Avenue  
School No. 22 - 612 Pulaski Street
- School Day: 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Transportation: Available (\*must be 2.0 miles from school)
- Gifted and Talented applicants apply for Program not individual schools





# *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 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

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



- Designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education – 1997, 2006, 2014
- Designated a National School of Character - 2020
- Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the NJ Department of Education – 2015
- Designated a Microsoft Showcase School – 2018, 2019, 2020
- Designated an NJ Reward School – 2011-2017

# 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 2-4

- 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 5-7

- 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 MP II. Projects and performance-based assessments, as well as the benchmark assessment for MP II.
- 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 School Year
  - Portfolio Review
  - Social Emotional assessment

# G&T Application Process

- Online Application Process opens **2/25/25 - 4/04/25**  
2025 Gifted and Talented Application will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Due date: April 4, 2025
- Notifications of admission via letter in PowerSchool: end of June 2025
- 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 5, 2025	Sessions 10:00AM & 12:00 PM	Place: School 7
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Sessions 4:00 PM	Place: Schools 7 & 22
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Saturday, April 12, 2025	Sessions 10:00AM & 12:00 PM	Place: School 22
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**Grades 1, 2 and 3**

# **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](mailto: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 **one** of the following to meet your five point requirement:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deed                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Property Tax Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Affidavit (form 6-C)" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Lease or 5-C form |   |

**Four** of the following (All must have your name and address)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued Identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card bill        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Gas bill                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Electrical Bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Cable Bill               | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit Statement       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Water/sewer Bill         | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Cell Phone Bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner Insurance              | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Insurance          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paystub from Employer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement          |




# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

## Sign in to PowerSchool Parent Portal

## Web Browser

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



 PowerSchool SIS

### Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In

Create Account

Select Language

English

Username

duckdonald

Password

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[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

Sign In

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# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

## Navigate to the Application Form

### Web Browser

1. Select a Student
2. Click on Forms
3. Search for "Gifted and Talented Application 2025"
4. Click on the application form

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS web interface. At the top, the header includes the PowerSchool SIS logo, the user name 'Donald Duck', and navigation links for 'Help', 'Site Map', and 'Sign Out'. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Dewey', 'Huey', and 'Louie'. The left sidebar contains a 'Navigation' menu with icons and labels for 'Grades and Attendance', 'Grade History', 'Standardized Test Scores', 'Attendance History', 'Email Notification', 'Document Library', 'Teacher Comments', 'Forms', 'Student Reports', 'School Bulletin', and 'Class Registration'. The main content area is titled 'School Form Listing for Duck, Dewey' and features tabs for 'General Forms', 'Class Forms', 'Enrollment', and 'Student Support'. A search bar is present, and the results show a 'Survey' section with a link to 'Gifted and Talented Application 2025'. A red box highlights the 'Forms' link in the sidebar, and another red box highlights the 'Gifted and Talented Application 2025' link in the search results. A red box also highlights the 'Dewey' tab in the navigation bar.

PowerSchool SIS

Welcome, Donald Duck HR: Tech123, Counselor: , | Help | Site Map | Sign Out

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Navigation

1. School Form Listing for Duck, Dewey

General Forms Class Forms Enrollment Student Support

Survey

3. Gifted and Talented Applicati

Gifted and Talented Application 2025 4.

The gifted and talented program is for students with extraordinary talents in academics, visual arts, performing arts, and physical education who demonstrate a desire and commitment to excel in an accelerated and rigorous program. Not Started

Submission deadline is February 25 through April 4

2. Forms

# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

Select a Language  
(If needed)

Web Browser

◀ Gifted and Talented Application 2025	Title I Parent Compact 2024-2025	Youth Athletic Saturday Program Grades 1-8 Winter 2025 ▶
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There are no previous responses to this form

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English - English ▼

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English - English

Portuguese - Português

Spanish - Español

**Student: Duck, Dewey Grade 5 Homeroom Tech123 ID 303237**

**Current Mailing Address on file 500 2nd Avenue, FL1 Elizabeth NJ 07202 \***

Please note if your mailing information above is incorrect, you must provide your child's school with the required documentation to show proof of residency.

☐ YES I acknowledge the mailing address information above is correct

☐ NO I acknowledge the mailing address information above is incorrect and will provide my child's school the required documentation to show proof of residency

**Student Primary phone contact number(s) on file is/are: - 908-123-4567 \***

Please note if your phone contact numbers listed above are incorrect, you may update them using the Contact Information Update Form.

☐ YES I acknowledge the primary phone contact numbers above are correct

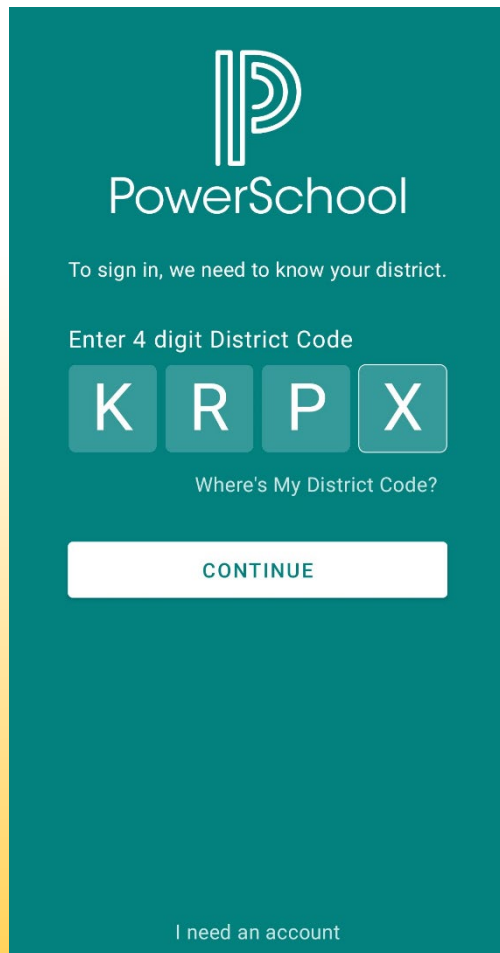
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**Narrative \***

Use the Space provided below to explain why you feel Dewey would be a good candidate for the Gifted and Talented Program. Feel free to tell about Dewey special interests, talents, accomplishments, hobbies, extra school activities, etc. You might also want to include some comments about your own expectations for Dewey and our program.

# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

## Sign in to PowerSchool Parent Portal



The screen features the PowerSchool logo at the top. Below it, a message states: "To sign in, we need to know your district." This is followed by the instruction "Enter 4 digit District Code". Four buttons, each containing a letter (K, R, P, X), are displayed in a row. Below these buttons is the text "Where's My District Code?". A white "CONTINUE" button is positioned at the bottom of the main content area. At the very bottom, there is a link that says "I need an account".

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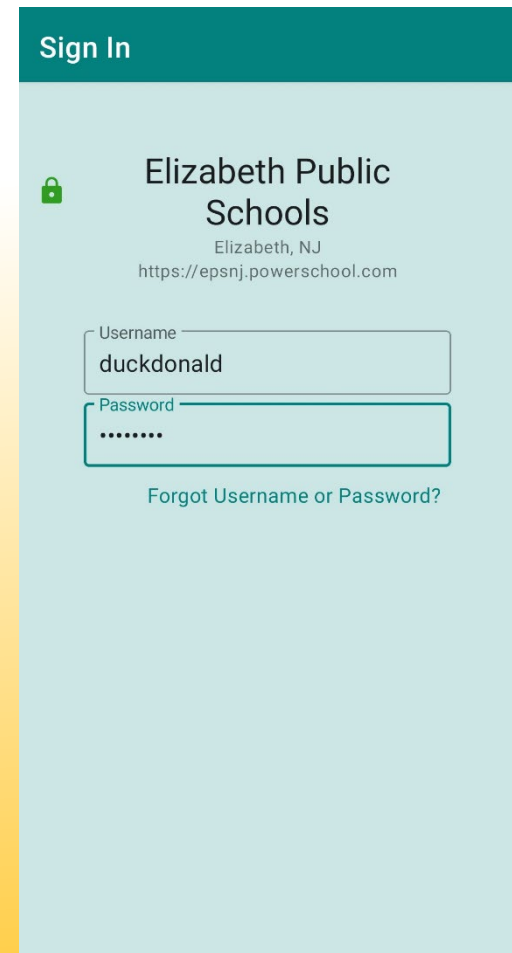
CONTINUE

[I need an account](#)

Use District  
Code: **KRPX**

## Mobile App

PowerSchool App available on the Google and Apple Appstore



The screen has a teal header with the text "Sign In". Below the header, there is a green lock icon. To the right of the lock icon, the text reads "Elizabeth Public Schools", "Elizabeth, NJ", and "https://epsnj.powerschool.com". Below this information are two input fields: "Username" with the text "duckdonald" and "Password" with masked characters ".....". Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?".

Sign In

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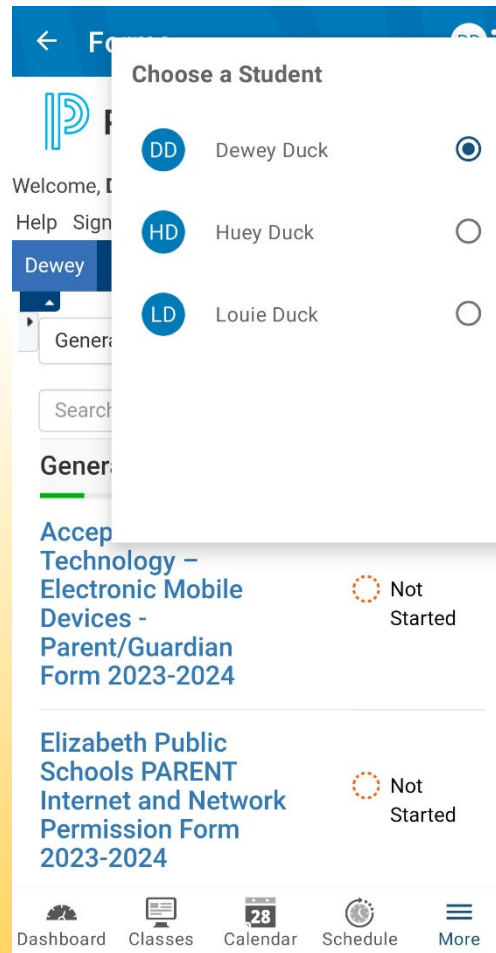
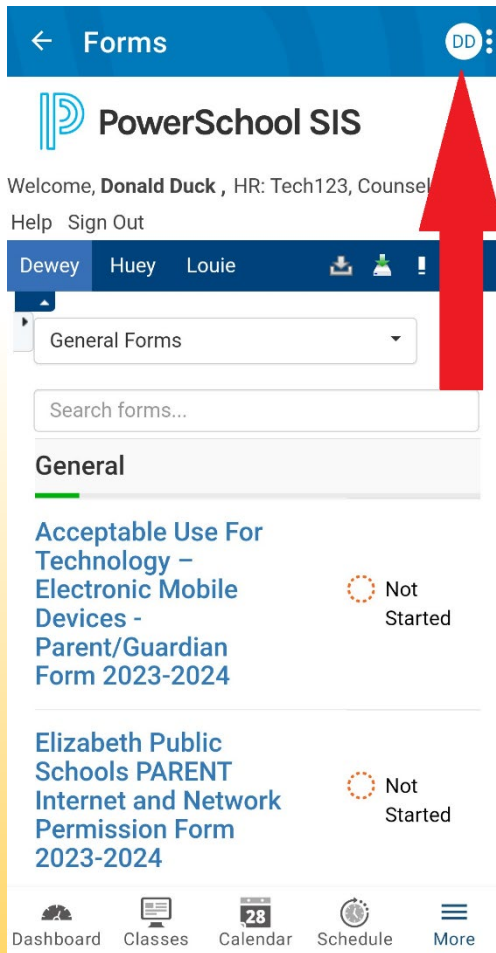
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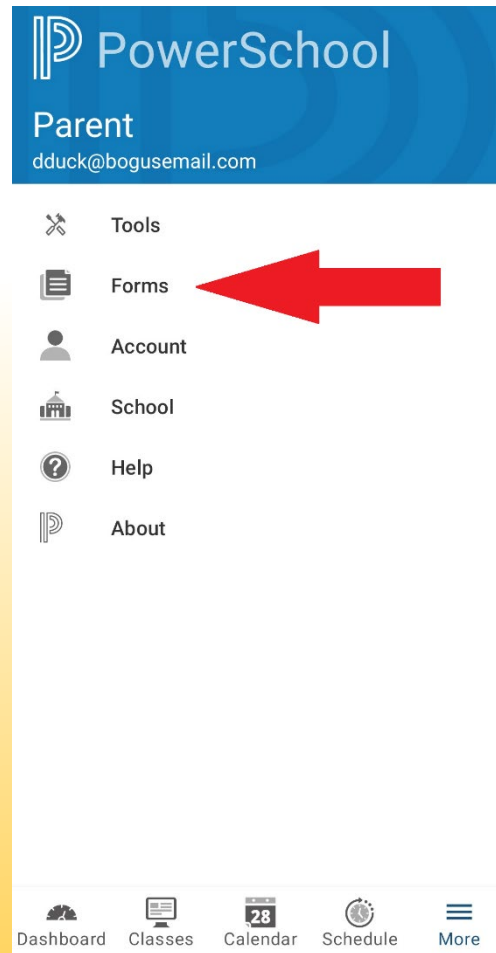
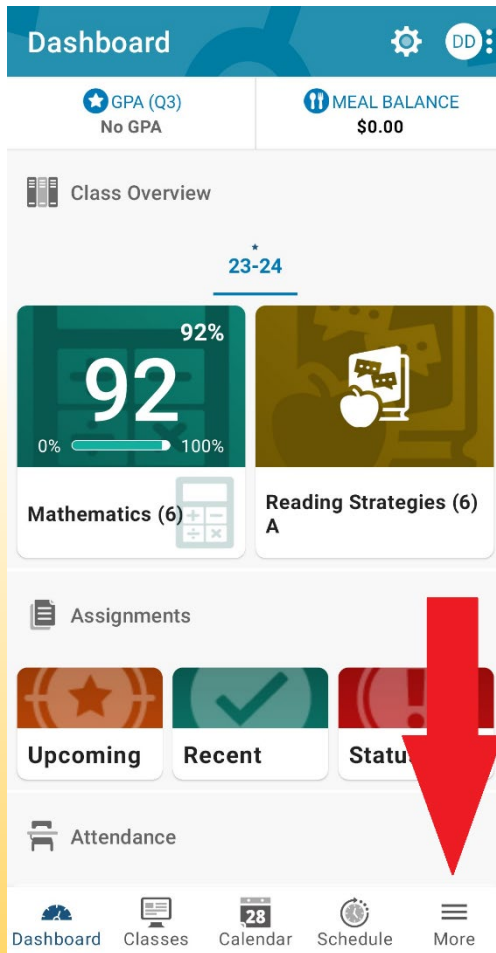


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1. Tap on the top right button
2. Select a Student

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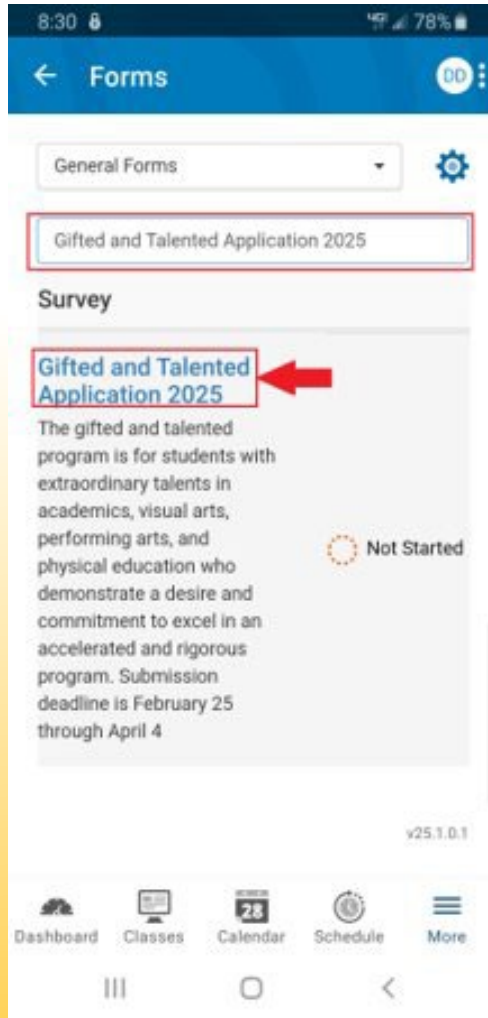
## Mobile App

3. Tap on More

4. Tap on Forms

# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

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## Mobile App

5. Search for “Gifted and Talented Application 2025”
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# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

## Select a Language (If needed)

## Mobile App

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Forms

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English - English

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Forms

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Welcome, **Donald Duck**, HR: 1-110, Counselor: , Help Sign Out

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Creole ☐

English ☐

Portuguese ☐

Spanish ☒

acelerado y riguroso. El plazo de presentación es del 21 de febrero al 12 de abril.

**Estudiante: Duck, Huey Nivel de grado 3 Homeroom 1-110 ID 303235**

**Dirección postal actual en el archivo 700 2nd Avenue Elizabeth NJ 07202**

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# How to Apply Through PowerSchool

## 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 the parent agreement and do not want my child to be considered for the gifted and talented program

Submit

## Mobile App

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athletic and behavioral standards are the cornerstones of the Gifted and Talented program and that my child will be re-evaluated quarterly to determine if he/she is maintaining the standards necessary to remain in the Gifted and Talented Program.

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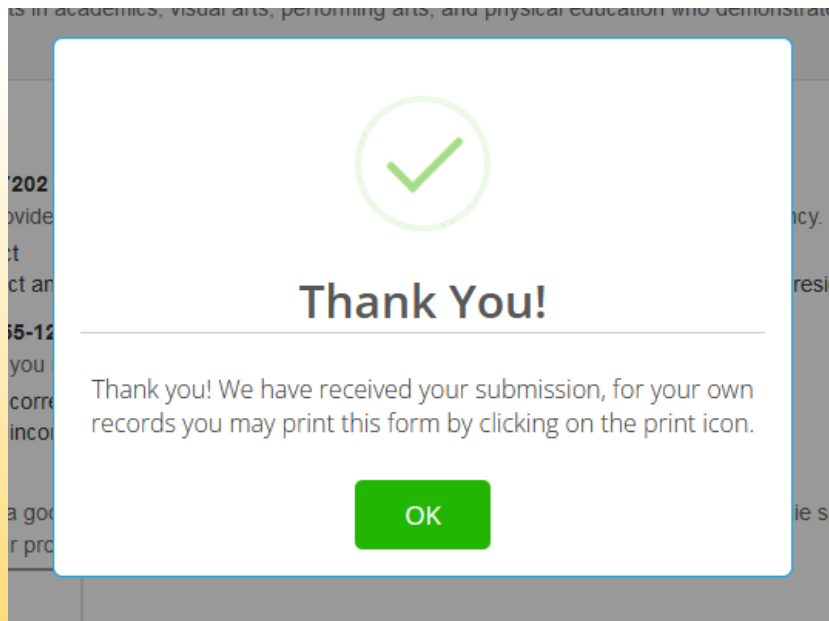
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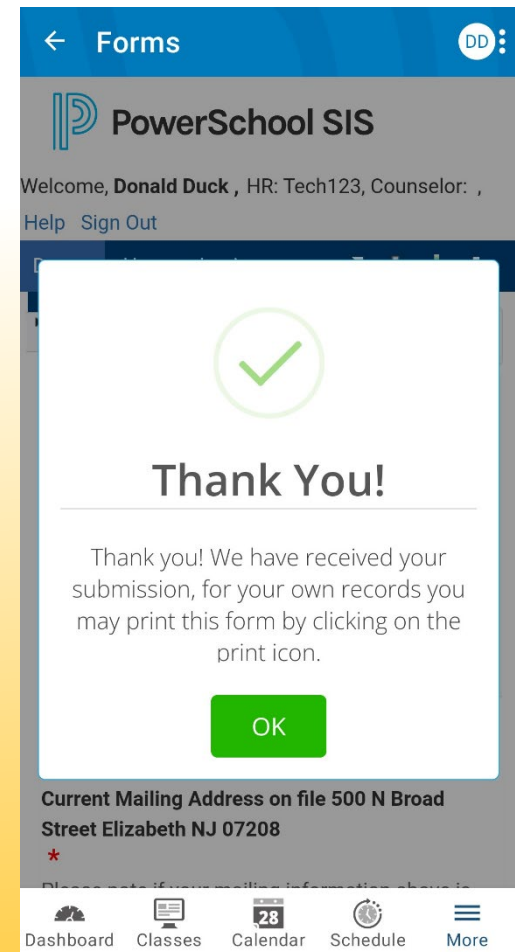
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**You will receive a  
Confirmation Message**

## Web Browser



## Mobile App



# Frequently Asked Questions?



*Every Child, Achieving Excellence.*

# 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, and 3 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!



# QUESTIONS?



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# *THANK YOU!*



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