

Selective Enrollment Elementary School: Grades 7-8

The Following Schools have Academic Centers:

- Brooks College Prep
- Kenwood High School
- Lane Tech High School
- Lindblom Math and Science Academy
- Morgan Park High School
- Taft High School
- Whitney Young Magnet High School

Eligibility & Ranking

Students must have a minimum **GPA of 2.5** in order to be eligible to test. Students whose schools do not assign traditional letter grades **MUST** still submit a transcript, progress report, etc. to be considered in selections.

Students can **select up to 6** Academic Centers. Make sure to rank programs in the true order that you would want to attend them. Students may **receive a single best offer** for the highest-ranked program that you matched with.

Selections, Offers & the Waitlist

Selections are based on a points system in which students are placed in **descending total point order**. Students with the highest scores will receive offers first until all the seats are filled. Students will be matched with the program that they have ranked highest and has capacity. If a student receives an offer, they will not be matched with any program they have ranked lower than the received offer.

If an offer is received, the student will not be waitlisted for any other Academic Center program. If no offer is received, the applicant will be waitlisted for all programs which they applied to and are eligible for.

Students must have a minimum of 300 points to participate in the waitlist.

Waitlists are ranked in descending point order.

Testing Specifics

Schedule the Entrance Exam within the online application. The entrance exam for Academic Centers is the Gifted Exam and measures a student's level of thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, and creativity.

Scoring Overview (600 Points Total)

The application scoring system is made up of 2 parts:

1. Academic Center Entrance Exam (50% of the total - 300 points)
2. Previous year's final grades for core subjects (50% of the total - 300 points)

Academic Center Entrance Exam - 300 Points

Students interested in testing for Academic Centers will take the Regional Gifted Exam for grade 7 or 8 depending on the grade applying to. We determine the total points by subtracting the score from 160, multiplying the result by 2.5, and subtracting that result from 300 to get a maximum of 300 points. See table for more.

Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points
160+	300	139	247.5	118	195
159	297.5	138	245	117	192.5
158	295	137	242.5	116	190
157	292.5	136	240	115	187.5
156	290	135	237.5	114	185
155	287.5	134	235	113	182.5
154	285	133	232.5	112	180
153	282.5	132	230	111	177.5
152	280	131	227.5	110	175
151	277.5	130	225	109	172.5
150	275	129	222.5	108	170
149	272.5	128	220	107	167.5
148	270	127	217.5	106	165
147	267.5	126	215	105	162.5
146	265	125	212.5	104	160
145	262.5	124	210	103	157.5
144	260	123	207.5	102	155
143	257.5	122	205	101	152.5
142	255	121	202.5	100	150
141	252.5	120	200	99	147.5
140	250	119	197.5	98	145

Previous Years' Final Grades - 300 Points

Points are calculated for reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Use the grades table to determine the number of points for each letter grade.

Grade	Points
A	75
B	50
C	25
D	0
F	0

Tie-Breaker Process

Definition: the method used to determine the order in which applicants are placed in line for selections when the total points achieved is the same.

How does it work?

1. The total number of points is calculated based on the entrance exam score using the tables above.
2. Students are all placed in descending total point order (highest to lowest).
3. If there is a case of students with the same total points and not enough seats for all students to get an offer, the tie-breaker is applied.

Order that the tie-breaker is run

1. Total Number of Points
 - a. Composite Score
 - b. Non-Verbal Score
 - c. Verbal Score
 - d. Lottery

In cases where a lottery is required, a computerized lottery will determine the order that the tied students will be placed in the line.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is an Academic Center?**

Academic Centers are accelerated programs for high-achieving students. Since academic centers are housed in high schools, they allow students to take high school-level courses in English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, World Language, Music, or Art.

- **Who can apply to an Academic Center?**

Academic Centers are only for students applying to grades 7 and 8. Any student meeting the minimum eligibility requirements can apply for an Academic Center.

- **Where are the Academic Centers located?**

Academic Centers are housed in high schools.