

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies

Frequently Asked Questions - October 2020

Where are the details explained?

Information can be found in the Admissions Handbook. This may be accessed online via the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School (MLWGS) website, mlwgs.com/. Select the *Admissions* menu option for the materials.

Why are some dates different for Chesterfield County applicants than what MLWGS has posted?

Chesterfield County Public Schools is moving to an online application portal for students this year. Paper applications will not be used. As a result, some dates needed to be shifted. These dates may be different than those posted by MLWGS and by surrounding counties. These changes are within CCPS and will have no effect on student eligibility.

When will we receive information on how to use the online application portal?

Students are encouraged to use October and November to research their high school options. In November, communication regarding how to use the online application portal will be emailed to families and will be posted on the CCPS website.

How many slots are open this year?

Chesterfield County has a total of 228 allocated slots in grades 9-12 at MLWGS. The number of returning upperclassmen (rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors) subtracted from the total number of CCPS slots determines the number of students offered admission. We will have approximately 56 open slots to fill this year.

How are applications evaluated?

The Regional Evaluation Committee, consisting of teams of educators representing the participating school divisions, is trained to evaluate each portion of the student's application. The Regional Planning Committee of gifted education program administrators representing the participating school divisions and the Coordinator of Admissions oversee the process.

What criteria are used in determining student selection?

The following criteria are set by the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Planning Committee and Regional Board.

Maximum Points	Category
15	Recommendations (2)
35	Transcripts Grades from first semester of seventh grade and first semester of eighth grade and rigor determined by number of honors and high school credit courses taken in middle school
35	Standardized Ability Test and Social Studies Achievement Test
15	Writing Sample
100	Composite Score (Total Points)

How are students selected for MLWGS?

Students are selected by composite score, with students' home middle schools used in phase one of selection. The number of available slots for rising freshmen varies annually due to movement of students within the region, graduating seniors, and other factors. Unless regional or state decisions mandate a different selection process to be used, allocation of available slots will occur in two phases with the following guidelines:

- Phase 1 - Top candidates above a determined threshold from each middle school will be offered admission; number of potential offers at this phase will be determined by the total number of available slots and the eighth grade class size at each middle school:
 - Greater than 400 students = 4+ slots
 - Between 300 and 399 students = 3+ slots
 - Less than 300 students = 2+ slots
- Phase 2 - Top candidates from the division not selected in phase one will be offered admission; any remaining slots, including any unfilled allocations from phase one, will be filled.

Where may I obtain information on bus transportation?

Transportation is provided from a variety of pick-up points throughout the county. Information may be found on the CCPS website at www.mychesterfieldschools.com/transportation. Transportation contact numbers are by Area Office and are located on this page.

What are the school's hours?

Classes begin at 8:40 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m.

Whom should I contact with further questions regarding the admissions or selection process for MLWGS?

Please contact the CCPS Office of Gifted Education at (804) 639-8620.