

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS UPDATE – SY 2023-2024

PART I – ACADEMIC SCREENS

PROCESS

- For any school that wished to be considered for establishing a screened program in District 20, the following steps and criteria were required:
 - *Principal Engagement of the School Community: Elementary and Middle School Families, School Leadership Team and Parent Association*
 - *Accelerated Learning Program Description and Rationale*

SCREENED PROGRAMS

- The following District 20 schools will have an academically screened program(s) for SY 2023-2024:
 - 20K187 The Christa McAuliffe School
 - 20K201 The Madeleine Brennan School
 - 20K259 The William McKinley School

SCREENING CRITERIA

- A composite score comprised of core courses (ELA, Social Studies, Science, and Math) from 4th grade report cards aligned to the District 20 Grading Policy will be the sole academic screening tool for admissions to the D20 screened programs listed above.

ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION AND ENRICHMENT

- All District 20 middle schools will continue to offer accelerated learning opportunities, including Regents classes in Algebra, Living Environment, Earth Science, and U.S. History and Government. Additionally, all enrichment opportunities, including arts, STEAM, foreign language and other offerings that comprise our D20 middle school programs for all students will continue as they have in past years.

PART II – BILINGUAL PROGRAMS

District 20 elementary schools offer bilingual programs in Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, and Italian. We are currently in the planning stages to establish middle school pathways to dual language programs for our elementary students, and these middle school programs will offer both language access and accelerated learning opportunities in SY 2023-2024.

PART III – ARTS AUDITIONS AT MS 936 ARTS OFF THIRD

In January of 2022, the admissions process at MS 936 Arts off Third shifted to arts audition. In response to feedback elicited from the community in June 2022, a 75% set-aside of seats for applicants who qualify for free or reduced price lunch will be instituted for this year's SY 2023-2024 admissions cycle.