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## **WEDJ PCS Admissions Information**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What grades does the William E. Doar, Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts (WEDJ PCS) serve?

In September 2009, we will enroll students in grades PK-3 through 12th grade.

2. Who can attend WEDJ PCS?

Admission is open to any student who is a District of Columbia resident provided that they are in the age and grades we serve and that there is space available for them. Preference in admission is only given to re-enrolling students and their siblings. All other students are admitted by admissions lottery in the event there are more applicants than spaces or on a first-come first served basis for any available spaces after the enrollment lottery. Special Education students are admitted without prejudice provided that we are able to service their needs with less than 50% service. WEDJ PCS is not chartered for adult education, therefore, no student will be admitted who will be OLDER than 19 upon graduation from 12<sup>th</sup> grade. At the lower end, students must be at least 3 and potty trained on their first day of school.

3. What if I live in Maryland or Virginia and want my child to attend WEDJ PCS?

Charter Schools are public schools. As such they are open and free to District of Columbia Residents. In the event that spaces are available after the initial admissions lottery, non-DC residents may submit an application for those spaces. Non-DC residents must pay tuition equal to the total of the per pupil allocation for their child's grade and the facilities allowance. Currently that amount is approximately \$14,000 per year. Wards of the District that reside outside of the district are considered DC residents.

4. When can I apply for admission?

Admissions information is available on the website by February of each year for the following September.

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5. What must I do to apply for admission?

All applicants must submit a lottery form to the front office by mail, hand or fax. Each child, even siblings must have their own lottery form. If the child gets a space through the enrollment lottery, they will be sent an application package with a deadline. Returning the documentation by the deadline will finalize the enrollment process.

6. Do I have to attend an open house?

No. We cannot require prospective applicants to attend an open house in order to apply, however, we encourage families to attend open houses so that they can fully understand our program and what is required of families and students who attend.

7. What kinds of performing arts are students taught?

All students in all grades, PK-12, receive professional grade training in movement, drama, music and visual arts. All students receive such training on a daily basis in addition to all the traditional academic programs required for graduation and college acceptance.

8. Is there a uniform or dress code?

Yes. Students in grades PK-8 wear purple tops and black bottoms every day. Each student should wear dark socks and black soft soled shoes. Any sweaters or sweatshirts should be purple. No designs, insignia or other writing is allowed on clothing. In grades 9-12, students may also wear Black shirts in addition to the purple.

9. Is there before and after care?

Yes. Before care begins at 7 am and after care ends at 6:15 pm.

10. When is school in session?

School is in session from 8:30 until 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. A rotating and required Saturday program runs twice a month from 9 am to 1 pm. In general the school year begins the day after Labor Day and runs until the end of June. A six week summer school program runs during the summer months. A six-week Saturday academy dedicated to test prep runs each spring for students in grades 3-8 and 10.

11. Does WEDJ PCS have more than one campus?

Yes. WEDJ PCS has two locations but three campuses:

705 Edgewood Street, NE  
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Lower School (PK-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
Upper School (7-12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

AFRH – 3700 N. Capitol Street, NW  
Sherman Building  
Washington, DC 20011

Lower School (PK-6<sup>th</sup> Grades)