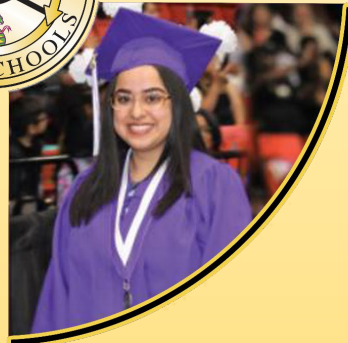




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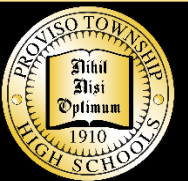


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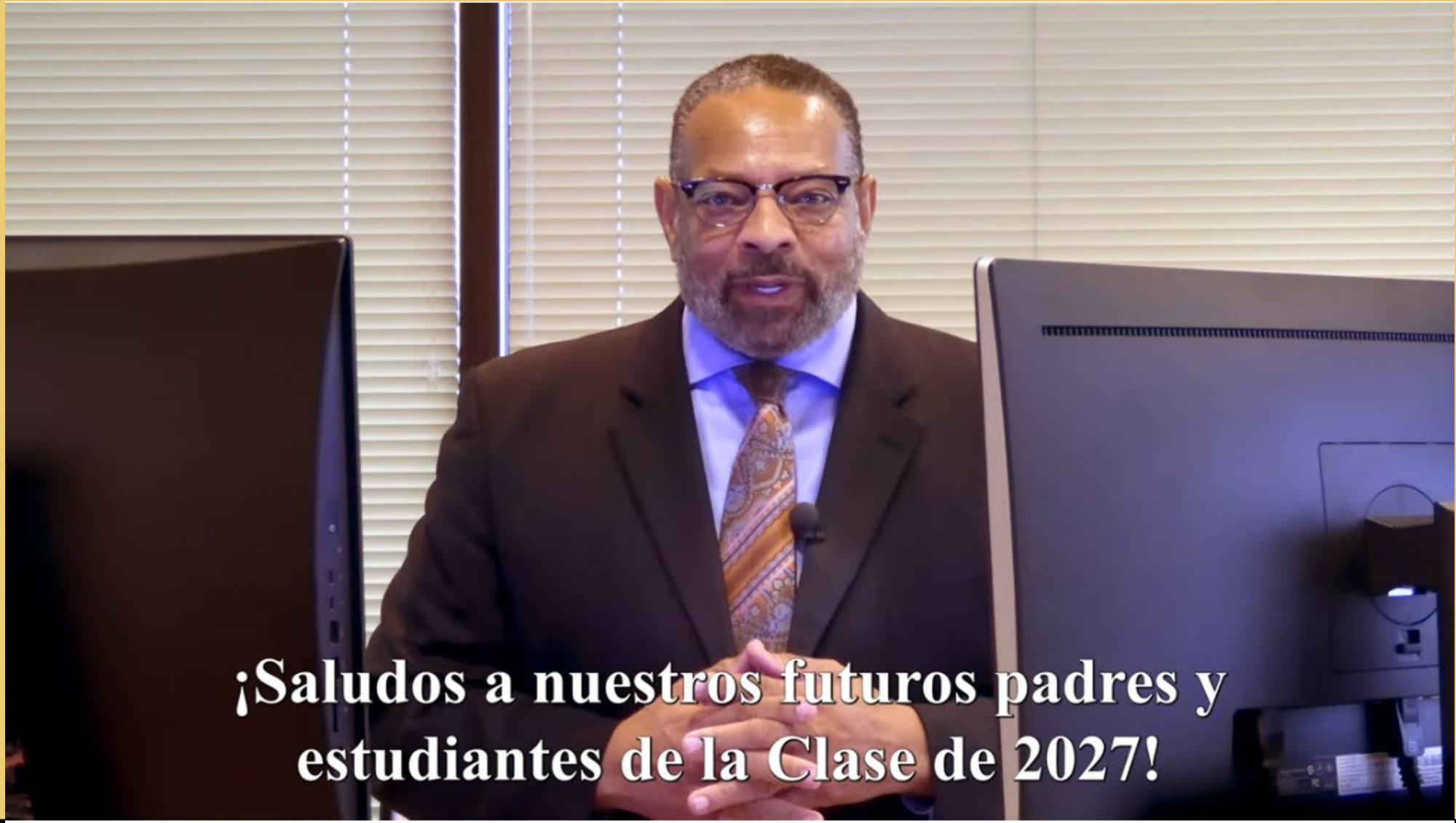
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***Class of 2027***

***James L. Henderson, Ed.D.  
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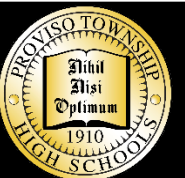
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**¡Saludos a nuestros futuros padres y  
estudiantes de la Clase de 2027!**

# Why choose the MSA Program at PTHS D209?

- Math & Science Academies are at all three campuses:
  - ❖ Proviso Math & Science Academy in Forest Park (PMSA)
  - ❖ Proviso East Math & Science Academy in Maywood (PEMSA)
  - ❖ Proviso West Math & Science Academy in Hillside (PWMSA)
- All MSA campuses provide a high level of rigor and pacing for students who have met the admissions criteria for acceptance.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) is weighted.
- Students take a required research course in preparation for AP & IB as upperclassmen.
- **All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to apply.**



# Which MSA school can my student attend?

- All three campuses provide the same rigorous math and science academy coursework for students admitted into the program.
- *The only difference is location.*
- Cut scores for admission are determined by enrollment capacity for the incoming freshman class of 2027.
- The top 200 students (approx.) whose cumulative score is above the cut score will be invited to choose between **PMISA** or their home school MSA, either **PEMISA** or **PWMSA**.
- The next 100 students (approx.) for each home school will be invited to their MSA campus, **PEMISA** or **PWMSA**.



# Why choose the MSA Program at PTHS D209?

The MSA course pathway differs from Proviso East & Proviso West non-academy students in grades 9-10 in preparation for AP & IB coursework in grades 11-12.

MSA PATHWAYS*	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>ENGLISH</b>	IH Survey of Literature	IH World Literature	AP Lang or IB Lang Yr 1	AP Lit or IB Lang Yr 2
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	IH Global Studies or AP World History	IH Black History 365 & IH Law & Society (PEMSA & PWMSA) / IH Black History 365 & IH American Government (PMSA) / AP US Government & Politics (MSA)	AP US History or IB History Yr 1	AP Human Geography, AP European History, or IB History Yr 2

\* Please note: Course offerings each year are dependent on enrollment and staffing

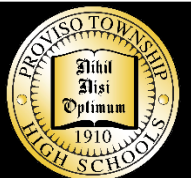


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<b>MATH</b>	IH Integrated Math 1 or 2	IH Integrated Math 2 or 3	IH Integrated Math 3, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Computer Science, or IB Math Yr 1	IH Math Studies, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Computer Science, or IB Math Yr 2
<b>SCIENCE</b>	IH Physics	IH Chemistry	IH Biology , AP Biology or IB Biology Yr 1, AP Environmental Science	IH Forensic Science or IB Biology Yr 2, AP Physics 1 & 2, AP Chemistry, AP Anatomy & Physiology, or Human Genetics

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# Who can apply for admission?

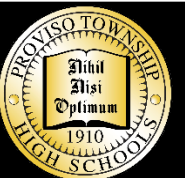
- Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who currently attends one of the Proviso Township High School (PTHS) District 209 (D209) foundation schools
- Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who currently attends a private school or is home-schooled whose permanent residence is within the PTHS D209 boundaries
- Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who currently attends a middle school that is out of district, but whose permanent residence will be within the PTHS D209 boundaries by the time of enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year



# What are the MSA Admission Requirements At-a-Glance?

1. Fill out and submit the digital [Math and Science Academy \(MSA\) Admissions Application](#), which will go live on the PTHS D209 website on October 30, 2022 and close on January 15, 2023.
2. Complete TWO (2) assessments between November 7 and December 10, 2022.
3. Have your 7th grade transcript uploaded and submitted to PTHS D209 by your school's registrar or counselor no later than January 15, 2023 using the [Google Form](#) provided.

*Let's Unpack These Requirements...*





# Unpacking MSA Admissions Requirements

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- The [Admissions Application](#) was developed on *Microsoft Forms*. There is no paper version.
- Applications will be submitted directly to our district secured network and all student contact information will be protected.
- Each field on the electronic application must be completed.
- Each field is presented in English and Spanish. Responses may be written in English or Spanish.
- Any students who do not have access to a computer can schedule an in-person application appointment by contacting Ms. Valerie Ford at the district office by email: [vford@pths209.org](mailto:vford@pths209.org) or by phone: 708-202-5953.



# Unpacking MSA Admissions Requirements

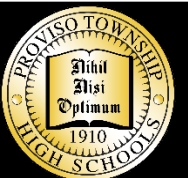
## 2. Complete TWO (2) assessments between November 7 and December 10, 2022

**PSAT 8/9:** This **paper-pencil test** will be administered at all foundation schools between November 7 and November 21, 2022.

- PSAT 8/9 is from the College Board and assesses students' skills in reading and math.
- Students will need a #2 pencil and a calculator.

**NNAT3:** This **online test** will be administered at all foundation schools between November 7 and November 30, 2022.

- This assessment is a nonverbal measure of students' reasoning and problem-solving abilities. It consists of problems that use a complex set of geometric shapes and designs without words or reading required.
- Students will need a computer.



# Unpacking MSA Admissions Requirements

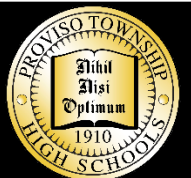
## 2. Completion of TWO assessments between November 7 and December 10, 2022

### Alternative PSAT 8/9 and NNAT3 Testing Dates

- These are only for students who are absent when the test is given at their foundation school, for students who live out of district, and for students who attend a private school or are home-schooled.
- Students must register for an alternative testing session using the Registration Link below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME (PSAT will finish by 11am)	Registration Links
12-Nov	Proviso West	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
19-Nov	Proviso East	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
3-Dec	PMSA	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>
10-Dec	PMSA	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>

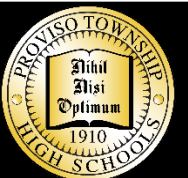
- Please Note: Students are permitted to take each assessment one time only.



# Unpacking MSA Admissions Requirements

3. Have your 7<sup>th</sup> grade transcript uploaded and submitted to PTHS D209 by your school's registrar or counselor no later than January 15, 2023 using the Google Form provided

- Students must contact their middle school and request an official transcript from the registrar or counselor – It must include the student's full name, date of birth, and final grades in all core areas: English, math, science, and social studies.
- Middle school registrars or counselors will upload the student's 7<sup>th</sup> grade transcripts to the Transcript Request Form: [7th Grade Transcript Form](#)
- When the registrar clicks "Submit" on the form, it will automatically be sent to the PTHS D209 Admissions repository.
- Completed forms will only be considered official if they are submitted by the registrar or counselor, not by the student or parent.
- Paper copies of transcripts will not be accepted.



# MSA Admissions Scoring Criteria Breakdown

MSA ADMISSIONS SCORING CRITERIA	WEIGHT
PSAT 8/9	35%
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) Score	35%
7th Grade Transcripts*	30%

\* For 7<sup>th</sup> grade transcripts, there is a concordance scale in which each letter grade has a numeric designation (A = 4; B = 3; etc.) to convert into an admissions score.



# MSA Administration, Faculty, and Students

**1. Why should you apply for the MSA program? / What are the benefits of it?**

**2. What can you expect if you are accepted into the program? (homework, projects, class discussions, academic expectations, grading, etc.)**

**3. What is our favorite aspect of the MSA program? / What do we like the best about it?**

**PMSA, Forest Park**

**PEMSA, Maywood**

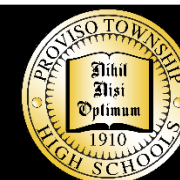
**PWMSA, Hillside**



# Apply Online: October 30, 2022 through January 15, 2023

Thank you for your interest in the PTHS D209 MSA Admissions Process.

- All students and their families will be notified as to their admissions status by mid-February, 2023.
- We look forward to serving the Class of 2027 at PTHS D209.
- If you have any questions regarding the Admissions process, please email: [MSAadmissions@pths209.org](mailto:MSAadmissions@pths209.org) or call 708-338-5939



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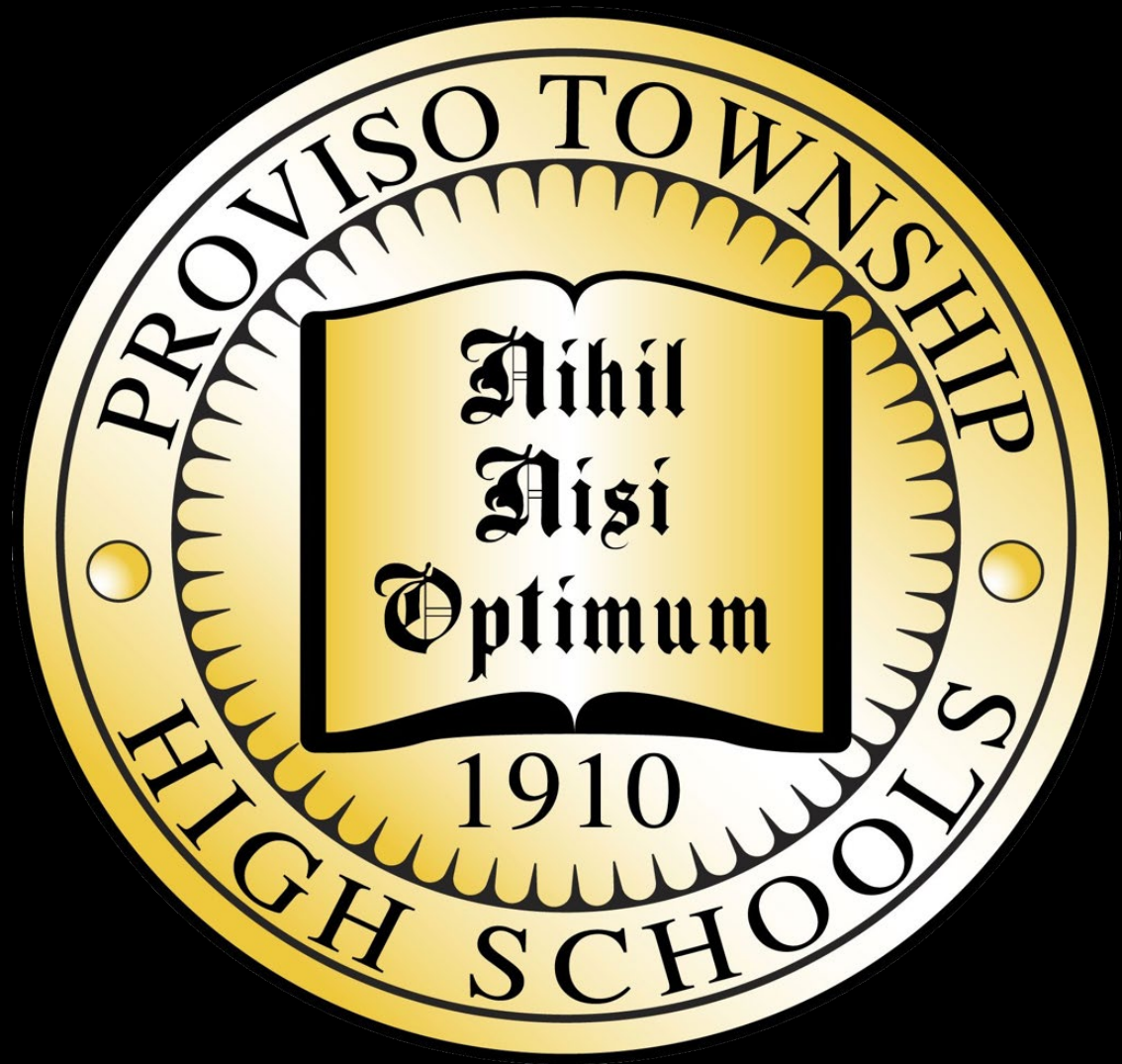


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