

New Beginnings...

Math & Science Academies Admissions Process

Class of 2028



PROVISO MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE ACADEMY



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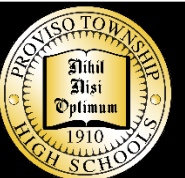
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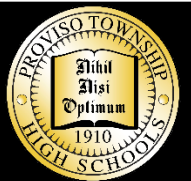
Why choose the MSA Program at PTHS D209?

- 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 8th 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 of the incoming class.
- 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 **PWISA**.
- The next 100 students (approx.) for each home school will be invited to their MSA campus, **PEMISA** or **PWISA**.

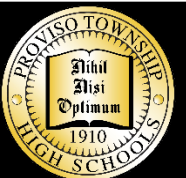


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ENGLISH	IH Survey of Literature	IH World Literature	AP Lang or IB Lang Yr 1	AP Lit or IB Lang Yr 2
SOCIAL STUDIES	IH Global Studies or AP World History	IH Black History 365 & IH Law & Society (PEMSA & PWMSA) / IH Black History 365 & IH American Government (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 & staffing.

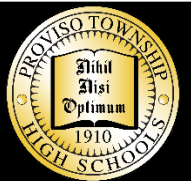


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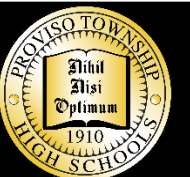
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MATH	IH Integrated Math 1 or 2	IH Integrated Math 2 or 3	IH Integrated Math 3, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Computer Science, or IB Math Yr 1	IH Math Studies, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Computer Science, or IB Math Yr 2
SCIENCE	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?

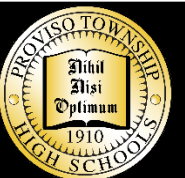
- Any 8th grade student who currently attends one of the Proviso Township High School (PTHS) District 209 (D209) foundation schools
- Any 8th grade student who currently attends a private school or is home-schooled whose permanent residence is within the PTHS D209 boundaries—***You must pre-register for testing by Mon. Sept. 25th using [this form!](#)***
- Any 8th 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 upcoming school year—***You must pre-register for testing by Mon. Sept. 25th using [this form!](#)***



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

1. Fill out and submit the [online MSA Admissions Application](#) which will go live on the PTHS D209 website on September 18, 2023 and close on January 15, 2024.
2. Complete the PSAT 8/9 and NNAT3 during the testing windows.
Please note: All private school, home-schooled, and transfer 8th grade students must preregister for testing by Mon. Sept. 25th using [this form!](#)
3. Have your 7th grade transcript uploaded and submitted to PTHS D209 by your school's registrar or counselor no later than January 15, 2024 using [this Google Form](#).

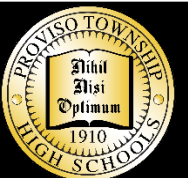
Let's Unpack These Requirements...



Unpacking MSA Admissions Requirements

1. Fill out and submit the online Math & Science Academy (MSA) Admissions Application, which will go live on the PTHS D209 website on September 18, 2023 and close on January 15, 2024.

- The online 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 applicants who need assistance with the online application can email msaadmissions@pths209.org



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2. Complete the PSAT 8/9 and NNAT3 tests during the testing windows.*

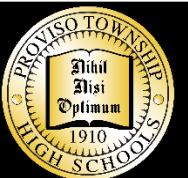
PSAT 8/9: Online test to be administered at all foundation schools in October 2023.

- PSAT 8/9 is from the College Board and assesses students' skills in reading & math.
- Students will be provided with a digital device to take this online test.

NNAT3: Online test to be administered at all foundation schools in November 2023.

- 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.
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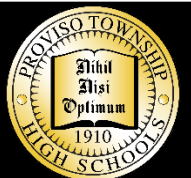
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2. Completion of PSAT 8/9 and NNAT3 during testing windows.

- ***These dates are only for 8th graders who attend a private school, are home-schooled, or those who will be moving into the district by the beginning of the next school year.***
- ***Students must pre-register for one of these dates by Monday, September 25th.***

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	Pre-Registration Link
Thurs. 10/26/23	PMSA	Start time: 4pm	GOOGLE FORM Due by Mon. 9/25/23
Sat. 10/28/23	PMSA	Start time: 9am	GOOGLE FORM Due by Mon. 9/25/23
Mon. 10/30/23	PMSA	Start time: 4pm	GOOGLE FORM Due by Mon. 9/25/23

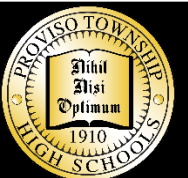
- **Please Note: Students are permitted to take each assessment one time only.**



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3. Have your 7th grade transcript uploaded and submitted to PTHS D209 by your school's registrar or counselor no later than January 15, 2024 using the Google Form provided.

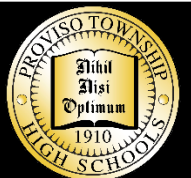
- Students must contact their middle school and request an official transcript from the registrar or counselor – It must include the student's full name, date of birth, and final grades in all core areas: English, math, science, and social studies.
- Middle school registrars or counselors will upload the student's 7th grade transcripts to [this Google 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

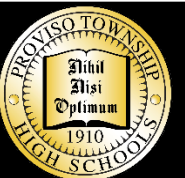
MSA ADMISSIONS SCORING CRITERIA	WEIGHT
PSAT 8/9	35%
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT3) Score	35%
7th Grade Transcripts*	30%

* For 7th 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.



Additional MSA Information

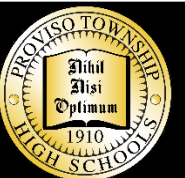
- All Mathematics and Science Academy students will be required to take a language proficiency test and indicate whether they elect to take Spanish or French for their first two years of high school.
- Dates for Language Testing will be posted at a later time.



Apply Online: September 18, 2023 through January 15, 2024

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, 2024.
- We look forward to serving the Class of 2028 at PTHS D209.
- If you have any questions regarding the Admissions process, please email: MSAadmissions@pths209.org



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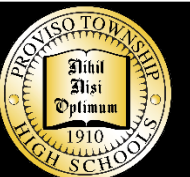
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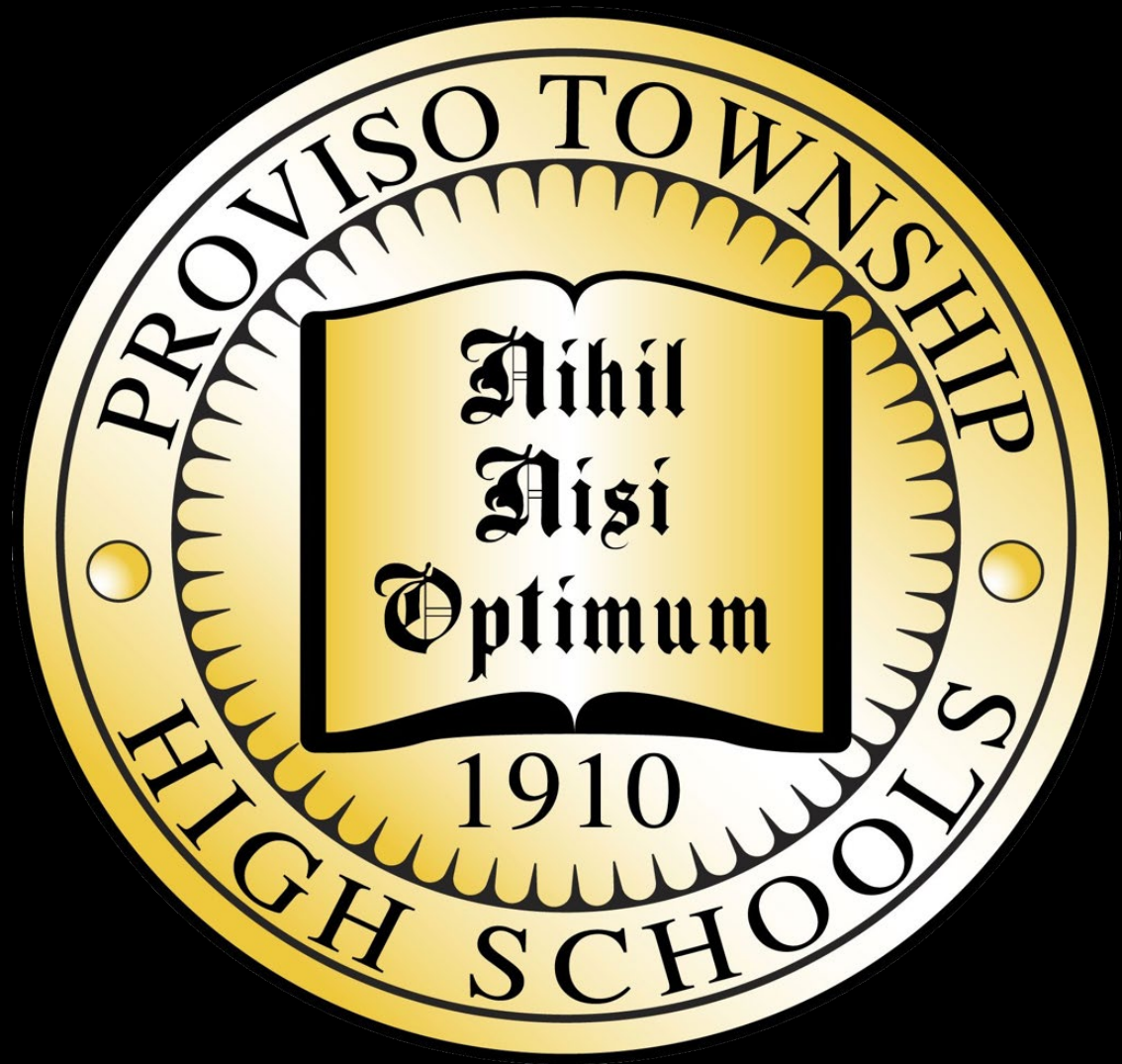


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