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James L. Henderson, Ed.D.,
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Dear Parents,

I am excited to inform you that the enrollment period for admission into the Proviso Township High School District 209 (PTHS D209) Math and Science Academies at Proviso East, Proviso West, and Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy (PMSA) will launch this Sunday, November 1st. We welcome the following students to apply for admission to one of the PTHS D209 Academies:

- Any 8th grade student that currently attends one of the PTHS D209 foundation schools.
- Any 8th grade student that currently attends a private school whose permanent residence is within the PTHS D209 boundaries.
- Any 8th grade student that 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 2021-22 school year.

We are *only* accepting electronic applications this year. They will be available on our PTHS D209 website on November 1st or by clicking [HERE](#). Filling out and submitting the electronic application is the first step in the admissions process.

Application stations have been set up at Proviso East, Proviso West, and PMSA and are available on Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm for families that do not have access to a computer or WiFi. Those who need to utilize an application station must schedule an appointment by clicking [HERE](#), or they can call one of the PTHS D209 schools to book an appointment. (Proviso West – Delinda Hyde at 708.202.6240; Proviso East – Cristin Chiganos at 708.835.5748; PMSA – Yadira Camacho at 708.338.4165)

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

As a point of reference, there are several criteria the District considers when selecting students for admission into the Math and Science Academies at Proviso East, Proviso West, and PMSA – test scores, student transcripts, and teacher recommendations.

Test Scores: Students seeking admission to one of the Math and Science Academies will be required to participate in three assessments – the PSAT 8/9, the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability assessment, and a written essay. These test scores account for 66-percent of the overall admission score.

Transcripts: The registrar's office at the student's foundation school will provide PTHS D209 with a copy of the student's 7th grade transcript. The transcript will account for 22-percent of the overall admission score.

Teacher Recommendations: Students will be required to have two teacher recommendations submitted on their behalf – one from a math teacher and one from a science teacher. These can be from a 7th or 8th grade teacher.

A more detailed breakdown of the selection criteria is provided in the chart below.

CRITERIA	WEIGHT	DESCRIPTION & ACTION STEPS
*Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test Score	35% (140 pts)	Students have the option to take this test remotely or at Proviso East or Proviso West. Students must pre-register using our online booking system. Click HERE to pre-register.
*PSAT 8/9 Score	26% (104 pts)	This test is administered at all foundation schools that feed into PTHS D209. Students who are absent on testing days, live out of district, or attend a private school may take the test on an alternative date at Proviso East or Proviso West. A remote option is also available. Students must pre-register for an alternative session using our online booking system. Click HERE to pre-register.
7 th Grade Transcripts	22% (88 pts)	The registrar at the student’s foundation school will submit transcripts directly to msaadmissions@pths209.org on the student’s behalf.
*Academy Essay Score - Conventions/Organization - Quality of response	5% (20 pts) 5% (20 pts)	This test will be taken immediately after the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test during the same testing session.
<u>Math</u> Teacher Recommendation	3.5% (14 pts)	The student should ask a Math teacher from 7 th or 8 th grade to complete a recommendation on his or her behalf. The teacher will complete the PTHS D209 form and submit it to the District. Click HERE to view form.
<u>Science</u> Teacher Recommendation	3.5% (14 pts)	The student should ask a Science teacher from 7 th or 8 th grade to complete a recommendation on his or her behalf. The teacher will complete the PTHS D209 form and submit it to the District. Click HERE to view form.
<i>Total Possible</i>	100% (400 pts)	Applicants will be notified by mail of admissions status by February 28, 2021.

*Indicates this is a test. All testing will be completed on a computer, whether completed on-site or remotely, to enable consistency and equity among testing platforms.

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR REQUIRED ASSESSMENT 1 – PSAT 8/9

This test will be administered virtually at foundation schools on the dates below.

DATE	SCHOOL
5-Nov	Westchester
6-Nov	Roosevelt
9-Nov	Stevenson
10-Nov	Hillside/Komarek/Lindop
12-Nov	Irving
13-Nov	MacArthur
16-Nov	Northlake/Forest Park

Alternative PSAT 8/9 Testing Dates:

These sessions are only for students who are absent when the test is administered at their foundation school, for students who live out of district, and for students who attend a private school.

Students who participate in an on-site or remote alternative testing session must pre-register via Microsoft Bookings. Students who take the test remotely will need access to a computer and WiFi during the test.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register for one of the alternative testing sessions below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
14-Nov	Proviso East	8-11:45am
21-Nov	Proviso West or Remote	8-11:45am

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS 2 & 3 – Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability & Written Essay (Both are taken on the same day.)

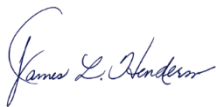
Students who participate in an on-site or remote testing session must pre-register via Microsoft Bookings. Students who take the test remotely will need access to a computer and WiFi during both tests.

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register for one of the testing sessions below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
7-Nov	Proviso West or Remote	9-11:30am
14-Nov	Proviso East or Remote	9-11:30am
21-Nov	Proviso West or Remote	9-11:30am
5-Dec	Proviso East or Remote	9-11:30am
12-Dec	Proviso West or Remote	9-11:30am

We look forward to maintaining the Proviso community's commitment to excellence and serving the Class of 2025 at one of our PTHS D209 Mathematics and Science Academies. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please feel free to email us at msaadmissions@pths209.org.

Sincerely,



James L. Henderson, Ed.D
Superintendent