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PMSA Application

Class of 2023



“One Team, One Goal, One Proviso”

Admissions Application Deadline: For your application file to be considered for selection, it must be postmarked or delivered directly to PMSA no later than January 15, 2019. The PSAT 8/9, Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test, and Written Academy Essay must be completed as outlined in this application.



As parents and educators, we share, we collaborate, we learn and we grow as individuals when we celebrate the academic growth of our children. When we embrace our school, our teachers, our administration, and our community, we are embracing our children's future. Our children's future signifies the future of our country. This is what Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy represents: an institution of advanced rigor, high standards and access to a direct pathway in pursuit of academic excellence.

Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy is a selective enrollment high school that prepares our children for the global economy of the 21st century. The students achieve advanced status in reading, science, engineering, math and technology. Through our unique pedagogical approach to teaching and learning, our students become experts in the sciences as well as in the social sciences. We nurture tomorrow's leaders; we inspire, educate and empower all students to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society through our continuous spectrum of research, evaluation and our globally challenging digital world.

Our curriculum offers the depth and breadth of the collegiate level of academic achievement. Through our Dual Credit enrollment classes, our students are able to receive college credit; through our Advanced Placement classes, our students are exposed to another level of higher education and may receive college credit; through our International Baccalaureate curriculum, students can graduate with an IB diploma and qualify to enter any university in the world. Not only do we approach learning through a student-centered environment, but we also approach learning through the post-secondary curriculum where research-based and inquiry-based learning dominate the classroom environment with a global perspective.

Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy is highly competitive, as is the admissions process. It is an honor and privilege to be considered as a candidate of the school.

Our administration, faculty and staff are experts in their fields and committed to the students of the Academy. Together we will guide and support your children's academic endeavors to help them achieve their future goals and aspirations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bessie Karvelas Ed.D.

Principal, Proviso Math and Science Academy



Application for Admission

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

For your application file to be considered for selection, it must be **postmarked or delivered directly to PMSA no later than January 15, 2019**. Early submission is encouraged. The PSAT 8/9, Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test and Written Academy Essay must be completed on the dates indicated below. There are no makeup dates, other than those listed.

Mail the completed admission application form and supporting materials to:

Office of Admissions
Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy
8601 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Forest Park, IL 60130

It is recommended that if you are mailing your application and forms, you use a trackable mailing service.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

To be considered complete, your application file must include the following items:

- ☐ **Application Forms** } Fully completed with signatures
- ☐ **Science Teacher Recommendation** }
- ☐ **Mathematics Teacher Recommendation** } To be completed by the applicant's 7th or 8th grade science/math teachers and submitted to PMSA in a **sealed, school-issued envelope** no later than January 15th. (Use enclosed forms.)
- ☐ **Official School Transcripts for the entire 7th Grade** } You must request that your school send your transcripts to PMSA by January 15th
- ☐ **PSAT 8/9** } Administered by District 209 to eligible students at Proviso feeder schools between October 22nd and November 2, 2018. Additional testing dates for students who do not attend one of the feeder schools or for those who were absent during their scheduled testing are listed below:
Make Up Dates:
Proviso West High School: November 3rd (8:00am) OR Proviso East High School: November 10th (8:00am)
You must register for a scheduled make up exam by contacting Proviso East (708) 202-1613 or Proviso West (708) 202-6313 in advance of the test date. No walk-ins will be admitted. The final testing date for the PSAT 8/9 for the purpose of PMSA admissions is November 10, 2018.
- ☐ **Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test** }
- ☐ **Written Academy Essay** } Students applying to PMSA must complete the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test and Written Academy Essay at PMSA on either October 13, November 17, OR December 8, 2018.

Appointments are not necessary to take this exam. All eligible applicants may test. (The final testing date for the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test and Admissions Essay for the purpose of PMSA admissions is December 8, 2018.)

***All accepted students in the Class of 2023 will be automatically enrolled in the PMSA Pre-International Baccalaureate® (IB) Program.**



Please retain a photocopy of your completed application materials for your records. To confirm that all criteria have been received and are complete, you may contact the PMSA Main Office at (708) 338-4100. Once submitted, all documents become the property of District 209 and cannot be returned.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy is selective. Students are chosen from the 8th grade only.

Residency Requirement: Please note that students must reside with a parent or legal guardian who is a resident of Proviso Township High Schools District 209 to be enrolled at PMSA. If invited, you will be required to show proof of residency at the time of enrollment. If you have any questions about this, please contact our office.

SELECTION PROCESS / NOTIFICATION

The selection process takes place during late January and early February, with notification of enrollment mailed shortly thereafter.

The Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy selection process for the Class of 2023 is based on a point system, with a maximum of 400 points:

- PSAT 8/9 Exam (35% or 140 points)
- Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test® (26% or 104 points)
- 7th Grade School Transcript Grades (22% or 88 points)
- Academy Essay – Conventions/Organization (5% or 20 points)
- Academy Essay – Quality of Response (5% or 20 points)
- Middle School Mathematics Teacher Recommendation (3.5% or 14 points)
- Middle School Science Teacher Recommendation (3.5% or 14 points)

The cutoff score for the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy selection process is derived from the applicant pool and is not generated before the selection process. The number of students invited for enrollment to the Academy depends on an effort to maintain a consistent overall student enrollment at PMSA. Applicants who present the strongest combination of credentials and have the highest application score are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline

All completed applications with signatures and supporting documents must be submitted or postmarked no later than January 15, 2019.

PSAT 8/9

Location: District 209 Feeder Schools

Dates: October 22 through November 2, 2018. (Contact your school for more information.)

Makeup Dates will be on November 3rdth at Proviso West and November 10th at 8:00am at Proviso East High School.

Applicants must register at Proviso East (708) 202-1613 or Proviso West (708) 202-6313 in advance. No walk-ins will be admitted.

(The final testing date for the PSAT 8/9 for the purpose of PMSA admissions is November 10, 2018.)

PMSA Admissions Open Houses

Location: PMSA

Dates: October 2, November 7, and December 6, 2018.

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test & Admission Essay

Location: PMSA

Dates: October 13, November 17, and December 8, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

(The final testing date for the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test and Admissions Essay for the purpose of PMSA admissions is December 8, 2018.)

Parent Student Shadowing

Location: PMSA

Dates: October 24 and November 29, 2018

Time: Please schedule an appointment *(Contact PMSA at (708) 338.4100 for more information.)*



PERSONAL INFORMATION

To be completed by student applicant. Please type or print.

Applicant's Legal Name

Last/Family/Sur (Enter name **exactly** as it appears on official documents.) First/Given Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

Applicant's Home Address

Street

Apt. #

City

Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Applicant currently lives with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both ☐ Other: _____

Legal Parent/Guardian A

☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other: _____

Last/Family/Sur First/Given Middle Jr., etc.

Check here if the address is the same as applicant ☐

Street, Apt. #

City

Zip Code

Home Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Legal Parent/Guardian B

☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other: _____

Last/Family/Sur First/Given Middle Jr., etc.

Check here if the address is the same as applicant ☐

Street, Apt. #

City

Zip Code

Home Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Applicant's Current School

School Name: _____ Principal: _____

Current School Address:

Street

City

Zip



Equal Opportunity Information

State government policy prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, creed, national origin, age, or disability. The sole purpose of gathering this information is to ascertain the effectiveness of recruitment efforts in searching all segments of the population and to ensure that proper facilities are available to serve all students selected for admission.

Honor Code and Pledge

The Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy is an academic community that upholds the values of honesty, integrity, respect for self and others, ethical decision-making, and responsibility for personal decisions. It is a community that works toward the common good and promotes the dignity and worth of all. Together, Academy community members honor the efforts and achievements of each other, recognizing and celebrating both strengths and areas of growth as part of the human condition.

Honesty	A value that holds each person to the truth
Integrity	Firm adherence to our values with and without the presence of others
Respect	Treating others as we would like to be treated
Responsibility	Being accountable for our actions and accepting the consequences of our actions
Ethical Decision-Making	Adhering to the highest standards of judgment while making personal and community decisions

The student code, as defined in the Student Handbook, explains those types of behavior that support and those that undermine these principles. Each Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy community member is expected to uphold and promote these principles with rigor and passion. Together, we are proud to be the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy.

As a member of the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy community, I honor academic and personal integrity. I will uphold the values of honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and ethical decision-making.

The information given herein is true and accurate. If the applicant is admitted to the Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations now in existence and those that may be established in the future by the school. We agree to permit information in this application and other records resulting from applying to and attending the school to be made available on a confidential basis to the applicant's home school, other educational institutions, and for PMSA-approved research and public relations purposes.

Signatures Required

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"> Parent/Guardian Signature Date </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"> Applicant Signature Date </div>
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Please note that both signatures are required for your application to be considered complete.

SCIENCE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

This form must be completed by the applicant's 7th or 8th grade science teacher and submitted to PMSA in a sealed, school-issued envelope no later than January 15, 2019.

Name of Applicant: _____
First, Middle, Last

Name of Teacher Completing This Recommendation: _____

Work Phone _____ Work Fax _____ Work Email _____


Course Taken by Student: _____

School the applicant attended when enrolled in your science class: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rate the applicant compared to other students in her or her class year by writing in a 1-4 score under the raw score column beside each category. Once you have provided a score, please sum the scores and provide a total in box labeled Total Score.

	Below Average (1)	Average (2)	Good to Excellent (Top 15%) (3)	Outstanding to Superior (Top 5%) (4)	Raw Score (1-4)
Study Skills	1	2	3	4	
Responsibility, Reliability	1	2	3	4	
Emotional Maturity/Stability & Consideration for Others	1	2	3	4	
Creative, Original Thought, Intellectual Curiosity	1	2	3	4	
Ease of Learning, Independence, Self-Motivated	1	2	3	4	
Written Expression	1	2	3	4	
Oral Expression, Communication	1	2	3	4	
Classroom Behavior	1	2	3	4	
					

Office of Admissions Use ONLY:

Conversion Chart:	0-15 = 1 (Below Average)	Science Recommendation Scale Score: _____
	16-23 = 2 (Average)	
	24-31 = 3 (Good to Excellent)	
	32 = 4 (Outstanding to Superior)	



MATHEMATICS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

This form must be completed by the applicant's 7th or 8th grade mathematics teacher and submitted to PMSA in a sealed, school-issued envelope no later than January 15, 2019.

Name of Applicant: _____
First, Middle, Last

Name of Teacher Completing This Recommendation: _____

Work Phone _____ Work Fax _____ Work Email _____


Course Taken by Student: _____

School the applicant attended when enrolled in your mathematics class: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rate the applicant compared to other students in her or her class year by writing in a 1-4 score under the raw score column beside each category. Once you have provided a score, please sum the scores and provide a total in box labeled Total Score.

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Oral Expression, Communication	1	2	3	4	
Classroom Behavior	1	2	3	4	
					

Office of Admissions Use ONLY:

Conversion Chart:	0-15 = 1 (Below Average)	Mathematics Recommendation Scale Score: _____
	16-23 = 2 (Average)	
	24-31 = 3 (Good to Excellent)	
	32 = 4 (Outstanding to Superior)	





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