



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 Academy Application

Any student in good standing who has the interest and ability to perform the academic and specialized work of the program is eligible to apply for admission. Parental support must also be shown.

Parents/guardians of interested students should complete only one application indicating only one first choice and one or no alternative choice. This application, as well as any other materials described, should be returned to your School District U-46 Middle School, before **November 16, 2007**. Non U-46 students should mail their application packets directly to *Gifted Office, School District U-46, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120*. An applicant needs to complete the application and supporting materials for his/her first choice only.

Please note the checklist for the first and alternate choice schools. If a student is placed on the waiting list or is not accepted at the first choice school, the application and materials are forwarded to the alternate choice school for consideration. **DO NOT select a 2nd choice school if you would not consider acceptance to that program. If you are accepted at your alternate choice school, you are automatically removed from the waiting list at your first choice school.**

School District U-46 will provide transportation to students admitted to academy programs outside their regular attendance areas.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM

FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Parent Name: _____
Last First

Street Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student ID # _____ Current School Attending: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Black White American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Hispanic Multi-Racial

Academy Choices

Please check your (1st) choice:

- B**roadcast **E**ducation **A**nd **C**ommunication **N**etworks Academy at South Elgin High School
- Gifted and Talented Academy at Elgin High School
- Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy at Bartlett High School
- Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Larkin High School
(Choose One) _____Dance _____Music: Vocal Instrumental - Specify Instrument _____
_____Drama _____Visual Art
- World Languages and International Studies Academy at Streamwood High School

(Write the name of your second choice school, if any.)

Applications must be submitted on time and accompanied by all requested materials to be considered.

The Board of Education is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to race, religion, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, unfavorable discharge from the military, disability, or any other legally protected status in accordance with applicable legal requirements. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator is the District's Chief Legal Officer or designee who can be reached at 355 East Chicago St., Elgin, Illinois, 60120, 847-888-5000, x5305.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the information and instructions on both sides of the application. I understand that if accepted to an academy, a student should attend the school for one full year. I agree to all of the above terms and conditions:

Parent/Guardian Date Student Date

Checklist for Filing the Application

Academy applications must be accompanied by the items indicated below:

BEACON Academy – (1) Hand-written essay no more than five paragraphs answering a specific question, (2) self-selected media submission, (3) reservation made with Academy secretary for interview and, (4) three recommendations -- two from teachers and one from other (not family).

Gifted and Talented Academy – (1) One to two page essay, composed and handwritten by student, explaining why he/she wants to be in the academy, (2) two teacher recommendations on official forms, one from a middle school seventh grade math or science teacher, one from a seventh grade English or social studies teacher, (3) three samples of written work (**two** from English, **one** from social studies), one **recent** math assignment, one **recent** science assignment; and (4) application completed and signed.

Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy – (1) Two middle school teacher recommendations on official forms, including one from student's math teacher, (2) application completed and signed, and (3) reservation made with Academy secretary for writing sample and interview.

Visual and Performing Arts Academy – (1) One page student handwritten essay, (2) two teacher letters of recommendation (one must be art specific), (3) portfolio review (visual art only; 5 to 20 pieces) or audition (dance, drama, music) and (4) application completed and signed.

World Languages and International Studies Academy – (1) One to two page essay, composed and handwritten by student, (2) teacher recommendations on official forms from middle school social studies and English teachers, and (3) application completed and signed.

Selection Criteria

Each Academy will carefully review applications, requested materials, and other factors in selecting students. Selection criteria used by each school follows:

BEACON – Interview, media submission, recommendations, essay, and academic standing.

Gifted and Talented – Standardized test scores, writing samples, portfolio of student work, teacher recommendations, and critical thinking test.

Science, Engineering and High Technology – Successful completion (with a grade A or B) of algebra or geometry, strong teacher recommendation, standardized test scores, evaluation of writing sample and interview.

Visual and Performing Arts – Essay, recommendations, interview and portfolio review or audition, application and transcript.

World Languages and International Studies – Application and transcript or report card, prewritten and on-site essays, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and interview.

Acceptance in any academy program is contingent upon successful completion of the 8th grade.

For School Use Only

Date/Time _____

Signature _____

First Choice

- Accepted Not Accepted
 Conditional Acceptance
 Waiting List
 Alt Choice (forwarded)

Date _____

Signature _____

Alternate Choice

- Accepted Not Accepted
 Conditional Acceptance
 Waiting List

Date _____

Signature _____