

Lowell High School 2012-2013 Admission - Bands Summary

Lowell High School Admissions Criteria

There are three different Bands (qualification methods) for admission into Lowell High School. There is also a separate evaluation of Special Education – RSP applicants for admission to Lowell High

- Band 1 – approximately 70% of assignment offers (approximately 595)
- Band 2 – approximately 15% of assignment offers (approximately 127)
- Band 3 – approximately 15% of assignment offers (approximately 127)
- Special Education – RSP – to be determined – based on space availability

Band 1

Band 1 admission is based on:

- the applicant's grades in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science from the entire 7th grade and the 1st semester of 8th grade.
- the applicant's scores from the English Language Arts and Math portions of the CST (STAR) test in the spring of 7th grade or the Reading and Math portions of the Lowell Admission test in January 2012.

The total possible score for Band 1 is 89 points. The 2011-2012 cut-off score for Band 1 was 85 points. This may change for 2012-2013.

Band 2

To be considered for Band 2, students must have

- a minimum GPA of 3.00 (derived from English, Math, Social Studies, and Science from the entire 7th grade and the 1st semester of 8th grade) and
- a minimum 60% average in the CST (STAR) or the Lowell Admission test.

Band 2 admission is based on:

- the applicant's grades in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science from the entire 7th grade and the 1st semester of 8th grade. (max 64 points)
- the applicant's score from the Band 2 evaluation done by school-based committees. (max 45 points)

The total possible score for Band 2 is 109 points. The 2011-2012 cut-off score for Band 2 was 81 points. This may change for 2012-2013.

Band 3

To be considered for Band 3, students must have a minimum of 64 points derived from

- the applicant's grades in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science from the entire 7th grade and the 1st semester of 8th grade.
- the applicant's scores from the English Language Arts and Math portions of the CST or the Reading and Math portions of the Lowell Admission test in January 2012.

and be attending a Band 3 identified school. Band 3 schools will be identified as under-represented using data from the last several years of student population, number of applicants and number of admissions.

Assignments to Band 3 seats are made based on Principal nomination.

The following schools were determined to be under-represented (Band 3) for the 2011-2012 school year. This list may change for 2012-13.

APTOS MIDDLE	JAMES DENMAN MIDDLE	ST CHARLES BORROMEO
BESSIE CARMICHAEL / FEC(K8)	JAMES LICK MIDDLE	ST JAMES
CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART	KIPP-BAY VIEW ACADEMY	ST JOHN
CORNERSTONE ACADEMY	KIPP-SF BAY ACADEMY	ST PETER
CORPUS CHRISTI	KITTREDGE	ST PHILIP
CREATIVE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL	MARINA MIDDLE	ST STEPHEN
EDISON CHARTER ACADEMY	DR MARTIN L KING JR.	ST THOMAS MORE
SCHOOL OF THE EPIPHANY	MISSION DOLORES	THE HAMLIN SCHOOL
EVERETT MIDDLE	PAUL REVERE (K8)	VIS VALLEY MIDDLE
FRANCISCO MIDDLE	ST BRENDAN	WILLIE L. BROWN, JR
HORACE MANN MIDDLE		

Break-down of points assignment

Category	Max Points	Scale Used				
1st Semester 7th Grade	16	Maximum of 4 points for each of the following four subjects: English, Math, Soc. Studies, Science A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0				
2nd Semester 7th Grade	16	Maximum of 4 points for each of the following four subjects: English, Math, Soc. Studies, Science A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0				
1st Semester 8th Grade	32	Maximum of 8 points for each of the following four subjects: English, Math, Soc. Studies, Science A = 8, B = 6, C = 4, D = 2, F = 0				
Spring 2011 CST ELA or January 2012 CAT-6 (Terra Nova) Reading	12.5	Point Equivalent	CAT6 Math & Reading Percentile Range	CST Math Scale Score Range	CST English Language Arts Scale Score Range	
		12.5	97 - 99	478 – 600	438 – 600	
		12.0	93 - 96	455 – 477	420 – 437	
		11.5	89 - 92	437 – 454	412 – 419	
		11.0	85 - 88	422 – 436	401 – 411	
		10.5	81 - 84	409 – 421	392 – 400	
		10.0	77 - 80	397 – 408	386 – 391	
		9.5	73 - 76	387 – 396	382 – 385	
		9.0	69 - 72	381 – 386	373 – 381	
Spring 2011 CST Math or January 2012 CAT-6 (Terra Nova) Math	12.5	8.5	65 - 68	372 – 380	369 – 372	
		8.0	61 - 64	367 – 371	361 – 368	
		7.5	57 - 60	358 – 366	358 – 360	
		7.0	53 - 56	349 – 357	351 – 357	
		6.5	49 - 52	337 – 348	344 – 350	
		6.0	45 - 48	328 – 336	337 – 343	
		5.5	41 - 44	320 – 327	333 – 336	
		5.0	37 - 40	308 – 319	326 – 332	
		4.5	33 - 36	300 – 307	318 – 325	
		4.0	29 - 32	291 – 299	309 – 317	
		3.5	25 - 28	282 – 290	303 – 308	
		3.0	21 - 24	274 – 281	293 – 302	
		2.5	17 - 20	269 – 273	282 – 292	
		2.0	13 - 16	259 – 268	272 – 281	
		1.5	9 - 12	249 – 258	257 – 271	
Band 2 Evaluations	45			Points	Points	
		1. Socioeconomic factors:				
		• Free/reduced lunch	0 or 2	Athletics (school-based), participation in and abilities	0-2	
		• Public housing	0 or 3	Community service, participation	0-3	
		• CalWorks	0 or 3	Creative abilities in performing and visual arts (school-based)	0-3	
				Extracurricular activities (school-based), participation in	0-2	
		2. English Language Learner (ELL) status		0 or 2	Peer support/mentoring activities, participation in	0-2
		3. Demonstrated ability to overcome hardship (discrimination, economic responsibility, non-special education learning consideration (i.e. 504 plan), homelessness).		0 or 4 to 9	School leadership/service	0-3
4. Extenuating circumstances (personal/family crisis such as death or illness)		0 or 4 to 9	Technology skills	0-2		