

Lowell 9th grade Enrollment Workshop

2019-20
School year

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Key Dates for 9th grade Lowell Submission

- Lowell 9th Grade Applications must be submitted together with an SFUSD Enrollment Application by **Friday, December 14, 2018.**



- Applicants will be mailed a letter on **March 15, 2019** notifying them of the student's school assignment.
- Parents/legal guardians must respond to the assignment offer by **April 5, 2019** by following specific Lowell acceptance instructions detailed in the approval letter.

December 14, 2018

Last day to submit an
application for 9th grade
for Lowell for the
2019-20 school year

Tip: Avoid the long lines at the EPC
and submit your application in
November.

Residency Requirement Required proof of address

Residency requirement



- Applicants and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must be legally and physically residing in San Francisco at the time of application. If parents live at different addresses, the primary custodial parent must live in San Francisco.
- They must continue to reside in San Francisco from the time of application and while the student is attending Lowell.

No Interdistrict Permit requests will be considered for Lowell admission.

Residency requirement

Additional documents may be required if

- A. the name of the parent/legal guardian who signs the application does not appear in the district's records (current student's) or on the student's verification of birthdate (new students);
- B. the applicant attends school outside of San Francisco; or
- C. parents/legal guardians are residing in different addresses.

Residency requirement

- Applications which are found to have fraudulent address information will be immediately cancelled and any resulting assignment retracted.
- Keep in mind that if the District must hire an investigator or expend other resources in order to scrutinize your residency claim, the District will charge you for these expenses if it ultimately determines your claim is invalid. In prior instances, the District has charged parents/guardians upwards of \$5,000.00 for investigating fraudulent claims.

Required documents

NEW STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH THEIR APPLICATION FORM:

- A. Parent/Guardian's Picture ID
(Note: Application must be submitted in person by the Parent/Guardian)
- B. Proof of birthdate. If the document does not contain the parent/guardian name, additional guardianship verification is required.
 - Birth certificate or official hospital record

Required documents

NEW STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH THEIR APPLICATION FORM:

- C. One (1) proof of home address that include the name and address of the parent/guardian. Any of the following original documents dated within the last 45 days need to be provided:
- Utility bill from agencies such as PG&E, water, cable or garbage. No cell phone bills will be accepted.
 - Both automobile registration and auto insurance
 - Homeowner's or renter's insurance policy
 - Property tax statement
 - Pay stub
 - Voter registration
 - Official letter from a social service/government agency
 - Grant deed, Title of property or rental/lease agreement with property owner's documentation
 - Section 8 agreement

Where to get the application Where to submit

Where to get the Lowell Application

You may obtain the Lowell Application and the general SFUSD Enrollment Application at:

- Lowell High School
- All SFUSD middle and K-8 schools
- Most San Francisco non-public middle and K-8 schools
- Educational Placement Center
- District's website: www.sfusd.edu/enroll.

Where to submit the Lowell application

Parents/legal guardians of current SFUSD 8th grade students must submit in person both completed applications to their current SFUSD middle school or to the Educational Placement Center.

Parents/legal guardians of all other 8th grade students must submit in person both completed applications to the Educational Placement Center.

Applications sent through the mail will not be accepted.

Lowell High School 9th grade Admissions Criteria

Admission Criteria

- Final grades for the first semester of the 7th grade in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science
- Final grades for the second semester of the 7th grade in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science
- Final grades for the first semester of the 8th grade in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science

Admission Criteria

- Scores from the 7th grade SBAC test or from the January 2019 Lowell Admission test
- Information submitted on the Lowell Application (extracurricular activities demonstrating leadership skills, extenuating circumstances, demonstrated ability to overcome hardship, and family information)
- An essay to be written at the applicant's current school (All schools with Lowell applicants will be given instructions for administering the essay requirement.)

Band 1, 2 & 3 Admissions

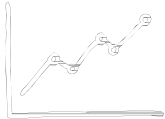
Band 1,2 & 3 Admissions

There are three different Bands (qualification methods) for admission into Lowell High School.

There is also an additional evaluation of Special Education –RSP applicants for admission to Lowell High

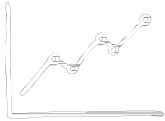
1. Band 1–approximately 70% of seats (approximately 615 seats)
2. Band 2 –approximately 15% of seats (approximately 130 seats)
3. Band 3 –approximately 15% of seats (approximately 130 seats)
4. Special Education –RSP –to be determined –based on space availability

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 ELA/Reading and Math portions of the SBAC or Lowell Admissions Test.
- The total possible score for Band 1 is 89 points. The 2018-19 cut-off score for Band 1 was 88 points.

Band 1 admission is based on:



- 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
- The SBAC or Lowell Admission test:
 - 25 Maximum points. Each half (Reading/ELA and Math) of the SBAC or Lowell Admission test is worth 12.5 points
 - See Band Summary document for Band 1 Point Breakdown

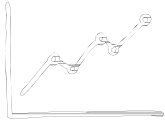
Band 2

To be considered for Band 2, students must have:

1. 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
2. a minimum 60%tile average in the SBAC or Lowell Admission test.



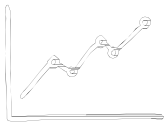
Band 2 admission is based on:



- 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 2018-19 cut-off score for Band 2 was 85 points.

**See Band Summary document for Band 2
Point Breakdown**

Band 3



To be considered for Band 3, students must have:

1. a minimum of 64 points derived from:
 - a. 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 Reading/ELA and Math portions of the SBAC or Lowell Admission test. (Band 1)**and**
 - b. be attending a Band 3 identified school. Band 3 schools will be identified as under-represented using data from the last three years of student population, number of applicants and number of admissions. The list of Band 3 schools is not released to the public until notification letters are mailed.

Testing Requirement Lowell Admissions Test

Lowell Admission Test

All Students who did not take the SBAC test in the Spring of seventh grade MUST take the Lowell Admission Test on one of the two scheduled days. Applicants who have taken the SBAC test, may NOT take the January admission test.

The Admission Tests are administered at Lowell High School, 1101 Eucalyptus Ave.

Applicants must mark their chosen test date on the Lowell application.

- Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

- The Wednesday test will be over by approximately 9:00 p.m.
- The Saturday test will be over by approximately 11:00 a.m.
- There is a 15 minute break in which refreshments are allowed but not provided.
- Dictionaries and calculators will not be allowed. Pencils and paper will be provided.
- There will be no letter sent to confirm your chosen test date. Applicants are expected to show up on their chosen test date.
- To be admitted to the test setting, all students must bring some form of picture identification.
- It is recommended, but not required that they also bring a copy of both applications.

Lowell Admission Test

Parents/legal guardians who wish to receive their children's composite scores in March 2019, must indicate so on the Lowell application. The composite score is the point value derived from the applicants' grades and test score. Individual test scores will not be provided.

Students who receive test accommodations at their current school through an IEP, 504 plan or other documented school plan, must check the box on the application. Please attach the current IEP, 504 plan or other documentation.

Requesting Lowell on the Enrollment Application

Lowell High must be listed as one of the choices on the SFUSD General Enrollment Application. Both applications must be submitted together.

Lowell does not have to be the first choice, but should be listed in the applicant's true order of preference.

All Lowell requests, regardless of choice ranking, will go through the same qualification process at the same time.

Assignment Notification 28

All assignment letters, including Lowell High assignment letters will be mailed on March 15, 2019. Each student will receive only one assignment letter.

Students who do not qualify for Lowell will not receive a separate denial letter unless they are not currently enrolled in the SFUSD and have requested only Lowell High.

To accept an assignment to Lowell, the parent/guardian must complete a registration process detailed in the assignment letter.

Admission for Grades 10-12

Admission for Grades 10-12

- Applications for Lowell admissions for Grades 10-12 will be available in May 2019.
- Admissions are based on Fall and Spring semester report card grades in the academic subjects since the beginning of the 9th grade and space availability at the requested grade level.
- Applicants must have grades for at least 4 of these content areas in all grades:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Foreign Language

Transcripts and Notification

- Sealed transcripts must be provided by non-SFUUSD student applicants by the end of June 2019.
- Notification for acceptance to Lowell in grades 10-12 will be in mid-July 2019.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions (9th grade applicants)

Q1: Do I need to provide the report cards and or grades?

A: No, the EPC will obtain the school records from your child's current school. (If EPC is unable to obtain records, or if records are incomplete, the applicant's family will be contacted)

Q2: Is there an appeal process for students who are not accepted?

A: Lowell High school has an established admissions criteria for all, and therefore to preserve equity no appeals are accepted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q3: Is there a Wait pool for Lowell? What happens when an accepted student declines the assignment?

A: No, there is no wait pool. Approximately 1000 students will be admitted for 680 seats. The over-enrollment is intentionally included to account for patterns of attrition. Typically, about 300 students decline their Lowell assignment bringing the class down to the target size.

Q4: Is there a sibling priority to attend Lowell?

A: No, all students are required to meet the admissions criteria.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q5: I wish my child to attend Lowell, however, their sibling attends school (B). How can I assure if my child does not qualify for Lowell, that both children attend school together?

A: Lowell applicants with siblings at other high schools may list the sibling's school in the order of preference. They need to indicate on the application that there is a sibling at one of the choices. A sibling tiebreaker will apply for the sibling's school where ever it is listed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q6: What happens if my child does not qualify for Lowell? Will this hurt their chances of getting another choice school?

A: If the student does not qualify for Lowell, the school will be removed from the list of choices and all other requests will be moved up in ranking on the preference list. Chances of getting another school will not be negatively impacted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q7: What happens if my child is applying for Lowell and Ruth Asawa SOTA?

A: If the student qualifies for Lowell and also passes the Ruth Asawa SOTA audition, the assignment will depend on the order the schools are listed on the general enrollment application. All requested schools, including Lowell and SOTA should be listed in your order of preference.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q8: What if my child's school uses trimesters instead of semesters?

A: For schools on trimester system, all three trimesters of 7th grade will be averaged and resulting grades used for both 1st and 2nd semester. The first trimester grade of 8th grade will be used for the 1st semester of 8th grade.

Questions & Answers

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