

2016-2017

# SELECTION PROCESS

## CENTERS OF INNOVATION

### SCHOOLS

- **Academy of Design & Construction at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Business, Leadership & Entrepreneurship at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Health, Sciences & Technology at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Modern Engineering at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **CA Frost Environmental Science Academy** (9th & 10th)
- **Grand Rapids Montessori High** (9th & 10th)
- **University Preparatory Academy** (6th-12th)

### HOW TO APPLY

Students are eligible to participate by completing an application and supporting documentation (transcripts for grades 10th and up) is on file at Student Services. Selections are done using a computerized lottery process, one application per student. Selections will depend on space availability in a program. Theme school applications can be located at the following locations:

- **grps.org/enrollment**
- **Student Services Department**  
*1331 Franklin St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49501*
- **At your neighborhood school**

### WAIT LIST

If there are more applicants than available seats, those students will be placed on a wait list. If additional seats become available after the lottery has been conducted, the seats will be filled from applicants on the wait list.

- Students who are selected will receive notification by mail.
- Students who are not selected are placed on a wait list, notification will be sent by mail.

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# SELECTION PROCESS THEME SCHOOLS

Theme schools follow a distinctive curriculum based on a special theme or method of instruction, encourage voluntary selection by the student and parent and may, when appropriate, provide access to students who live outside of the school district. **Theme schools also promote and encourage a diverse student population.**

## THEME SCHOOLS

- **C.A. Frost Environmental Science Academy** (K–9th)
- **Coit Creative Arts Academy** (K–5th)
- **Gerald R. Ford Academic Center** (K–8th)
- **Grand Rapids Montessori** (PK3–8th)  
*Students who have Montessori experience will be given preference after sibling preference based on space availability.*
- **Grand Rapids Public Museum School** (6th–7th) *One grade will be added per year until school is grades 6-12*
- **North Park Montessori** (PK3–8th)  
*Students who have Montessori experience will be given preference after sibling preference based on space availability.*
- **Sherwood Park Global Students Academy** (K–8th)
- **Southwest Community Campus** (K–8th)

## OVERVIEW OF SELECTION PROCESS

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When applying to **C.A. Frost Environmental Science Academy (PreK)** or **Gerald R. Ford Academic Center (PreK)**, please contact the Early Childhood office at 616.819.2111

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## INTERVIEW

**Gerald R. Ford Academic Center** and **Grand Rapids Public Museum School** applicants will be required to complete a parent/student interview as part of the selection process.

## SIBLING PREFERENCE

It is the intent of the Grand Rapids Public Schools to avoid separating siblings when possible. Siblings of students enrolled in a theme school will be eligible for the selection process if the parent completes a theme school application for the student and if the space is available in the requested theme school.

- For the purposes of this provision a “sibling” includes a brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister living in the same household for which the parent(s) has been named the legal guardian. In the case of foster children, this sibling preference applies to related siblings within the household.
- If a sibling is already enrolled in the Theme School to which his/her sibling applies, and the sibling will continue to be enrolled in the Theme School for the coming school year, GRPS will give a preference to the sibling to attend the Theme School. To be eligible for the sibling preference the parent or guardian must submit an application to their choice Theme School by the designated application deadline.
- If applicants are twins/triplets (multiples) and one twin/triplet (multiple) is accepted through the lottery, the other twin/triplet (multiple) will also be accepted into the program if they also applied to the same school and are qualified.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided only within the District theme school guidelines for every eligible child attending a theme school (See transportation policy)