



SY23-24 School Without Walls High School Admissions Process Rubric

For Grades: 9-12

About the School Without Walls Admissions Criteria: The student who succeeds at School Without Walls High School is responsible, confident, takes initiative, comes to school daily, focuses on academics, and demands their education. Additionally, students who are successful at School Without Walls are independent, have strong time management skills, and are interested in being a global citizen.

About the School Without Walls Admissions Process: At School Without Walls, we require all applicants to meet a minimum 3.0 GPA, based on their final grades from the previous school year. For 9th grade, the top students with the highest GPA on a 4.0 scale (3.0 minimum required) will be invited to participate in an interview. Students who are invited to interview must participate to move through the process. Interviews for 10th-12th grade will be conducted based on the number of available seats for the upcoming school year and the number of applications received. In addition to an interview score, students receive a score based on their GPA.

Each component of the admissions process is scored and weighted according to the chart below. These two scores are combined to provide each student with a cumulative application score. All students who complete the interview will be eligible and ranked by their cumulative application score.

Admissions Component	Weight	Notes
Report Card Review (Minimum 3.0 GPA)	Threshold criteria	School Without Walls reviews only grades as part of the report card review. At School Without Walls, we require that incoming applicants have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on the final report card of the previous school year, to ensure incoming students are prepared for success in our rigorous program. For 9 th grade, the top students with the highest GPAs will be invited to interview. See here for more information on how GPA was calculated last year, which will remain the same for SY23-24.
Based on GPA, the top students in each grade with a 3.0 or higher are invited to participate in an interview.		



Interview	~86% (31/36 points)	<p>School Without Walls believes strongly in identifying students with a passion for our program and commitment to community and who demonstrate perseverance.</p> <p>Top students based on GPA will be invited, along with their parent/guardian, for a panel interview. The parent/guardian is not scored in this process. The panel consists of faculty, staff, and current students. We ask that students and parents do their best by being themselves!</p> <p>All applicant interviews will be assessed on the same internal rubric, with interview scores counting for ~86% of a student's score.</p> <p>Based on health guidance and family circumstances, interviews may be conducted virtually for SY23-24, on an as needed basis and based on the circumstance. DCPS remains committed to monitoring and following health guidance.</p>
GPA Score	~14% (5/36 points)	<p>All students who complete the interview will be provided with an additional score based on their GPA, along the following scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.8 and higher – 5 points• 3.5 - 3.79– 4 points• 3.2 - 3.49 – 3 points• 3.0 - 3.19 – 2 points
<p>Interview and GPA scores are added together to give each student a cumulative application score. All students who complete the interview are eligible and are ranked according to the cumulative application score.</p>		