

SY25-26 and SY26-27 Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC) Admissions Process Rubric

For Grades: 9-12

Note: This rubric will be in effect for SY25-26 and SY26-27 admissions.

Columbia Heights Education Campus Admissions Criteria: At Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC), we are looking to develop multilingual and intellectually curious scholars who are dedicated to lifelong learning, have a passion for contributing to the community, and who are on the quest for social justice. We find the most successful applicants are those who have a growth mindset and those in constant pursuit of excellence and innovation.

CHEC Admissions Process: Our admissions process includes interest surveys, two (2) teacher recommendations, and a report card review; all of which must be submitted via the My School DC lottery application. In addition, the applicant is requested to participate in an interview. No single admissions component will be the sole determinant of eligibility.

For Current CHEC 8th Grade Applicants

CHEC offers both a neighborhood and programmatic feeder by-right middle school in grades 6-8, and a selective high school in grades 9-12.

All applicants who complete 8th grade at CHEC have the right to enroll in CHEC for 9th grade without submitting a My School DC application.

Each component of the application process is scored and weighted according to the chart below. All applicants who receive a minimum total score of 70/100 will be considered eligible for admissions, and based on demand and seat availability, additional applicants with cumulative scores below 70 may also be deemed eligible for admissions. All eligible applicants are ranked according to the total number of points earned.

Admissions Component	Weight	Notes
Report Card Review (includes GPA and attendance)	30/100 points	<p>CHEC reviews grades and attendance as part of the report card review. All applicants are asked to submit both their first quarter report card for the current year and their final prior year report card. There is no minimum average or attendance rate required, but a report card must be submitted for the application to be marked as complete and considered for admission.</p> <p>Typically, applicants who are prepared to succeed at CHEC have a 2.5 GPA or higher and an attendance rate of 90% or higher.</p>

		Please note for grades 11 and 12, applicants must submit their official high school transcript to ensure they have enough credits and will be on track to graduating on time because CHEC mandates 28 Carnegie units .
Interview	25/100 points	<p>CHEC believes strongly in identifying applicants with a passion for academics, languages, and equity; a commitment to community; and who can demonstrate resilience and perseverance all while in the quest for social justice. To gain a clear insight into the student’s academic needs and abilities, we request that only the prospective applicants participate in the interview portion of the application process.</p> <p>During the interview, CHEC looks to identify prospective students' personality, interests, values and aspirations, as well as gain knowledge of the student's family and home life. Finally, they also hope to determine what skills the student will be bringing into the classroom.</p> <p>Based on health guidance and family circumstances, interviews may be requested to be conducted virtually for SY25-26.</p>
Interest Surveys	15/100 points (Scored for completion only)	<p>The interest surveys are submitted within the My School DC application and points are awarded solely based on submission/completion. All applicants must complete this component as part of My School DC lottery application.</p> <p>The surveys are used to gain insight on the prospective student, what they may hope to get from their school experience, and what they may bring to the school community. In addition, the interest surveys will help aid in the scheduling of the prospective student and will help determine academic academy participation/placement.</p>
Recommendations	30/100 points	<p>CHEC uses recommendations to better understand a prospective student’s experience at school and to provide context to their report card.</p> <p>CHEC requests two (2) recommendations total. If only one is completed by the requested teacher, we will assess the student based on the one recommendation submitted. If no recommendations are submitted, then the school will reallocate the points to the Report Card review and Interview.</p> <p>We strongly encourage applicants and families to follow up with the teachers submitting recommendations on their behalf to ensure the school can gather as much information as possible on the applicant.</p>
<p>All applicants who receive 70 points or higher will be eligible for admission.</p> <p>All eligible applicants are ranked according to the total number of points earned.</p>		