

SY26-27 Anacostia Early College Admissions Process Rubric

For Grades: 9

Note: This rubric will be in effect for SY26-27 admissions cycle.

Program Overview

The mission at Anacostia Early College is to empower students to rethink systems and structures by promoting integrity, social equity, and economic prosperity for all learners through challenging, hands-on, collaborative learning experiences. Anacostia emphasizes leadership, integrity, and social equity, aiming to equip students with the skills to address societal challenges through hands-on, collaborative learning and social innovation. The school believes its students are stewards of their community and encourages them to actively contribute to the revitalization of their neighborhoods and beyond.

To support this, Anacostia offers an early college program. The applicant who succeeds in Anacostia Early College is a leader, who displays strong time management skills, comes to school daily, and is committed and has pride in their work ethic.

Program Details

Anacostia Early College is a program within Anacostia High School that empowers students to simultaneously earn their high school diploma and an associate degree in engineering from the University of District of Columbia (UDC). We are eager to admit new students into our latest cohort. These students should be equipped to handle the rigor of the program. All applicants will be required to submit final 24-25 and first quarter 25-26 report cards as well as the two recommendation letters. Designated school staff will review the report cards for all applicants to determine a minimum threshold GPA on a 4.0 scale. [GPA is calculated in accordance with the DCPS grading policy](#). All recommendation content and scores are confidential and will not be shared with anyone including applicants, families, or staff at the student's current school, etc. Applicants who are invited to interview will also participate in an on-site writing sample. Accommodations may be requested for any portion of the admissions process, and families may contact the Admissions Director/POC to discuss accommodation options.

Each component of the admissions process is scored and weighed according to the chart below. The scores from each component of the admissions process are combined to provide each applicant with a cumulative application score. Applicants must receive a minimum total score of 70 out of 100 points to be considered eligible for admission. Applicants who score below 70 may also be deemed eligible. All eligible applicants will receive equal ranking for determination in the My School DC Lottery. **Specific details related to an applicant's admissions process and eligibility results will remain confidential.**

Admissions Component	Weight	Notes
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	(applicants earn up to ## of total points)	
Report Card Review	20/100 points	<p>Anacostia High School reviews only grades as part of the report card review. Although we do not have a minimum GPA requirement for our Early College program, we are looking for incoming applicants who are prepared for success in the school's rigorous program.</p> <p>We have found that applicants who are successful in our program usually enter with a 2.0 or higher GPA. However, we have also found that applicants with lower GPAs have been able to find success with the right support and strategies.</p> <p>GPA is calculated per the DCPS grading policy.</p> <p>Please note that the Anacostia High School team may reach out to school counselors, deans, school leaders, etc., to receive conversion scales or context to aid in reviewing the report cards in accordance with the DCPS grading policy. The school reviews all applicants using the same process, including international students.</p>
Recommendation Letter Review	30/100 points	<p>Anacostia High School uses recommendation letters to better understand an applicant's experience at school and to provide context to their academic outcomes. Recommendations are a critical element to getting to know an applicant and their experiences. Anacostia High School requests two (2) recommendations, each worth a maximum of 30 points (15 points per recommendation).</p> <p>All recommendation content and scores are confidential and will not be shared with anyone including applicants, families, and staff at the student's current school.</p> <p>Applicants can log into their My School DC lottery application to check the status of their recommendation submissions at any time and can send reminders to recommenders. Regular notifications are sent to recommenders and families when a recommendation is missing or incomplete. Applicants and families are strongly encouraged to follow up with the individuals submitting recommendations on their behalf and to check the accuracy of recommender emails. Missing recommendations ultimately will receive zero points.</p>

All applicants are invited to participate in an interview.		
Family Interview	40/100 points	<p>Anacostia High School strives to identify applicants with a passion for learning, commitment to community, and who demonstrate perseverance.</p> <p>All applicants, along with their parent/guardian, are invited for a 20–25-minute panel interview. The interview panel consists of faculty, staff, and current students. Applicants and parents are encouraged to do their best by being themselves.</p> <p>The accompanying adult’s participation is not factored into scoring. Students for whom an accompanying adult is unable to participate will not be penalized.</p>
On-Site Writing Prompt (completed during the interview)	10/100 points	<p>Applicants will also be required to complete an on-site writing prompt on the same day as the interview. The purpose of the writing prompt is for Anacostia High School to assess each candidate’s skills as they relate to written expression, use of language, and conventions.</p> <p>The on-site writing prompt is administered via paper to each candidate at the completion of their interview.</p>
<p>Report card review, recommendation letter, interview, and writing sample scores are added together to give each applicant a cumulative application score.</p> <p>All eligible applicants will receive equal ranking for determination in the My School DC Lottery.</p>		