

Your

Gifted and Talented Program

Grades 2-8



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These schools offer an accelerated program for students with extraordinary talents in academics, visual arts, performing arts, and physical education who demonstrate a desire and commitment to excel.



The G & T Program Today

Two Gifted and Talented Schools

- **William F. Halloran School No. 22**
 - Principal, Lauerin Gareis
 - Grades 2-8
- **Terence C. Reilly School No. 7**
 - Principal, Jenny Costa Reguinho
 - Grades 2-8

G/T Program Essentials

- Grade Span: Grades 2-8
- Locations: School No. 7 - 436 First Avenue
School No. 22 - 612 Pulaski Street
- School Day: 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Transportation: Available (*must be 2.0 miles from school)
- Gifted and Talented applicants apply for Program not individual schools



Our Gifted and Talented Schools Are Among The Best in The Nation

Terence C. Reilly School No. 7



- Designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education - 2011, 2019
- Designated a National School of Character - 2018
- Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the NJ Department of Education - 2013
- Named NJ Model School in the Arts - 2013
- Designated an NJ Reward School - 2011-2017

William F. Halloran School No. 22



- Designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education - 1997, 2006, 2014
- Designated a National School of Character - 2020
- Designated a National Title I Distinguished School by the NJ Department of Education - 2015
- Designated a Microsoft Showcase School - 2018, 2019, 2020
- Designated an NJ Reward School - 2011-2017

G&T Parental Contract

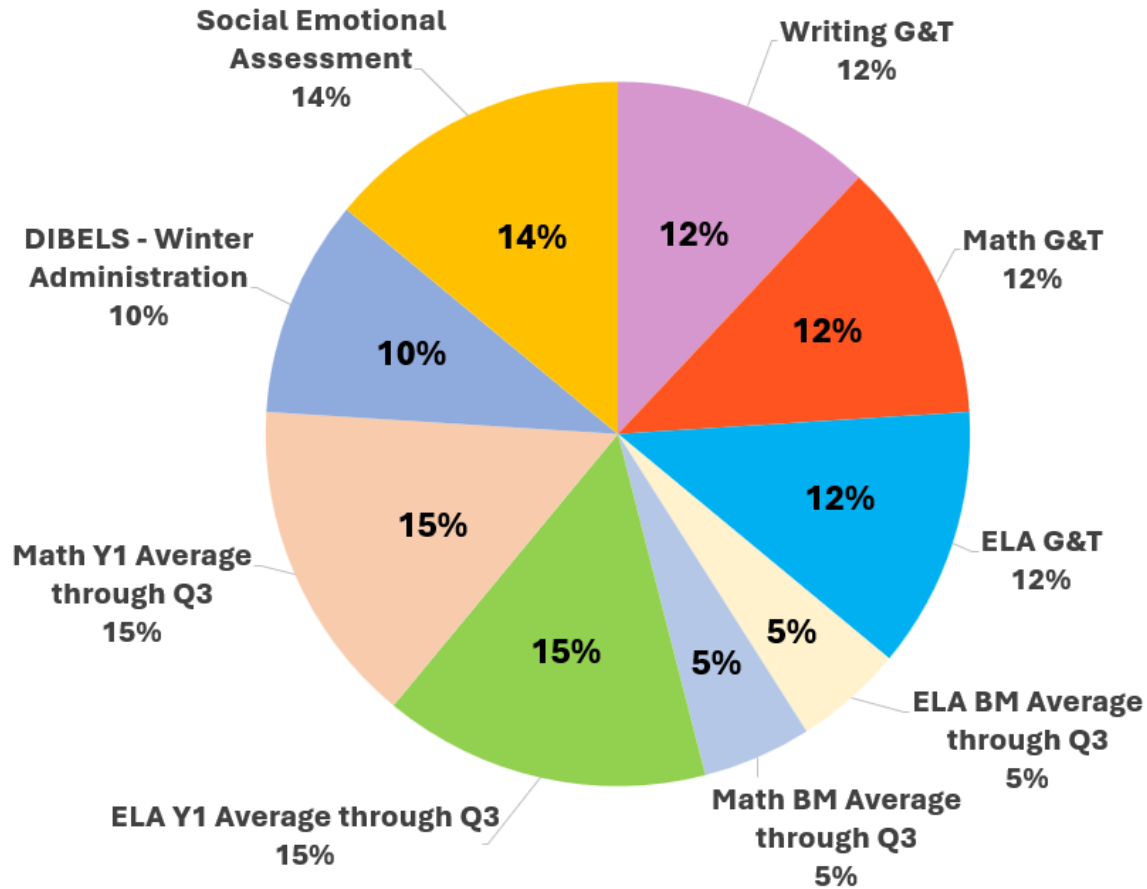
- Academic Rigor
 - *Accelerated Math Program beginning in 2nd grade*
- Mandatory G&T Uniform
- Attendance/ Tardiness Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Letter of Commitment

G&T Components of Focus

- Academics
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Visual Arts
 - All students (General Education, English Language Learners, Students with 504 & IEP plans) are eligible to apply to the G&T program.
 - Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Visual Arts teachers identify students with talent and aptitude within their specific content area and will communicate with the families of those students to apply.

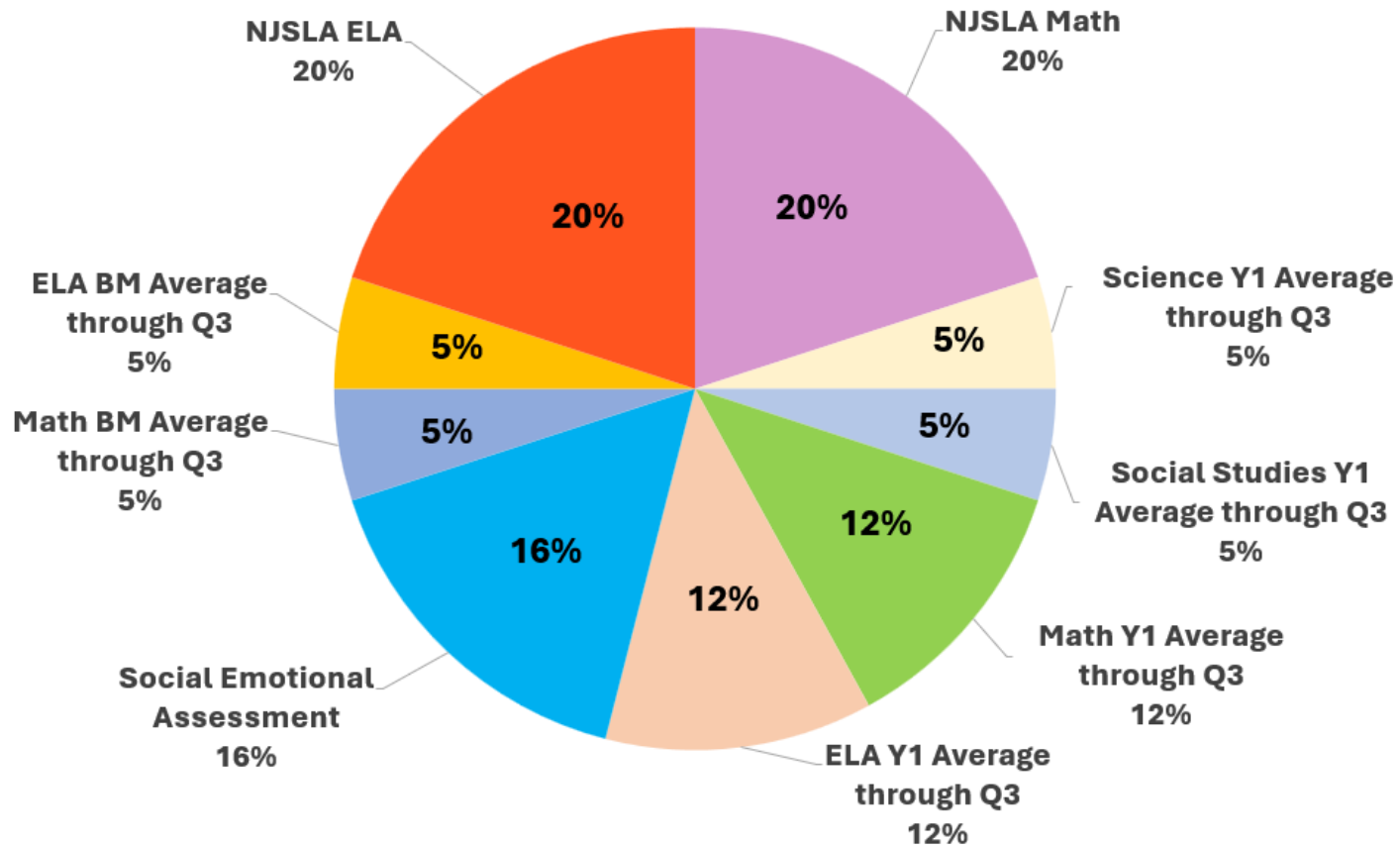
Academic Student Selection

Index Score Incoming Grades 2- 4



Academic Student Selection

Index Score Incoming Grades 5-7



Performing Arts Student Selection

Criteria

- Student's grades in their music classes based on their average for MPI and MPIO. Projects and performance-based assessments, as well as the benchmark assessment for MPIO.
- Students that are selected and recognized by their home-school teachers based on their performance in class and ensembles.
- Students that demonstrate a propensity in Vocal and/or Instrumental music performance.

Index Score

- A rubric will be used to identify the following areas:
 1. Tone Quality
 2. Intonation
 3. Rhythm
 4. Dynamics
 5. Articulation
 6. Phrasing
 7. Expression
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II, & MP III
- Overall yearly average in component for the 2025-2026 School Year
- Social Emotional assessment
- Portfolio Assessment

Physical Education Student Selection

Criteria

Student Benchmarks

- Advanced Proficient in physical education

Student Recognition

- By home school physical education teachers and coaches based on performance in:
 - Class
 - Athletics Teams

Student Demonstrates

- Propensity in physical literacy (force production, reduction & stabilization in general movement)

Index Score

Performance Assessment

- Physical Education performance test w/rubric to identify the ability to satisfactorily complete the grade band specific assessment.
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II & MP III
- Overall yearly average in Component for the 2025-2026 School Year
- Social Emotional assessment
- Portfolio Assessment

Visual Arts Student Selection

Criteria

- Students Grades in their art classes based on their project-based assessments, as well as benchmark assessment.
- Students that are recognized by their home-school teachers based on their Complexity and Elaboration (Ability to relate information about subject matter or idea in details and/or space in art pieces)
- Students that can include Critical judgment and self-reflection about the qualities of a personal work of art.

Index Score

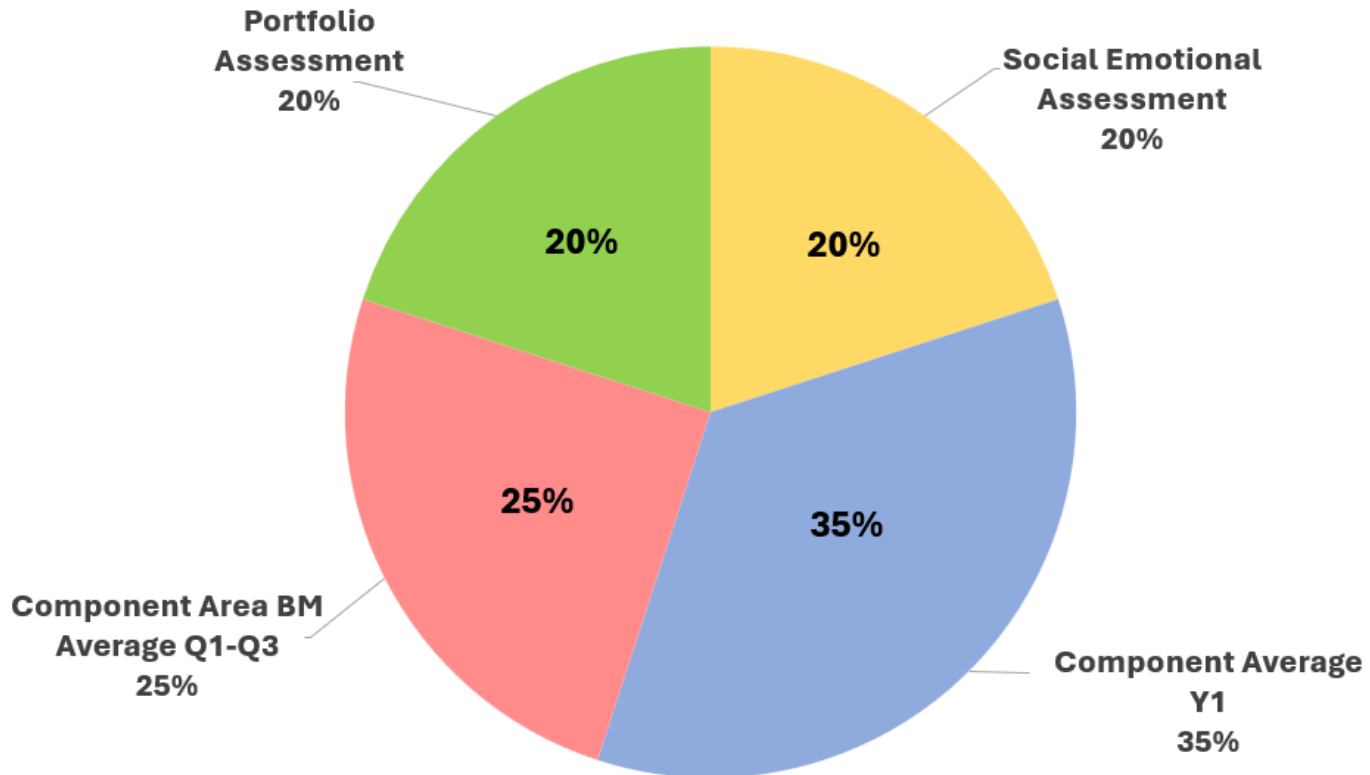
• **Art Entrance Exam**

A rubric will be used to identify the following areas:

1. Elements of Art- Comprehension of use in a Project as a whole.
 2. Planning and Organization of Work
 3. Craftsmanship
 4. Self-Reliance and Initiative
 5. Project Extension and Application
- Benchmark for MP I, MP II, & MP III
 - Overall yearly average in Art for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - Portfolio Review
 - Social Emotional assessment

Physical Education, Art and Music

Index Score Incoming Grades 2-7



G&T Application Process

- Online Application Process opens **2/25/26 - 4/10/26**
2026 Gifted and Talented Application will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Due date: April 10, 2026
- Notifications of admission via letter in PowerSchool: end of June 2026
- Key information to have when applying:
 - Parent PowerSchool Account Needed
- Randomized student selection for School No. 22 and School No. 7

G&T Application Process

- All applications must be submitted using the Parent Portal in PowerSchool.
- If you do not have a PowerSchool account, you must have one created to apply.
- You can reach out to your current school guidance counselor for your Access ID and Password for account setup and create one.

G&T Entrance Testing

Exam Dates

Saturday, April 11, 2026	Sessions 10:00AM & 12:00 PM	Place: School 7 & 22
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Grades 1, 2 and 3

G&T Application Process for Non-current EPS Students

All non-current EPS students who reside in Elizabeth, NJ need to visit the Children's Welcome Center to start the registration and application process:

Children's Welcome Center Grades K-8
507 Westminster Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Email: WelcomeCenterK8@epsnj.org

Phone: (908) 552-7500



G&T Application Process for Non-EPS Students

Proof of residency required

Registration — *Required Documents* for all Grades (Pre-K through 12)

The child's birth certificate, his/her immunization records, physical examination (within one year), if new to the United States of America, tuberculosis (TB) testing is required, and proof of residency as listed below.

Please provide **one** of the following to meet your five point requirement:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Property Tax Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Affidavit (form 6-C)" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Lease or 5-C form | |

Four of the following (All must have your name and address)

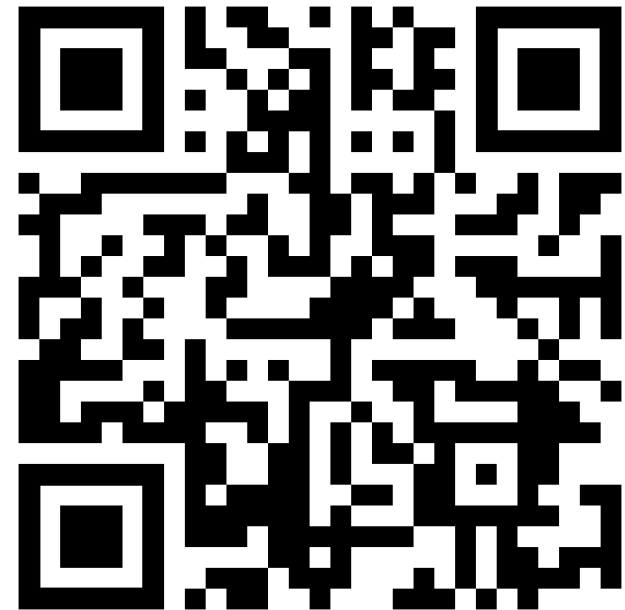
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued Identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Gas bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Electrical Bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Cable Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Water/sewer Bill | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Cell Phone Bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paystub from Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement |

How to Apply Through PowerSchool

Sign in to PowerSchool Parent Portal

Web Browser

<https://epsnj.powerschool.com/public/>



PowerSchool SIS

Student and Parent Sign In

[Sign In](#) [Create Account](#)

Select Language: English

Username: duckdonald

Password: ●●●●●●

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

[Sign In](#)

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Navigate to the Application Form

Web Browser

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS interface. At the top, the logo 'PowerSchool SIS' is on the left, and the user information 'Welcome, Donald Duck HR: Tech123, Counselor: , | Help | Site Map | Sign Out' is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: Dewey, Huey, Louie. The main content area is titled 'School Form Listing for Duck, Dewey' and has tabs for 'General Forms', 'Class Forms', 'Enrollment', and 'Student Support'. A red box highlights the 'Forms' item in the left navigation menu, labeled '2.'. The 'Gifted and Talented Application 2026' form is highlighted with a red box, labeled '3.'. The form title 'Gifted and Talented Application 2026' is also highlighted with a red box, labeled '4.'. The form description reads: 'The gifted and talented program is for students with extraordinary talents in academics, visual arts, performing arts, and physical education who demonstrate a desire and commitment to excel in an accelerated and rigorous program.' A 'Not Started' status indicator is visible next to the form title.

1. Select a Student
2. Click on Forms
3. Search for "Gifted and Talented Application 2026"
4. Click on the application form

How to Apply Through PowerSchool

Select a Language
(If needed)

Web Browser

Gifted and Talented Application Title I Parent Compact Youth Athletic Saturday Program Grades 1-8 Winter 20

There are no previous responses to this form

Gifted and Talented Application
The gifted and talented program is for students with extraordinary talents in academics, visual arts, performing arts, physical education who demonstrate a desire and commitment to excel in an accelerated and rigorous program.

Student: Duck, Dewey Grade 5 Homeroom Tech123 ID 303237

Current Mailing Address on file 500 2nd Avenue, FL1 Elizabeth NJ 07202 *
Please note if your mailing information above is incorrect, you must provide your child's school with the required documentation to show proof of residency.

YES I acknowledge the mailing address information above is correct
 NO I acknowledge the mailing address information above is incorrect and will provide my child's school the required documentation to show proof of residency

Student Primary phone contact number(s) on file is/are: - 908-123-4567 *
Please note if your phone contact numbers listed above are incorrect, you may update them using the Contact Information Update Form.

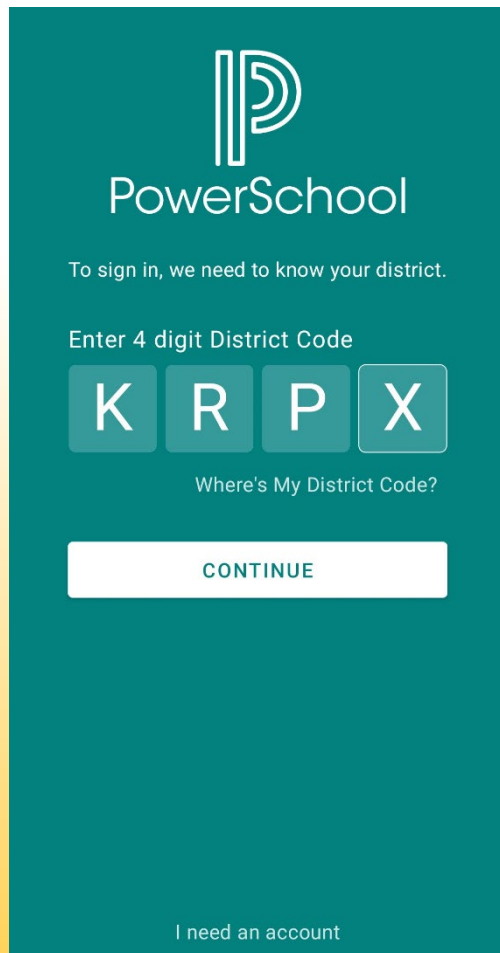
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Narrative *
Use the Space provided below to explain why you feel Dewey would be a good candidate for the Gifted and Talented Program. Feel free to tell about Dewey special interests, talents, accomplishments, hobbies, extra school activities, etc. You might also want to include some comments about your own expectations for Dewey and our program.

English - English
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Portuguese - Português
Spanish - Español

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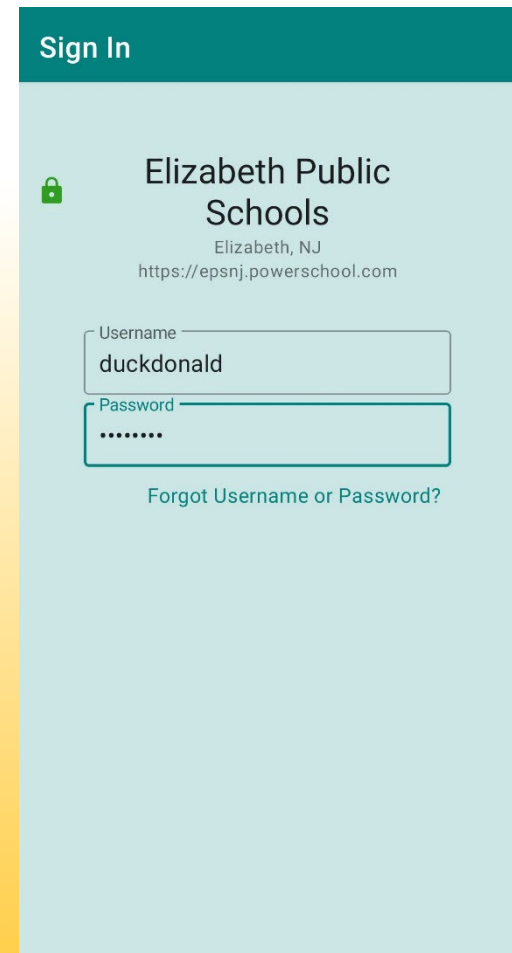


The screenshot shows the PowerSchool login interface. At the top is the PowerSchool logo. Below it, the text reads "To sign in, we need to know your district." followed by "Enter 4 digit District Code". Four buttons containing the letters K, R, P, and X are displayed in a row. Below the buttons is the text "Where's My District Code?". A white "CONTINUE" button is centered at the bottom. At the very bottom, there is a link that says "I need an account".

Use District Code: **KRPX**

Mobile App

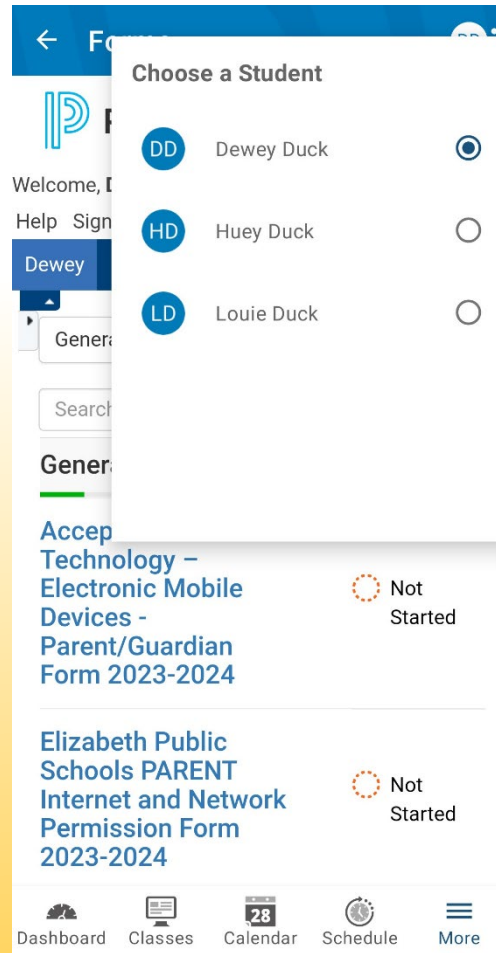
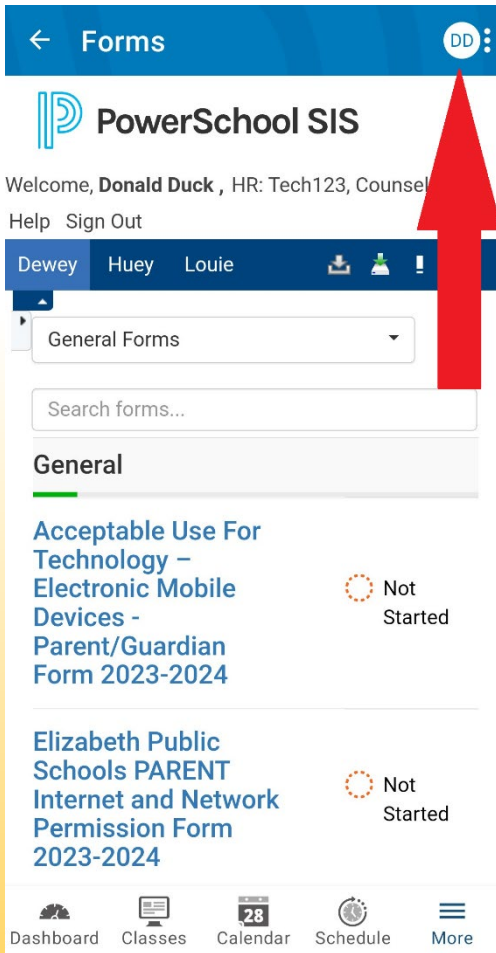
PowerSchool App available on the Google and Apple Appstore



The screenshot shows the mobile app sign-in screen. At the top is a dark teal header with the text "Sign In". Below the header is a lock icon and the text "Elizabeth Public Schools", "Elizabeth, NJ", and "https://epsnj.powerschool.com". There are two input fields: "Username" with the text "duckdonald" and "Password" with masked characters ".....". Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?".

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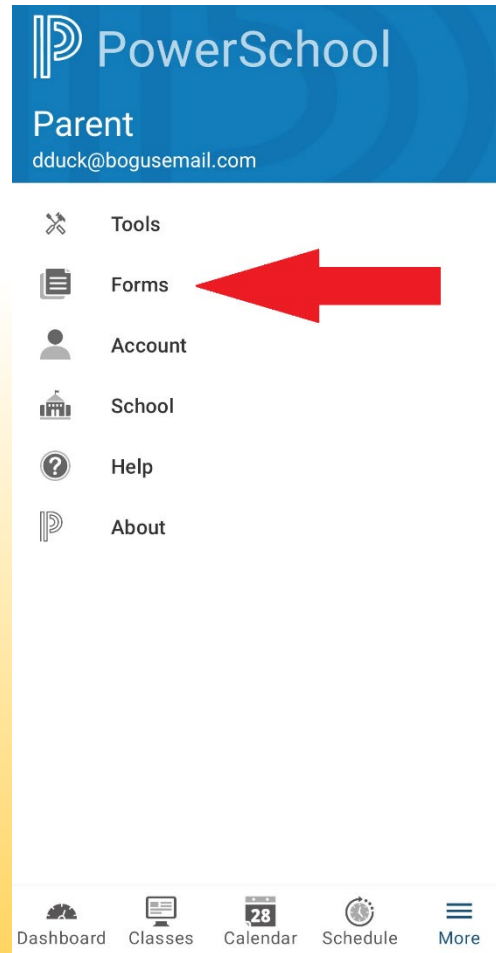
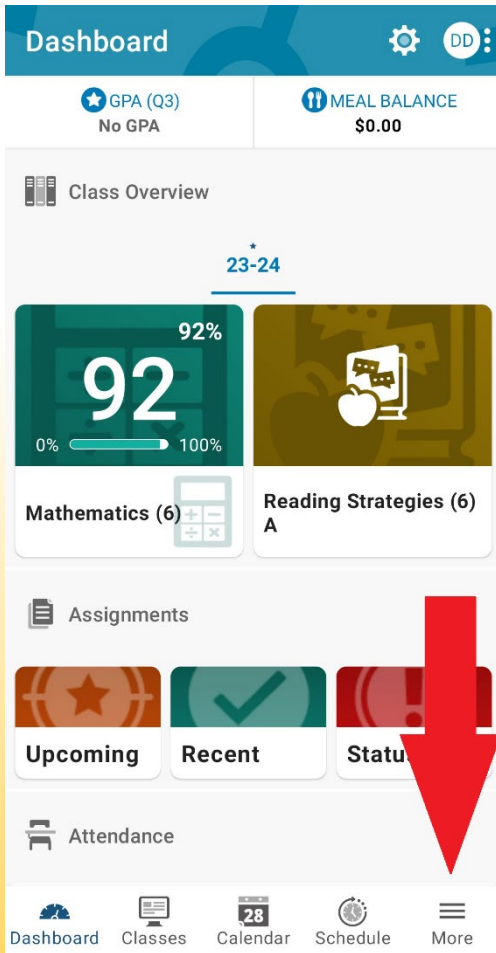


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1. Tap on the top right button
2. Select a Student

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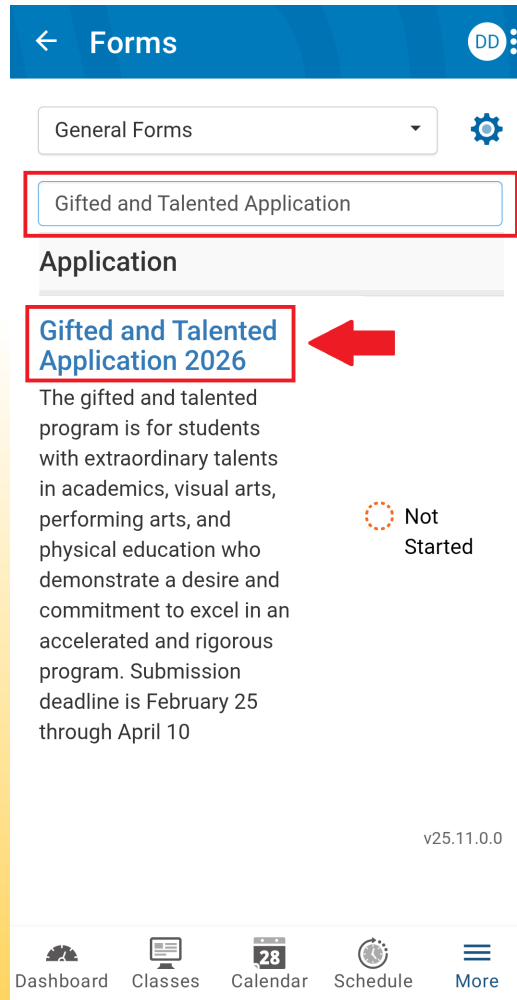
Mobile App

3. Tap on More

4. Tap on Forms

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Mobile App

5. Search for "Gifted and Talented Application 2026"
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Select a Language (If needed)

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Dashboard Classes Calendar Schedule More

Mobile App

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PowerSchool SIS

Welcome, Donald Duck, HR: 1-110, Counselor: , Help
Sign Out

Dewey Huey Louie

Creole

English

Portuguese

Spanish

acelerado y riguroso. El plazo de presentación es del 21 de febrero al 12 de abril.

Estudiante: Duck, Huey Nivel de grado 3
Homeroom 1-110 ID 303235

**Dirección postal actual en el archivo 700 2nd
Avenue Elizabeth NJ 07202**

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Fill Out and Submit the Form

Web Browser

- I agree that my child will be removed from the Gifted and Talented Program if the Gifted and Talented Committee determines that he/she does not comply with the previously stated requirements.
- I understand that students are required to wear school uniforms.
- *
 - I AGREE and acknowledge I have read the parent agreement above and that I want my child to be considered for the gifted and talented program
 - I DISAGREE with the the parent agreement and do not want my child to be considered for the gifted and talented program

Submit

Mobile App

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athletic and behavioral standards are the cornerstones of the Gifted and Talented program and that my child will be re-evaluated quarterly to determine if he/she is maintaining the standards necessary to remain in the Gifted and Talented Program.

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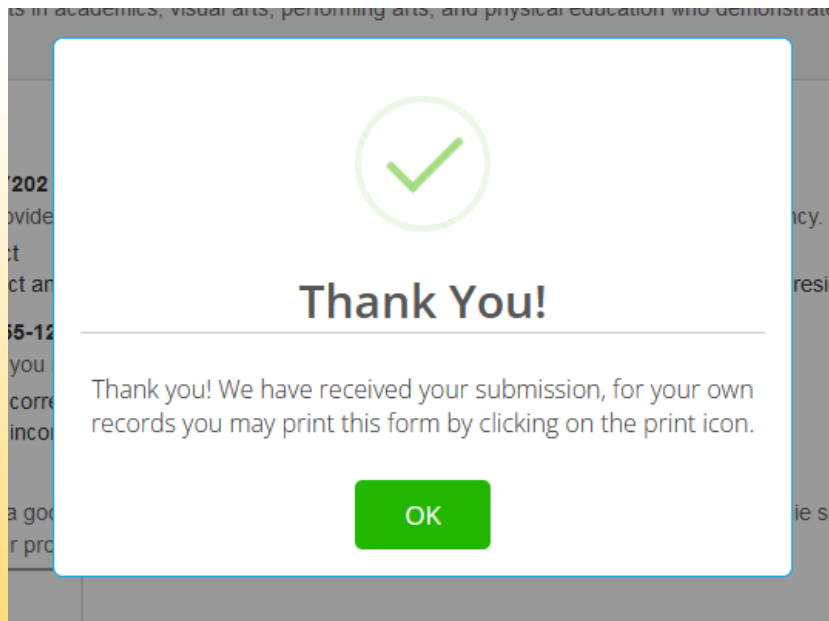
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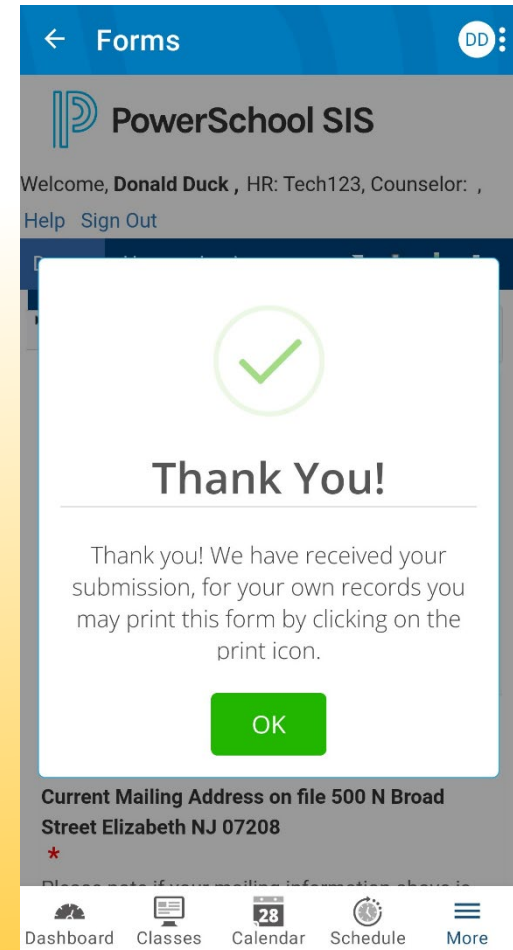
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You will receive a
Confirmation Message

Web Browser



Mobile App



Frequently Asked Questions?



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Can I select a specific school, either School 22 or School 7?

- Unfortunately, no. Parents apply to the G&T program, not the specific school.
- If there is a sibling that already attends that school, the school principal will try their best to accommodate the family, but it depends if there is an opening for that grade level. It is not guaranteed.

Does my child have to take an entrance exam?

- **Only students currently in grades 1, 2, and 3 will take the G & T assessment.**

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The selection process will be determined by other metrics, which include report card grades, benchmark grades, portfolio assessments, and a behavior rubric completed by the child's current teacher.

Can bilingual students apply to the program? Can students with IEP's and 504's apply?

Yes, they can. All students are encouraged to apply!

QUESTIONS?



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