

After Lottery Release Day

Frequent Q&A

1. I got an offer a seat from your campus, what do I do next?
 - Parents who were offered a seat on 1/27/2022 (Notification Day) have until **February 10th** to submit their documentation. Applicants who have NOT submitted your documents by this deadline 11:59p.m. will be declined. On February 11th 2022, applicants can be moved up from the waitlist if there are still seats available. These applicants have 3 days to submit their documentation before being declined and the next person moved up.
 - Please make sure to check your email and make sure the email address is valid.
2. How to accept the seat and next steps:
 - Log in to SmartChoice website, you should be able to see you have been offered a seat (either from MIMS or other school)
 - You MUST upload the proof of residence and Sign the Entrance Agreement (EA) on SmartChoice to complete the seat acceptance process.
 - The resident's current **electric bill, natural gas bill, City of Houston water bill**, or a valid lease agreement (if the residence is an apartment). Utilities may be included in some lease agreements.
 - It must be within 30 days from the day being contacted.
 - The Bill must show one of the parents
 - After you complete the two steps above. We will verify the proof of residence and signed EA. Then we will confirm your seat.

- If new to HISD - Once the seat is confirmed by us, we will begin to contact you for registration for 2022-23 school year. (Timeline around the week before spring break March 7-11.2022)

3. I applied for 2nd – 8th grade. Why was my student’s application declined?

If your student applied to any level except for PK, Kinder 1st, or 6th grades, they were required to take the screener test and pass at a certain level in order to qualify for our program. The screener test date has already passed and there are no retakes. If your student did not attend the screener or attended the screener but did not pass, then the application was declined.

4. What about PK lottery or PK results?

PK phase 1 does not close until March 11th and the PK lottery release date is May 11th, 2022. We have not processed all the applications yet.

5. On the PK application, what does “qualified pending” mean?

“Qualified pending” means you chose “language proficiency” as the qualifier for non-tuition on your child’s PK applications.

“Qualified pending” status will still be able to attend lottery. Once your child is picked by the lottery, we will contact you and schedule an initial English language test for your child. If the result identified the student as EL (English Learner), we will confirm your seat. If the result identified the student as EP (English proficient) and you do not qualify under any of the other criteria for non-tuition, we would decline your seat.

GT students at MIMS

Each GT student will have a GEP (Gifted Education Plan) created by their homeroom teacher. The information is posted on PowerSchool. In GEP, it will

contain the information regarding how teachers support your child. The GEP is filled out by their homeroom teacher, but if you'd like to meet with all your child's teachers to make another education plan for your child, you can schedule a parent-teacher conference. In the GEP, teachers will include one information regarding how to support GT students' learning, which is the next item that I'm going to talk about.

In MIMS, we're following HISD policy to use Renzulli Profiler to provide differentiated assignments and tasks. When students use Renzulli for the first time, they'd be asked to do an interest survey. If your child has done the interest survey(Renzulli Profiler) in the previous school year, his(her) current homeroom teacher should be able to the survey. This interest survey will help teachers identify each student's gifted and talented areas and provide work that meet students' interest to further develop their gift and talent. The information of Renzulli is included in the GEP as well.

FAQ

1. Do I need to meet with teachers for my child's GEP?

No, you don't need to meet with teachers if you think the current GEP is fit for your child.

2. What if I want to add something more to my child's GEP?

Please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher and invite all the teachers to form an education plan for your child.

3. How to access to Renzulli?

If your child is qualified for GT, he(she) can find Renzulli from his(her) Clever. Please see attached to learn how to access to Clever and Renzulli.

Middle school ONLY:

Regarding to GT middle school

The current campus GT differentiation is done via Renzulli. Assigned homeroom teachers should have assigned students projects based on their interest survey, which students take when they first log in Renzulli. Parents can also discuss with teachers other than homeroom teachers to plan their Gifted Education Plan (GEP).

Each student is working on different GT projects based on their interest survey and what their homeroom teacher assigned.

Regarding to Advance Chinese

For 2021-22 school year, Middle school advance track teacher integrate a lot of AP Chinese preparation materials into their daily lessons, so they must learn current lessons along with doing speaking/ writing/ reading/ listening practices to enhance their skills targeted in AP Chinese exam.

More information regarding Middle school

- Order of lessons are different from 2021-22 school year
- More elective selections **tentative**
(When can students start to choose? Late spring)
 - Journalism / Students news - Silveria
 - Fine Arts (Dance, Theater, Arts)
 - Computer Coding - Wang/T.Liu
 - Study Hall - Muralee
 - Calligraphy - YC Wang/T.Liu
 - Speech/public speaking (McGahey)
 - Sports (Taylor)
- Every student will see Chinese teacher daily
- Chinese students will be placed with same proficiency level