

Whittle

SCHOOL & STUDIOS

1. Who is eligible to apply for Whittle School & Studios?

We are eager to support each candidate interested in applying to our campuses. All families are eligible to apply to age-appropriate grades on either of our campuses. In addition, we are proud to welcome full boarding for students beginning in our Grade 8 program. Students from the local and regional areas can choose from either our 5-day or our full boarding programs. You can begin an application at any time, but we encourage you to first fill out an [inquiry form](#) and join us for an [Information Event](#) at one of our two Whittle School & Studios Information Centers in Washington, D.C. or Shenzhen, China.

2. What materials should I submit for *Share Your World*?

Applicants have the opportunity to share something that helps us get to know you better, such as:

- Your student resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Your student extracurricular resume cataloguing your interests and community engagement
- An image that is special to you
- A short piece of multimedia
- A sample of creative writing or graded academic writing
- Anything else that you feel best reflects you

3. What is the *Conversation*?

After you submit the Basic Application in Ravenna, you will be able to schedule your Conversation. Meeting applicant families is one of the most valuable and collaborative aspects of our admission process. We believe this experience is more valuable than a traditional interview. It is an opportunity for you to receive support from our team of admission associates, learn more about each other and, most importantly, share your child's ideas, dreams and talents. In order to make the Conversation meaningful, we ask that you complete all Additional Steps prior to meeting with us. This includes parent short answer questions for all applicants and student short answer questions for Lower School, Middle School and Upper School applicants. You may also reach out to us directly at mydcadmission@whittleschool.org to schedule your conversation.

4. How do I submit my teacher recommendations?

Once you have completed the Preliminary Application Steps, you will be able to access the link for teacher recommendations under Additional Steps. We ask that Early Learning Center (ELC) and Lower School students submit one recommendation from their current teacher. Recommendations are not required for all students applying to Preschool - Kindergarten as we understand that some of our younger applicants may not yet attend school. We ask that Upper and Middle school students submit recommendations from their math teacher and English teacher, as well as an optional character reference. Once you input your teacher's email address, they will automatically receive a notification and a link that will allow them to complete the forms.

5. Do you require any assessment or other types of tests?

We are committed to holistically reviewing all candidates for admission. In order to best support our students, the following assessments provide a base understanding of how to best meet the needs of our prospective students. Our test requirements vary based on age, but the general guidelines are below:

- Preschool (Age 3): Playgroup
- PreK through Grade 1: GDO-R (Gesell Developmental Observation - Revised)
- Grade 2 & Grade 3: Whittle Assessment
- Grade 4: ISEE Primary 4* (Independent School Entrance Examination)
- Grade 5 through 10: ISEE* or SSAT* (Secondary School Admissions Test)

*The MAP test may serve as an alternative when circumstances do not allow for the ISEE or SSAT to be taken.

Learn more about the [Gesell Developmental Observation - Revised](#).

Learn more about the [ISEE](#) and complete the registration process.

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6. When are applications due?

Whittle School & Studios anticipates a high level of interest as we approach the campus' inaugural 2019-2020 secure early enrollment. Applications for the Early Decision process are due December 31, 2018. The Regular Decision application deadline is February 15, 2019.

7. What are Whittle policies on financial aid and scholarships?

We offer both need-based financial assistance and merit scholarships. The School and Student Services (SSS) financial aid service will be used to process our financial aid applications. To find out more about the financial assistance application process, please click on the helpful information:

[Financial Assistance Guiding Principles](#)

[How to Apply for Financial Assistance](#)

In addition, please use the following links for more information about our [Founding Whittle Scholars](#) and our commitment to [social responsibility](#). If you have any further questions, please reach out to our Washington, D.C. admission team at mydcadmission@whittleschool.org.

8. Where can I get additional assistance navigating the Ravenna online application platform?

Learn more about Ravenna [here](#), or feel free to contact them directly at help@ravennasolutions.com if you need help with your application. You are also welcome to reach out to us at mydcadmission@whittleschool.org.