



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Secondary Schools

February 7, 2019

Greetings Families,

Thank you for your interest in School Without Walls High School. I am reaching out to share an update regarding admissions criteria for School Year 2019-2020.

Over the last several months, it has been messaged through various channels that students ranked among the top 15 students in their class would be considered for admission as an alternative to meeting the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) scoring criteria. This information was communicated to students and families in error, and we are not able to consider a student's class ranking at this time. **As a result, your student's application does not meet the eligibility requirements necessary to be invited to take the School Without Walls High School admissions test.**

DCPS did not adhere to specific regulatory requirements for publishing changes to admissions criteria, and for this reason, class rankings cannot be considered in the School Without Walls High School admissions process for SY19-20. We want to express our sincerest apologies for the misinformation surrounding any changes to the admissions criteria for SY19-20. The following admissions criteria will remain as is currently posted on the [School Without Walls, DC Public Schools Enrollment](#), and [My School DC](#) websites:

- **Minimum GPA:** Minimum 3.0 GPA in core subjects on final SY17-18 report card
- **Minimum Standardized Test Requirements:** Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any standardized test

DC Public Schools is committed to ensuring equity of access to our schools, and we were very excited about the possibility of introducing new criteria that would expand opportunities for more students, particularly at School Without Walls High School. We are currently working with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) to ensure that we can successfully implement the class standing criterion for next year's lottery period. We take the integrity of the lottery and admissions process seriously, and we are committed to maintaining transparency.

As always, you may change the order of your school selections until March 15 by logging into your [My School DC Account](#), but you will not be able to make any other adjustments to your application, including adding or deleting schools. If you have any questions, please contact the DCPS Enrollment Team at enroll@dc.gov or (202) 442-5559.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to increase access to quality public education for all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O. Stover III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John O. Stover III (Shawn)
Interim Chief, Secondary Schools