

March 1, 2019

Dear Parents:

The ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD) consists of three comprehensive high schools and one academic magnet high school. All four high schools provide excellent university preparation programs for students. Graduates from each of the District's high schools are admitted to prestigious colleges and universities of their choice.

Whitney High School is the academic magnet school in ABC Unified School District. Students interested in attending Whitney High School are required to adhere to the application process.

Current seventh through eleventh grade students who live within the ABC attendance boundaries may indicate an interest in attending Whitney by submitting an application. According to the District policy, invitation to enroll is determined by students' scores on the designated writing test and the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) or a nationally normed reference test approved by ABC.

After test results have been compiled, invitations are only mailed to eligible students who qualify to enroll at Whitney. Recipients have five days to indicate their intent to register. Families who have planned vacation during the last week of July and/or first week of August, please make arrangements to contact Whitney High School during your absence. Information can only be given directly to the parent/guardian of a student. Students not selected for this year's admission are encouraged to submit another Whitney High School application during the open enrollment period next year.

- Students in grades 6th – 11th who reside in ABC, but do not attend a school in ABC and students of ABC Employees who reside out of the District who wish to apply for Whitney must obtain a **green** Whitney application from any ABC school office.
- Students currently attending ABC and in grades 7th -8th who wish to apply for Whitney must obtain a **blue** Whitney application from any ABC school office.
- Students currently attending ABC and in grades 9th – 11th who wish to apply for Whitney must obtain a **yellow** Whitney application from any ABC school office.

The timeline for mailing an application to the District Office is **March 1 to April 12, 2019**.

Completed applications, along with two proof of residency, must be mailed to the ABCUSD District Office - Academic Services Testing Office (16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703) and be postmarked by April 12, 2019. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. (Certified mail is recommended). Proof of residency must include two utility bills (e.g., gas, electric, water). Driver's License and bank statements will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Buss
Director, Secondary Schools
Academic Services



ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION POLICY

for

Other Public and Private Schools

and

Full time ABC Employees Not Residing in ABC District

7th - 12th Grade

(Current 6th –11th Graders)

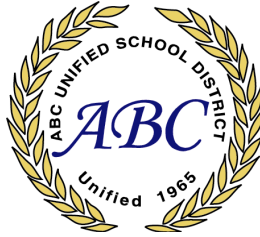
The ABC Unified School District policy for admitting students to the academic magnet high school is very clear and leaves no room for individual interpretation at the school site. The policy is designed to provide admittance to academically qualified students and to include a geographically representative group of students. **Students must live in the ABC attendance area with the exception of children of ABC Employees.** Whitney maintains a constant enrollment; as a result, not every qualifying student is admitted.

I. Instructions for current 6th – 11th grade students who reside in ABC, but do not attend a school in ABC Unified School District and students of ABC Employees who reside out of the district:

- Student must obtain a **green** Whitney Application from any ABC school office.
- The Whitney Applications are available the beginning of March 2019. Interested applicants **must mail** completed application, **along with two proof of residency**, to the ABCUSD District Office - Academic Services Testing Office (16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA. 90703), postmarked by **Friday, April 12, 2019**. Hand delivered applications **will not** be accepted. (Certified mail is recommended)
- Proof of Residency must include two utility bills (e.g., gas, electric, water). Driver's License and bank statements **will not** be accepted.

II. Admission is based on the following Board Policy considerations:

- Students are selected in grades seven through twelve based upon highest composite score.
- Students will take a writing test which counts as 30% of the total score.
- Applicants attending a California public school must take the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This test counts as 70% of the total score.
- Applicants in grades 9th and 10th who attend other public schools will take an ELA and Math assessment administered by ABC District. This test counts as 70% of the total score. Please see attached testing Instructions for details.
- Applicants attending a private/non-public California school must submit normed reference test (approved by ABCUSD) results, in lieu of CAASPP. This test counts as 70% of the total score. Test scores **must be mailed** to the ABC USD District Office - Academic Services Testing Office (16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703) and postmarked by July 19, 2019. Hand delivered test scores **will not** be accepted. (Certified mail is recommended).
- Students must demonstrate evidence of satisfactory academic progress at their current school, no lower than 2.5 GPA.



ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL
TESTING INSTRUCTIONS
for
Other Public and Private Schools
and
ABC Employees Not Residing in ABC District

I. Writing Test for current 6th - 11th grade students:

**Location: Tracy High School Main Office
12222 Cuesta Drive
Cerritos, CA 90703**

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Students must arrive by 8:00 a.m. for registration. Student picture I.D. required.
Students will not be admitted after 8:30 a.m.**

II. ELA and Math Assessments:

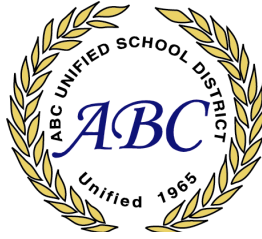
**Location: ABC Unified School District
16700 Norwalk Blvd.
Cerritos, CA 90703
Resource Center A**

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 and Thursday, May 23, 2019

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Students must arrive by 3:00pm for registration. Student picture I.D. required. Students will not be admitted after 3:30 pm.

The District Testing Office must receive this application by April 12, 2019.



**Whitney High School
Application form
for
Other Public and Private School Students and Full time District Employees**

My student is interested in being considered for enrollment at Whitney High School.

Student Name: _____

Student's Birth Date: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone # _____ Mobile # _____

- Student is a resident of ABC - not currently attending an ABC school.**

Current School _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

- Parent is a full-time employee of ABC.**

Student's Current School _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parent's Assignment/Work Location _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

- I certify that the information provided is correct and realize that any false information could jeopardize my child's admission.**

The District Testing Office must receive this application by April 12, 2019.