

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



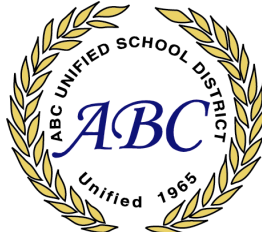
ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSION POLICY
FOR CURRENT ABC STUDENTS

8th Grade - 12th Grade
(Current 7th - 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 ABC attendance area.** Whitney maintains a constant enrollment; as a result, not every qualifying student is admitted.

Instructions for 7th – 11th grade students currently attending a school in ABC Unified School District:

- 7th - 8th grade students must obtain a **blue** Whitney Application from their school office.
- 9th - 11th grade students must obtain a **yellow** Whitney Application from their school office.
- The Whitney Applications are available the beginning of March 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Interested applicants **must mail** completed applications **along with two proof of residency** to ABC USD 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 recommended). Proof of Residency must include two utility bills (e.g., gas, electric, water). Driver's License and bank statements **will not** be accepted.
- All applicants must take a writing test which counts as 30% of the total score.
- 7th - 11th grade students enrolled in an ABC school will be offered the writing assessment on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at Tracy High School (12222 Cuesta Drive, Cerritos, CA 90703). Students must arrive by 8:00 am for registration. **Student picture I.D. required.** Students will not be admitted after 8:30 am.
- Students must demonstrate evidence of satisfactory academic progress at their current school, no lower than 2.5 GPA
- 6th - 8th grade and 11th grade applicants must take the English Language Arts and Math California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), which counts as 70% of the total score.
- 9th and 10th grade students enrolled in an ABC school will be offered the ELA and Math assessment on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 and Thursday, May 23, 2019 at ABC Unified School District Office (16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703, Resource Center A). Please see attached Testing Instructions for more details. This test counts for 70% of the total score.
- Total Scores will be ranked according to the school student attends.
- When an opening occurs, enrollment is offered to students in the order of the highest-ranking student at the same school.



WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL
TESTING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR CURRENT ABC STUDENTS

8th Grade – 12th Grade
(Current 7th –11th graders)

I. Writing Test for current 7th - 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 3:00 pm for registration. Student picture I.D. required. Students will not be admitted after 3:30 pm.



**Whitney High School
Application Form
For ABC High School Students**

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

- Student is a resident of the ABC School District and is currently attending an ABC school.**

Print Name _____ M/F _____
Last Name First Middle

Student's Birth Date _____ Student's I.D. Number _____

Current Grade Level _____ Phone # _____

Student address:

Current School:

- Artesia High School
 Cerritos High School
 Gahr High School

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

High School students interested in applying to Whitney High School are required to take the District Writing Assessment. Please see the attached information sheet for date, time and location.

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