

TAPA ADMISSIONS/ENROLLMENT FAQs

Is TAPA a public or private school? What grades does TAPA serve?

TAPA is a 7-12 public charter school for students in the city of Providence with a passion for the performing arts.

Does my child have to be a performing artist to attend? Do students have to audition to get in?

A genuine interest and/or passion for the performing arts (Dance, Film, Music, Theater) is highly encouraged. Students do not have to audition to get in. However, all TAPA students are required to audition for an Arts Major at the end of 8th grade or upon enrollment in the Upper School.

I live outside of the city of Providence, can apply to TAPA?

No. TAPA is a Providence charter and only applications of students residing in the city of Providence are considered valid and included in the admissions lottery.

I'm currently on a TAPA waitlist, do I have to reapply for the upcoming school year admissions lottery?

Yes. Waitlists are only active for the duration of the school year applied for and do not carry over to the next school year. Current waitlist families desiring to be considered for admissions for the upcoming school year must submit a new application by the deadline to be included in the admissions lottery.

My child is a current TAPA student, do I have to reapply for the upcoming school year?

No. Current TAPA students completing the school year at TAPA and with intention to continue at TAPA do not need to reapply for the new school year. Current families will be asked to confirm their intent to continue at TAPA every school year.

Does TAPA have a preference policy for siblings of current students or children of staff/school founders?

Yes. TAPA has both a sibling preference and a child of staff/school founder preference. [Click here](#) for more information about these preferences.

How do I apply for admissions?

Visit [EnrollRI Common Application](#) to submit an application to TAPA by the deadline (3/18/21) to be included in the admissions lottery (4/1/21). You may also visit the [EnrollRI Charter](#) page for

more information about the common app system, other state charters and link to the [Family Information Tool \(FIT\)](#).

When is the application deadline for the 2021 - 2022 school year?

Thursday, March 18th at 5pm.

When will the lottery take place? Can families attend the lottery?

Thursday, April 1st. Due to covid restrictions and safety regs, the admissions lottery will not be a public event and applicant families may not attend. In the event the lottery can take place virtually, we will extend an invitation to applicant families to attend the virtual event.

When will families be notified of the lottery results?

All applicant families will be notified of the lottery results in the mail a few days after the lottery.

What do I do if my child is accepted to TAPA?

You will receive an acceptance letter in the mail with information on next steps to follow. Complete the enclosed Seat Acceptance Form to confirm your child's acceptance and return to the school by the date indicated in the letter. Failure to return a Seat Acceptance may result in your child losing the offered seat for the upcoming school year. Families will receive an Enrollment Packet after submitting a Seat Acceptance. Enrollment Packets must be completed and returned with required documents by the deadline indicated on the packet. Failure to return an Enrollment Packet may result in your child losing the offered seat for the upcoming school year.

What happens if my child is wait listed?

Waitlisted families will receive a letter in the mail indicating their child's number on the corresponding waitlist. The waitlist will remain active for the duration of the school year applied for. If and when a seat becomes available, TAPA will contact the next family on the waitlist with a seat offer. Please make sure to communicate any changes to your contact information to the Admissions Office. Families can request to be removed from the waitlist by contacting the Admissions Office.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the admissions process, lottery or waitlists?

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