

APEX Honors Program

2021 Recruitment and Selection Process

Early Application Due Date: Friday, March 26, 2021

Steps for applying to EastSide APEX Honors Program

- 1) Complete the State required school choice application here:
<https://www.schoolchoicede.org/ApplyInfo/eastside>
- 2) Complete this APEX paper application or complete the online version of it at
<https://www.eastsidecharterschool.org/apex.html>
- 3) Student will be invited to interview with an APEX staff member, within 2 weeks of application submission and no later than April 8 for early acceptance. All documents due at interview.
- 4) Student acceptances will be sent by April 21 for early acceptance, then on a rolling basis until the program is filled (12-16 per grade level, 5th - 8th).
- 5) Induction Ceremony: May 2021, to be finalized at a later date

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APEX Honors is a **selective middle school program** designed to challenge the abilities of **advanced students** and to prepare them to matriculate successfully at the **best high schools in Delaware**, including selective public and charter honors programs and at independent schools, including our partners **Tower Hill, Tatnall, Sanford, and Wilmington Friends**.

APEX Honors courses are **accelerated** by one grade level, and tailored to **individual student needs**. Class sizes range from 6 to 16, so that teachers can provide individualized attention to all students.

APEX Honors students participate in **monthly immersive experiences** at our independent school partners Tower Hill, Tatnall, Sanford, and Wilmington Friends, and are eligible to apply in 8th grade for the prestigious **Crozier Scholarship**, which finances private, independent, or parochial high school education.

EastSide Charter is a FREE Public Charter School with open enrollment. The APEX Honors Program is housed at EastSide in a separate, newly renovated building.

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but will be accepted following that date, provided that seats remain available.

Required attachments:

- Most recent report card from this school year
- End of year report card from grade completed last year
- State testing score report (SBAC, in Delaware)
- Essay response

Applications may be returned to the office at EastSide Charter School, attn: Becky Kelly, or emailed to rebecca.kelly@escs.k12.de.us.

You may call the office for more information at 302-762-5834. Ask for Ms. Ramos or Ms. Kelly.

Student Name: _____

Grade Level Applying For: _____

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Where did you hear about APEX?

- Current EastSide student
- Facebook
- Community event
- Referral: _____
- Other: _____

Student information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Current school: _____ Current grade level: _____

Student Data

State test scores (SBAC, in Delaware) from last year

Math: _____ ELA: _____

Current grades

Math: _____ ELA: _____ Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian 2 Information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Getting to Know You - Activities and Recognitions

Please list any school or community activities in which you have participated in the past two years. Be sure to make note of any leadership roles, dates, or any rewards or recognitions you may have received.

Middle School Goals

*What do you hope that middle school will be like? What do you hope that it will not be like?
What do you expect to gain from your middle school experience?*

Motivation

Why are you applying to join the APEX Honors Program? What about it appeals to you or to your family?

Future Plans

What kind of job most interests you as a possibility right now? What appeals to you about this type of job?

Essay:

Complete on a separate sheet of paper and attach. May be typed or hand-written.

Write a 300-600 word narrative essay to describe a time that you attempted to do something difficult. This could be something related to school, or something outside of school. What made this experience challenging? How did you handle the challenge? Were you successful in achieving your goal? What did you learn from the experience?

Dear Parents,

Please complete this form and submit **THIS COPY** along with your application.

I hereby authorize my child's school and the Delaware Department of Education to release all academic and demographic records regarding my child to EastSide Charter School. Under the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), I have the right to give consent to the release of my child's education records including but not limited to their attendance, state testing scores, academic records including their grades and report cards, parent/guardian contact information, and student behavior reports.

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize EastSide Charter School to use and publish any digital media (including but not limited to photographs, video, and any other form of media) of my child for educational, editorial, advertising, trade, or any other purpose and in any manner or medium; to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same. I further agree to release EastSide Charter School from all claims and liability relating to said media.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Dear Parents,

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To the scholar's current school:

Please send the following information to EastSide Charter School's admissions officer and APEX program director.

1. A copy of the school records, including
 - a. Transcripts from the current and most recent past year
 - b. Results of any standardized testing completed in the past two years

Please send records via email to Ms. Ramos, EastSide's registrar, at Maritza.Ramos@escs.k12.de.us and CC Becky Kelly, EastSide's APEX Program Director, at rebecca.kelly@escs.k12.de.us on the message.

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