



Dorothy C. York Innovation Academy, an IB Candidate School*

PYP & MYP Admission Policy

Mission Statement

At Dorothy C. York Innovation Academy, we will navigate global waters by providing rigorous instruction that engages students to reach their highest potential as knowledgeable, caring, and collaborative thinkers.

Vision

Admirals will emerge as principled and innovative life-long learners who will create a culturally compassionate world.

Philosophy

York Innovation Academy is a public Magnet school within the Hillsborough County Public School system (HCPS) and is inclusive of all students, including those of all races and ability levels, to include those with various exceptionalities such as Exceptional Student Education, speech and language services, occupational therapies, and medically necessary accommodations.

Application Process

Parents or guardians can apply online during the HCPS Magnet Choice Application periods through the school district website <https://hillsboroughschools.org/magnet>. The majority of York's seats fill during the 1st application window which takes place in the fall, but York does continue to pull offers from the lottery pool throughout the year as seats become available. Seat offers come from a computerized random lottery pull, and York contacts families to make them aware that a seat offer has been extended. Families must respond to the offer within a specific window of time (provided by HCPS) or the offer will go back to the pool. Families who have accepted offers will be contacted by York's data processor regarding registration packets and enrollment forms. Students applying for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by September 1.

Marketing

York participates in HCPS Magnet Expos throughout the year to provide families within Hillsborough County with information about our programs and details on the application process through the Magnet Choice windows. York offers tours to families from September through April and a 40-minute virtual tour for families unable to attend in person. Families can contact the front office to schedule a tour or receive the virtual tour link. York also offers programs for incoming Kindergarten and 6th Grade families to become familiar with our elementary and middle school procedures prior to the start of each school year.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed yearly by the IB coordinator, media specialist, administration, and staff, allowing for stakeholder input. The coordinator will adjust the policy as needed, insuring compliance with the IB and HCPS policies.

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*Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career-Related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit www.ibo.org.