



BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION POLICY

Bergvliet High School sees itself as a community school, situated within a residential area and interacting with its community on many levels and in many ways. Those for whom this is the nearest high school to their home have a reasonable expectation that their children will be accepted, and the Education Department has endorsed this criterion in practice. In the first instance, therefore, preference will be given to applicants in this category subject to availability of space in the grade.

Bergvliet High School consistently receives far more applications for admission to Grade 8 than the school can accommodate. The total capacity of the school has been established at 1000. We believe that the demand for places is motivated to a very significant degree by the high standards that are achieved by our learners in many spheres of activity but particularly in their academic results. This school is committed not only to maintaining high standards in education but also to improving those standards and striving for excellence. While all learners are encouraged to realise their potential, the achievers are the ones who affirm the standards of excellence. At the level of the second criterion, therefore, if any vacancies remain after applicants fulfilling the first criterion have been accepted, merit will be an important consideration. At this level, furthermore, a proven aptitude for Music or Visual Art will be favourably considered, as these specialities at Bergvliet High need to be nurtured.

No primary school is an automatic “feeder” to Bergvliet High School. Any applicant has to qualify in terms of the criteria of this admission policy.

No learner will be refused admission to Bergvliet High School on grounds of race, religious belief or financial circumstances.

A condition of acceptance is that both parents and learners must read and sign an acknowledgment that they have understood and agree to support and abide by the school’s Code of Conduct as approved by the Governing Body and as amended from time to time.

First Criterion: NEAREST HIGH SCHOOL TO HOME

Applicants for whom this is the nearest ordinary high school to their actual place of residence. That means the shortest distance by public road from the applicant’s home to the nearest entrance to the school grounds, and this distance should be shorter than the corresponding distance to any other ordinary high school.

Second Criterion: NICHE MARKET LEARNERS

Applicants for whom this is not the nearest ordinary high school to their home but who qualify for niche market acceptance, e.g. with proven aptitude for one or more of Music/Visual Art/general academic excellence/sporting excellence.

Third Criterion: WHOLEHEARTED PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Applicants for whom this is not the nearest high school. Preference will be given to applicants whose primary school record shows sound academic ability and strong participation in other school activities or wholesome outside activities, and whose continued participation during the high school years would be to the mutual benefit of the learner and the rich fabric of school life at Bergvliet.