



THE FLETCHER SCHOOL
THE RANKIN INSTITUTE

ADMISSIONS
2017-2018

Where Performance
Meets Potential

Our Mission

The Fletcher School creates bright futures for students with specific learning disabilities and/or attention deficit disorders by offering a structured, individualized, college preparatory curriculum that prepares them to reach their full potential.

Through the Rankin Institute, The Fletcher School increases understanding and improves programs relating to learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders by providing training, information, and services to parents, teachers, and other professionals in the community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Fletcher School serves students with Specific Learning Disabilities and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD) (see specific grade level guidelines below). Our students have average to above average intelligence as defined in a psychological and educational assessment performed by a licensed psychologist, preferably using the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children. They may have difficulties in academic achievement in areas such as reading, written expression, math, or basic learning processes. Students may struggle with inattention or hyperactivity that can impact their learning.

Students who do not qualify for special services in the public schools may be considered for admission if they have been diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disability and/or ADHD. The Fletcher School is not able to serve children whose learning difficulties are the result of primary emotional or behavioral problems, intellectual disabilities, and/or students who are diagnosed under the classification of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Grade Level Guidelines for Admissions

Grades K-1

- Comprehensive psychological and educational evaluation that identifies students who are “at risk” for a specific learning disability and/or exhibiting signs of future academic difficulty. ADHD may not be the primary diagnosis. The evaluation should measure the following areas:
 1. Cognitive Abilities
 2. Behavior and Self-Control
 3. Fine and Gross Motor Skills
 4. Language Development
 5. Social Skills
 6. Pre-Academic Skills
- Students will be given provisional admittance for one academic year, at which time the student will be evaluated to determine an appropriate educational placement for the following year.

Grades 2 - 5

- Diagnosis of a Specific Learning Disability should be within a two year period at the time of application. ADHD may not be the primary diagnosis.

Grades 6 - 12

- Diagnosis of a Specific Learning Disability should be within a two year period at the time of application.
- Diagnosis of ADHD without a Specific Learning Disability will be considered where the student's executive functioning skills or attention difficulties compromise the ability to learn or perform academically. The diagnosis is determined by a qualified professional, for example, a neurologist or psychiatrist, and should be current at the time of application.

2017-2018 ADMISSIONS PROCESS

In order to ensure that The Fletcher School can appropriately serve your child we require that Steps 1 - 3 are completed prior to completing the Online Application.

— **Step 1. Complete the Online Student Inquiry Form**

- www.thefletcherschool.org/admissions/inquiry.cfm
- After completion, a member of the admissions team will contact you via telephone to discuss your inquiry and begin the admissions process.

— **Step 2. Submit Psychological and Educational Evaluation**

- Provide a current comprehensive psychological and educational evaluation (current within two years) to **Susie Culp, Admissions Director** via fax, email, or postal service.

— **Step 3. Meeting and Tour of The Fletcher School**

- If the Office of Admissions determines that the student's evaluation meets our criteria, we will request a **parent/guardian** meeting for a tour of the school and an informal interview.

Once the Steps 1 - 3 have been completed, applicants may move forward as described in the steps below:

— **Step 4. Online Application Process**

- If the student meets our criteria, the admissions office will issue a user name and password to parent(s) in order to access the Online Application. Admissions decisions cannot be made until the Online Application steps are completed in full, i.e., recommendation, health forms, report cards, etc.
- There is a non-refundable application fee of \$320.00.

— **Step 5. Placement Assessment and Student Classroom Visit(s)**

- An in-house assessment of reading, writing, and math skills is administered by our admissions staff.
- The classroom visit allows your child to experience a regular school day in their current grade. Applicants for kindergarten experience an abbreviated day; grades 1-5 visit for one day from 8:00am to 2:30pm, and grades 6-11 participate in a two day visit from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

— **Step 6. Admissions decisions can be expected by May 31, 2017 for applications received by April 1, 2017. Admission decisions are as follows:**

- **Acceptance:** The Admissions Committee has found that our educational setting is an appropriate placement for your child.
- **Wait List:** The Admissions Committee has found that our educational setting is an appropriate match but there is not a space available at the current time. You will be notified as space becomes available.
- **Not Accepted:** The Admissions Committee has found that our educational setting is not an appropriate match for your child's strengths and needs.

— **Step 7. Required Summer Program**

- Students who are accepted in grades K-5 are required to attend a one week **Fletcher Fundamentals Summer Program** in July.
- Students who are accepted in grades 6-11 are required to attend the **Middle and Upper School Orientation and Digital Bootcamp** in August. Students may be required to enroll in tutorial services targeting areas of need during the 2017 summer.

2017-2018 TUITION

Tuition for Grades K - 5: \$23,224 plus a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$760.00

Tuition for Grades 6 - 12: \$24,490 plus a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$760.00

FINANCIAL AID

Limited need-based financial aid is available. Eligibility is determined by FACTS Grant and Aid. Financial aid applications are available online at FACTS Grant and Aid and are due on or before April 15, 2017. A child must be accepted before he or she will be considered for financial assistance. Our first obligation is to serve our current families. If aid is available, first year students may be considered.

Financial Aid contact: Kimberly Law at klaw@thefletcherschool.org.

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