



METROLINA REGIONAL
SCHOLARS
ACADEMY

**2023-2024 ADMISSIONS
INFORMATION PACKET**

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy admissions policies are established to support the School's mission:

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy provides a differentiated, challenging and equitable learning environment that supports the distinctive intellectual, social, and emotional needs of highly gifted children from diverse backgrounds and enables them to form meaningful relationships with their intellectual peers.

Scholars Academy is currently accepting applications for the **2023-2024** school year. Students who score three or more standard deviations above the mean on an individualized cognitive abilities test (IQ) and have complete and accurate applications are automatically included in the eligibility pool. Applications with a score two standard deviations above the mean are reviewed by the School Based Admissions Committee to determine eligibility.

GROUP TEST APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2023

PRIVATE TEST APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2023

The complete application must be received in person by 2:30 PM on **THE DEADLINE** or post marked on or before **THE DEADLINE**.

Completion of this form and submission of evidence of giftedness do not guarantee admission. Admission is based on test scores, nomination forms, and space available in grade/class lottery.

All completed applications will be reviewed by the admissions committee. Our primary admissions goal is to determine if a child can and will be successful at Scholars Academy based on our Charter. Once that is determined, all qualified children are entered into the lottery, where the drawing takes place publicly on **MARCH 23, 2023**. Students who receive a seat, will be required to submit an intent to enroll form and North Carolina proofs of residency, securing their spot. **Qualified** siblings are given priority, although a seat cannot be guaranteed.

****Proof of NC residency**:** 3 documents showing proof of North Carolina residency will be required for applicants that are offered a seat. Documents are due within 10 days of being offered a seat. Please note: Because we are a North Carolina public charter school, North Carolina **MUST** be the primary residence of the CHILD AT THE TIME you accept their seat. All 3 documents **MUST** have the same name and address of the parent/guardian of the child.

After a grade level is filled, the school will maintain a wait list. Students on this wait list will be ranked according to the lottery. If an opening occurs, the school will contact the family to offer them the open seat. The wait list starts fresh at every lottery.

Scholars Academy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, sexual orientation or national origin in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, employment practices, or school-administered programs.

Please note that all students attending Scholars Academy must be fully immunized unless they qualify for a medical exemption under North Carolina law.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Completed applications must be mailed to the school or delivered in person. **Application Packet** with the following forms can be found on our website under the **Prospective Families > How to Apply** tab. Please read through this list carefully:

ALL applicants must fill out these two forms:

- Online Application Form**
- Personal Nomination Form**

1st – 8th grade applicants must also complete:

- Teacher Nomination Form** Ask your child's current teacher to complete, place in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal.

4th – 8th grade applicants must also complete:

- Student Nomination Form** (Current 3rd grade and above)

In addition, **ALL** applicants must choose one of the following testing options and complete the forms for that option.

EITHER: Option 1 – Group Testing Applicants

- Group Test Application**

The school provides a one-time free group test to gain test scores necessary for admission. The group test is offered for families who choose not to have individual IQ testing completed for their child. The group test is not an IQ test, but a test Scholars Academy is confident in using to determine a student's possible success at SA. The test is free of charge. *We do not receive the results of the group test in time for you to also decide to do a private IQ test.*

OR: Option 2 – Private Testing Applicants

- Your child's test results** from a licensed professional, signed and sealed
- Testing Verification Form** from the testing professional, signed and sealed
- Testing Verification Form** from parent/guardian

Please note that teacher nomination forms, private test results and testing verification forms should be in sealed envelopes signed across the seal by the teacher or psychologist.

Your application must have all components before it is considered complete. You are responsible for having all of the above information in the application and turning in a complete application before the deadline. Email Alicia Gozycki at admissions@scholarsacademy.org, if you need additional information. Enclose these forms in an envelope and deliver to the school or mail to:

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy
5225 Seventy-seven Center Drive
Charlotte, NC 28217



TESTING INFORMATION

Testing should be done by a Licensed Psychologist or Licensed Psychological Associate who have experience completing intellectual assessment.

Tests accepted by The Scholars Academy for the purpose of admissions are:

Group Testing:

- Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), administered at the Scholars Academy

Private Testing:

- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children V (WISC V)
- Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence IV (WPPSI IV)
- Woodcock Johnson Cognitive Test

School administered tests are not accepted.

Scholars Academy does not have an affiliation with any psychologist or practice. Therefore, we will not recommend a specific psychologist to test your child. A licensed psychologist in your area can be found on either of these websites or through a general internet search.

Mecklenburg Psychological Association: mpacharlotte.org

Psychology Today: psychologytoday.com



EARLY ENTRY TO KINDERGARTEN PROCESS

If your child will ***not*** be five years old before **August 31, 2023**, please see the ***Early Entry to Kindergarten*** process below. Email Alicia Gozycki at admissions@scholarsacademy.org if you need additional information.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed BH-1099, allowing early admission to Kindergarten of a child who has reached his/her birthday by April 16th if the child demonstrates extraordinary academic ability and maturity. The state of North Carolina has created standards for the principal to use in determining if a child is appropriate for early entrance to kindergarten. Once the principal receives the minimum requirements the principal shall confer with the admissions team to consider for each child various standards that will indicate readiness.

Standards used by Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy are as described as follows:

- Student aptitude-The child shall score at least two standard deviations above the mean on an acceptable IQ test. An early entry kindergartener will not be deemed as an automatic qualified applicant if their IQ score falls three or more deviations above the mean on an accepted IQ test. For the avoidance of doubt, students with an IQ test score below two standard deviations above the mean on an acceptable IQ test are not qualified for admission into Scholars Academy. The test shall be administered by a licensed psychologist.
- Achievement-the child shall score at the 98th percentile on either Reading or Mathematics on a standard test such as the Metropolitan Readiness Test, the Stanford Early School Achievement test, the Woodcock-Johnson, or any other comparable test that shall be administered by a licensed psychologist.
- Personal Nomination Form-As required by the application process.
- Child Interview-An in person interview and performance assessment will be conducted by staff at Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to determine their ability to perform tasks well above same-age peers as evidenced by behaviors in one or more areas such as independent reading, problem-solving skills, advanced vocabulary and some writing fluency. The child shall demonstrate social and developmental maturity sufficient to participate in a structured setting for a full school day. The child shall be capable of following verbal instructions and functioning independently within a group. Through the interview, it will be determined if the child displays a thirst for knowledge and seeks new and challenging learning situations.

*Parents are responsible for arranging and paying for the IQ and achievement testing. Early admissions applicants may not participate in the admissions group test. Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy cannot provide a recommendation for a psychologist. It is recommended parents/guardians obtain recommendations from the child's pediatrician or family physician.