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## ADMISSION AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

We would like to introduce you to a wonderful public school alternative for your child, The Grove Patterson Academy. A highly rated, tuition-free Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school open to all students who live in Toledo and surrounding areas. While attending GPA, your child will experience a rigorous research-based Success for All Reading Curriculum (K-6), combined with a positive school climate that encourages self-motivation in students; a specially selected and committed faculty who maintains high expectations for your student's success; and enriched physical environment with Foreign Language instruction in Spanish. Your child will benefit from "Instructional Looping: of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, allowing teachers to remain with your child for two years of concentrated instruction. Students are further supported by technologically up-to-date classrooms with 1:1 student technology. Class sizes are limited to 22 students in each classroom to ensure optimum learning opportunities for students. Students are required to adhere to strict attendance, discipline, and uniform policy to enhance expectations for student success and learning as well as a commitment from families who are required to volunteer 10 hours per year. School bus transportation is provided for all TPS students who reside more than 1 mile from school and live within the Toledo Public School district.

A lottery will take place for students at grade levels where a vacancy exists. Students whose names are drawn will be notified of their selection via email. Parents have one week to notify the secretary whether they accept or decline the spot. If parents do not meet the deadline, the position is declared vacant and another lottery draw is held. Parents will receive email notification of the status of their child's application no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants not selected will have their applications remain on file until the last day of August of each school year. If a student is not selected, you must reapply. There is no waiting list to attend GPA. Siblings who wish to enroll must reside in the same household as the custodial parent. Verification will be requested. Alumni of GPA students who wish to enroll their child or sibling will receive preferential enrollment, enrollment is NOT guaranteed.

Applications are accepted year-round, however additional vacancies that become available after May 1<sup>st</sup> will continue to be filled on a lottery basis. Space is limited. To begin the process of enrollment, you must complete (1) application form for each child you wish to enroll.

**Kindergarten:** A child must turn 5 years old on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to enroll in kindergarten. If you still wish to enroll your child you must email your request for an Early Entrance Exam to the principal at [hjohnson@tps.org](mailto:hjohnson@tps.org). No spot will be held due to testing.

\*Grove Patterson Academy (GPA) values diversity within the student population and welcomes children of all races, sexes, nationalities, and religions.

\*GPA considers the records of all individual students to be confidential information available to a child's parents/guardian upon a request in writing.

\*GPA reserves the right to refuse admission or to remove a child if school personnel believe that his/her educational needs cannot be met in the GPA learning environment.

\*All families must complete an application and sign a Parent Agreement regarding the expectations set forth for academics, attendance, and behavior. Newly accepted students and families in grades K-8 are required to attend a new family orientation session which will be held each school year.

\*GPA requires each family to attend (1) Parent Teacher Conference per year, volunteer 10 hours per school year per family, maintain a strict adherence to the school discipline code and dress code, and a commitment to assisting their child/ren with homework/classroom assignments on a daily basis.

**Completed applications can be dropped off at the school office, emailed to [gparegistrations@tps.org](mailto:gparegistrations@tps.org), mailed, or faxed.**