



This policy was adopted by the Governing Body of The Grays School Media Arts College on 7th February 2011.

The Grays School Media Arts College intends to admit, as its Pupil Admission Number (PAN), 180 students.

The Grays School Media Arts College has a Priority Catchment area, which incorporates the south of the town to the river and with other boundaries as follows:

- to the North – Arterial Road, West Thurrock / Arterial Road North Stifford (A1306): Lodge Lane
- to the West – A126 West Thurrock Way
- to the East – the western side of Southend Road, continuing down the western side of Whitehall Lane and along the Broadway and Dock Road, incorporating these roads, to the junctions of Dock Road with the Docks Approach Road (A1089). This includes Chafford Hundred to accommodate the surplus students living in that area.

The admission criteria for The Grays School Media Art College, for intake from September 2012; is

- i) Looked after children - a “looked after child” is a child in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that Authority (see Section 22 of the Children Act 1989).
- ii) Students living within the priority catchment area of The Grays School Media Arts College and having a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
- iii) Students living within the priority catchment area of The Grays School Media Arts College.
- iv) Students living outside the priority catchment area of The Grays School Media Arts College and having a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
- v) All other applicants with priority given to those living nearer the school.

Distance from home to school (measured in a straight-line in metres by a digital mapping system) will be used to allocate places with students living nearer to the school being given higher priority. The straight-line distance measurement is taken from the front door of the home address to the main school gate. In the case of flats, measurement will be to the main entrance door of the building).

For the purpose of allocating places, the following will be classified as siblings:

- Full siblings living at the same address as the applicant
- Step sibling living at the same address as the applicant
- Half sibling living at the same address as the applicant
- Long-term foster sibling living at the same address as the applicant.
- At the date of application and admission.

Special Education Needs

Children with a statement of special education needs are allocated school places under different regulations and will override all other categories of priority other than LAC.

Twins, Multiple Births or Same Distance Measurement

If more than one student is entitled to the last place in a Year Group. [As in the case of twins/multiple births or same distance measurement), the school will offer a place to the additional students(s)].

Waiting Lists

In the event of over-subscription Thurrock Council will maintain a waiting list. Students on the list will be ranked in order of priority for admissions irrespective of the date of application using the criteria stated above. Placement on the waiting list does not affect parents' right to appeal against an unsuccessful application.

To be Reviewed: Annually