



Department of Teaching and Learning
K-12 and Gifted Programs

OLD DONATION SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

*To be considered for placement at Old Donation School,
students must first be identified for gifted services in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.*

A team of approximately 25 people representing a variety of experiences, backgrounds, and ethnicities serve on the Student Selection Committee. The team will review eligible applicants to determine placement at Old Donation School. The following components will be used in the decision-making process:

- Teacher Information Form
- Student achievement as indicated on current report card
- Standardized test scores
- 1st grade Performance Based Task (Grade 1 ONLY)
- Responses to interview questions (Grade 5-12 ONLY)

The team will use a numerical rating scale to complete a holistic evaluation of the applicants. No one component of the application can be the determining factor in selection. Multiple readers will rate each application independently. The committee will stop periodically to check the reliability of the ratings; if readers are more than one number apart in their rankings, the application will receive further review and group discussion as needed.

A rating scale of 4-1, with 4 being the highest recommendation, will be used. Listed below are the criteria for each numerical rating:

- 4 = consistently strong in all the application components
- 3 = strong in most of the application components
- 2 = shows strength in some application components, but not consistently excellent
- 1 = few consistent areas of strength

After the applications have been rated students will be selected and placed at Old Donation School. An applicant pool will be established, and names will be randomly selected as seats become available. The applicant pool will be dissolved on the first day of school. Students who wish to be considered for placement for the 2023-2024 school year must reapply.

Parents/guardians are notified within fourteen instructional days of the Selection Committee's decision through email. Parents/guardians may appeal the decision of the Selection Committee. The appeal is administered by the director of K-12 and Gifted Programs.