

**NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH SCIENCES TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS FAQ**

Which students can apply?

- Any New Brunswick resident in the 8th grade
- Any New Brunswick resident in the 9th or 10th grade with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above
- The 8th grade son/daughter of a full-time employee of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
- The 9th or 10th grade son/daughter, with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above, of a full time employee of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

When does the application process begin?

The application process begins each November. The application and timeline are posted on the school website; are mailed to district, charter, and parochial schools; and, are available in the school office.

When is the Open House?

An Open House is held each December and offers the community the opportunity to meet students and staff, to learn about the course offerings and to tour the school. The date and time of the Open House are reflected in the application timeline and are posted on the school website.

Is there an Entrance Assessment?

Yes. The entrance assessment is administered to all applicants. The purpose of the assessment is to provide applicants with the opportunity to interact with coursework similar to that which they will encounter in the ninth grade year.

The assessment has four (4) components: Mathematics (equals 35% of the total weighted test score); Grammar/Reading (equals 20% of the total weighted test score); Science (equals 35% of the total weighted test score) and, a writing sample (equals 10% of the total weighted test score). Students are not allowed to utilize a calculator during the assessment. The writing section is scored by certified English teaching staff using a rubric with scores ranging from 1-5.

Students applying to the 10th or 11th grade also participate in the entrance assessment. Their scores are pro-rated to the average scores of those applying for 9th grade placement.

How many students are accepted each year?

Offers of admission are made to approximately 62 incoming 9th grade students in order to have a freshman class of 57 - 58 students. This allows for families that may move, decide to have their child attend another school, or refuse the offer of admission for other reasons.

Students are accepted into the 10th or 11th grade depending upon available seats and whether the students have taken prerequisite courses, such as Biology and Spanish I.

How is the decision made to accept a student?

A number of factors are considered in making the decision to offer admission to an applicant.

These factors include:

Report Card Grades

Performance on the Assessment

Letter(s) of reference

Standardized Test Scores

Attendance Record

Student Application Essay

Each of these items has a point value that is entered onto a spreadsheet resulting in a total score. The 62 students with the highest total scores seeking placement in the 9th grade are offered admission.

These factors, as well as the GPA and prerequisite coursework, are considered for students applying to the 10th or 11th grade.

I missed the timeline. Can I still apply?

Yes. All applications will be accepted, however action may or may not be taken on the application depending upon a number of factors. The availability of a seat in the requested grade level is the primary determinant.