



GUIDELINES FOR REFERRAL TO PATHLIGHT SCHOOL

Please note that submission of application does not guarantee admission. Admission is based on the outcome of a suitability assessment by Pathlight School's psychologists, careful review by the Admissions & Review Committee, and the availability of sufficient physical and trained teaching resources.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

1. **Nationality**
 - a. The child needs to be a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident of Singapore.
 - b. Non-Singapore Citizen or Non-Permanent Resident of Singapore may apply for admission to PATHLIGHT SCHOOL subject to the following Ministry of Education's terms and conditions:
 - I. Admission will be on a case-by-case approval basis from the Ministry of Education, subject to the student being issued with a Foreign Student Pass by the Immigration Department;
 - II. Singaporean disabled children are given priority of places. Non-Singaporeans are considered if there are no Singaporean disabled children on the waiting list;
 - III. Foreign disabled students will pay full fees, which is 4 times the per capita cost for the year;
 - IV. Foreign disabled students will make a contribution to the Education Fund;
 - V. Foreign disabled students do not comprise more than 10% of the student population.
2. **Age**
 - a. At the time of admission to Pathlight, the student should be at the age of 7 to 14 years old in that calendar year.
3. **Primary Diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**
 - a. The child needs to be diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
 - b. This should be supported by a diagnostic or psychological report or written statement.
 - c. The child has difficulties accessing full/modified mainstream academic curriculum because of his/her autism unless significant support is available, eg. Shadow teacher.
 - i. Assessment of child's functioning in school indicating significant levels of difficulty in at least 2 of the following areas:
 - ii. Academic progress and performance
 - iii. Adaptive behaviour in school setting

iv. Social functioning in school setting

4. **Severity of Autism**
 - a. Mild to moderate severity of autism

5. **Non-Verbal Cognitive Ability**
 - a. The child needs to be assessed to have a non-verbal ability (Performance IQ) of 70 and above. A child with a non verbal ability of 70-79 may do a modified curriculum which is capped at 15% of the school population. If the child's verbal ability is not able to be ascertained during the psychological assessment, there needs to be evidence of receptive language. A Language and Communication Assessment Report (completed by a Speech and Language Therapist) must be submitted if the result of the verbal score is not reflected in the Psychological Report.

6. **Self-Help Skills**
 - a. At the time of admission into Pathlight School, the student should be independent in toileting and feeding.

7. **Behaviour**
 - a. At the time of admission into Pathlight School, the student should not have major behavioural challenges that would disrupt his learning in a minimum class size of 4 students.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

Application for admission into PATHLIGHT SCHOOL must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. Child's Birth Certificate/Singapore Permanent Resident Re-entry Document (Photocopy)
2. PATHLIGHT SCHOOL Application Form
3. PATHLIGHT SCHOOL Medical Report (completed by a medical practitioner)
4. PATHLIGHT SCHOOL Quick Overview of Child's Daily Schedule & Interests
5. Diagnostic Report
The report must include the followings:
 - Data from clinical observations and diagnostic interviews/ checklists indicating that child meets established criteria for Autism or other diagnostic categories. For example:
 1. DSM-IV (APA)
 2. ICD-10 (WHO)
 3. Wing & Gould (1979) Autism Spectrum Disorder

6. Psychological Report
The report must include the followings:
- a. Results of the child's individually administered intellectual assessment that gives an overview of the student's general cognitive/intellectual functioning. The results should include **verbal, non-verbal** and **global scores**. If specific IQ scores are not obtained, reasons should be given.
 - b. The report must be based on one of the following tests:
 - Wechsler Scales
 - Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales
 - British Ability Scales
 - c. Results of the child's social and adaptive functioning as measured by an adaptive behaviour assessment.
 - d. The psychological assessment should **not exceed 2 years** from the date of application.
 - e. The child needs to be **at least 4 ½ yrs of age** at the time of psychological assessment.
7. Language and Communication Assessment Report (completed by a Speech and Language Therapist)
- This report must be submitted **if result of the verbal score is not reflected in the Psychological Report**.
 - This report must be completed **within 2 years** from the date of referral
 - The child needs to be **at least 4 ½ yrs of age** at the time of assessment.
8. Current/ previous school reports or copies of examination scores.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please send all the required documents to:-

The Principal
PATHLIGHT SCHOOL
5 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10
Singapore 569739

This set of guidelines is subjected to change at the discretion of the School.