



David Ross Education Trust
Broadening Horizons

SKEGNESS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, SKEGNESS

2018 ADMISSIONS POLICY

Skegness Grammar School is part of the David Ross Educational Trust (DRET) and will apply its own admissions policy.

Arrangements for applications for places in Year 7 at Skegness Grammar will be made in accordance with Lincolnshire County Council's co-ordinated admission arrangements; parents resident in Lincolnshire can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions, parents resident in other areas must apply through their home local authority. Skegness Grammar will use the Lincolnshire County Council's timetable published online for these applications and the relevant Local Authority will make the offers of places on their behalf as required by the School Admissions Code.

The Published Admission Number is 132. If there are more applicants than the 132 places available the over subscription criteria detailed below will be applied.

The school is a member of the consortium of Lincolnshire selective schools (LCGS) and will apply their selection tests and procedures in order to ascertain those students whose ability places them in the top 25% of the ability range described above (standardised score of 220 and above).

For children who are defined as in receipt of the Pupil Premium or Service Premium (or eligible at the time of registration for the 11 plus tests in the summer term of Year 5). They will be eligible for a place upon achieving a standardised score of 210 and above.

Pupil Premium or Service Premium Definition

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state funded schools in England according to the number of pupils who have been:

- *registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years*
- *looked after by the local authority (in care) for one day or more*
- *those who have left local authority care through adoption, or via a Special Guardianship, Residence or Child Arrangements Order*

Free school meal eligibility for the purpose of attracting pupil premium funding is based on family income. It does not include all other children who are eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The Service Premium is paid to schools for those children who:

- *have parent(s) who are currently serving in the UK regular armed forces;*
- *have parent(s) who served in the UK regular armed forces at any time in the last three years;*
- *have parent(s) who died serving in the UK regular armed forces and are in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or War Pension Scheme*

The common application form must be completed and returned to the local authority by the date given. Please note that all applications for a place at Skegness Grammar School must also complete 11-plus testing if they are to be considered.

Qualification in the schools 11-plus testing arrangements, however, does not, in itself, guarantee your child a place in the school, but will mean that your child is eligible for a place at the school. Places will be allocated to eligible children in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Also, sitting the tests does not constitute an application. Information on testing is available from the School.

Parents seeking boarding places must register their child with the School. The number of boarding places available will depend on the availability of boarding facilities at the time.

Children with Statements of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plans where Skegness Grammar School is named in the Statement or Plan will be admitted.

Oversubscription Criteria

DRET offers a unique educational and extra-curricular experience for all pupils and is particularly keen to ensure that where reasonably possible a child who enters a DRET primary academy is able to continue their education and develop their ethos and values to the full in a DRET secondary academy. This includes the pursuit of academic excellence, outstanding sports opportunities, house system and a uniform. The oversubscription criteria below make provision for children to fully experience the benefits of an education in the David Ross Education Trust:

A Looked After or Previously Looked After Child. (1)

Eligible children with a sibling at the academy who will still be attending when the child is due to start. (2)

Eligible children whose permanent address is within the school's designated area for free transport with priority being given to the order of their total scores in the entrance tests. (3)

Eligible children from all other areas with priority being given to the order of their total scores in the entrance tests.

In the event that total scores are tied in any of the above categories, priority will be given to the children living nearest the academy. Distances are straight line distances measured using the LA computerised software measuring system. If the distance between two or more children's homes and the school is the same then random allocation will be used to determine who has highest priority for admission. The random allocation process will be independently supervised.

Notes

1. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously Looked After Children are those who were looked after, but immediately after being looked after were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.

2. Sibling means a brother or sister (including adoptive, half or step brothers and sisters and foster children) who will be attending the academy at the date of admission and is living permanently at the same address as the child. In the case of twins/multiple births (or two or more siblings in the same age cohort) and where there is only one place available in the academy, both will be considered together as one application. In such a case the academy will be authorised to exceed its admission number.

3. The definition of the child's home address is the permanent home address of the parent at the time of application. Proof of residence can be asked for at any time during the admissions process. Where a child regularly lives with one parent for part of a week and with the other parent for the rest of the week, the permanent address will be the address at which the child lives for the greater part of the school week, i.e. Monday to Friday. A map of the designated area for transport is available from the school and is published on the school website and The Consortium of Lincolnshire Grammar Schools website (<http://grammarschools.lincs.sch.uk>)

Admission outside normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Children should only be educated

out of the normal age group in very limited circumstances.

If parents wish to seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, they should submit a request in writing to the academy as early as possible. DRET will make a decision based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the head teacher of the academy will also be taken into account.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The procedure for appeals relating to admissions will be in accordance with all relevant legislation. Appeals will be independent and organised by the Trust. The decision of an Independent Appeal Panel is binding on all parties. Appeals should be sent to the academy within 20 school days of receiving notification of a refusal of a place.

Misleading or Fraudulent Applications

DRET will investigate any concerns about the accuracy of information provided and may withdraw the offer of an academy place if there is evidence that fraudulent or misleading information has been given.

Reserve Lists

For admission into the normal year of intake the academy will keep a waiting list, which is called a reserve list. Students who are not successful in gaining a place at the academy are automatically put on the reserve list unless they have been offered a place at a higher preference school/academy. The academy will keep this list in the order of the over subscription criteria. Names can move down the list if someone moves into the area and is higher placed on the oversubscription criteria. The academy will retain this list until the end of August in the year of intake.

Casual/In-year admissions

Students are admitted to other year groups, if places are available, on the basis of successful completion of 12+, 13+ and other entrance tests. Further information can be obtained from Skegness Grammar School. Applicants will need to demonstrate their ability to benefit from a grammar school education. If more applications are received than places available the over subscription criteria will apply.

Fair Access Protocol

The academy will participate in the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol.

Sixth Form Admissions

The School welcomes applications for places into its Sixth Form. Provisional offers are made on the basis of predicted GCSE results. The published admission number for Year 12 is 25. This applies to students joining the Sixth Form from another school.

Students may be interviewed to discuss options of study and academic entry requirements for particular courses but this is not part of the formal decision making process. The entry requirements are six A* - C grade passes (or equivalent) (including Maths and English Language) at GCSE, four of which must be passed at grade B or above (or equivalent). The entry requirements are applicable to both students joining the school from another school and those who are currently on our roll. Please see our Sixth Form prospectus for individual subject requirements.

In the case of oversubscription from students from other schools who have achieved the required

GCSE grades, students will be ranked according to their GCSE points score. In the event of a number of students having exactly the same score then the governors will apply a tie-breaker based on the straight line distance (measured electronically by the LA between the post office address point of the home and the post office address point of the school), with the student living closest to the school being given priority.

The School will admit eligible students who have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan that names the School.

In the case that a place is refused, parents and students have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Any such appeal should be submitted within 20 school days following the notification of a place not being offered at the school. Appeals forms may be obtained from the clerk to the governors, c/o Skegness Grammar School.

OVER SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA – Boarding House

In the event of a subject being oversubscribed the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in order of priority:

a. Looked after children and previously looked after children will be considered to be:

- children who are registered as being in the care of a local authority **or provided with accommodation by a local authority** in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a), e.g. fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for a school is made; and
- children who have previously been in the care of a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a) and who have left that care through adoption, a **child arrangement order** (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 **and as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014**) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989). Official confirmation of the student's status will be required in all cases as evidence of priority status.

b. Applicants transferring from a residential boarding place in Year 11 at Gordon's School. If oversubscribed the shortest radial distance from the home address to the School main entrance will be used to determine priority.

c. Applicants who have a sibling who is on roll at the school and who will be a student at the school at the time when the applicant, if successful, is admitted. If oversubscribed the shortest radial distance from the home address to the School main entrance will be used to determine priority.

d. Applicants on the basis of the shortest radial distance from the home address to the School main entrance.

Distance is measured using Lincolnshire County Council Admissions and Transport Team's Geographical Information System (GIS), in a straight line from the child's home address (or in cases of shared custody, where he or she lives for the majority of the school week) as set by Ordnance Survey, to the main school gate. Where there are multiple addressees with only one address point eg. blocks of flats, or where applicants are equidistant from the school, priority will be decided by lottery.