

SISULU-WALKER CHARTER SCHOOL OF HARLEM

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INFORMATION ON 2007-08 ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem is a public school seeking to bring better education to all children.

- The school will use a research-proven, back-to-the-basics method to teach reading and math.
- The school will teach history, science and literature at a high level.
- The school will require school uniforms and emphasize good character.
- The school will offer a longer day, with a creative, hands-on enrichment curriculum.
- The school believes that all children can learn, and has high expectations for every child.
- The school will be a model for improving public education nationwide.
- The school is not affiliated with any religious institution; there will be no religious instruction.

One application must be filled out for each child who wishes to attend Sisulu-Walker.

- Only one application will be accepted per child.
- Application must be mailed to: Victory Schools, 111 West 57th Street, Suite 525, NY, NY 10019.
- Applications must be received by March 30, 2007 to be entered into the lottery
- Siblings of enrolled students will not automatically be enrolled. An application must be submitted for each sibling.
- For the purposes of the lottery, two students are siblings if and only if one student has a legal parent, legal guardian, or legal foster parent who is also the legal parent, legal guardian, or legal foster parent of the other student.

An adult will only be considered a student's legal parent if there is proof of blood-relation (as evidenced by valid birth certificate), legal adoption (as evidenced by valid, appropriate court documents), or legal marriage (i.e. step-child, as evidenced by a valid marriage certificate). An adult will be considered a student's legal guardian or legal foster parent only if there is proof of such a relationship (as evidenced by valid, appropriate court documents).
- Applications are not considered valid until they have been received and reviewed for completeness and a confirmation card has been sent back to the applicant
- If information on the application is incorrect, the application will be considered invalid, and any offer made for a place in the school based on this information will be taken back.

For example, if the application indicates that the child is 5 years old by December 31, 2007 but in reality the child is not, the offer will be rescinded. Likewise, if the application indicates that the child will be entering a given grade in September 2007 but the child is actually entering a different grade – for any reason – the offer will be rescinded and the child will have to reapply for the grade in which they are entering.
- If the student's or legal parent/legal guardian's address or phone numbers change, you must notify the school and Victory Schools so that we may contact you in the event that the student is offered a place at the school.

There are no admissions requirements.

- The school is open to all children in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, 3, and 4* on a space available basis within each grade.
- Any child qualified under the laws of New York State for admission to a public school is qualified for admission to Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem; there is no tuition.
- Admission is not based on intelligence, achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, disability, ethnicity, race, creed, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry.
- Students who have a disability or who may be in need of special education services or programs are eligible for admission into the school on the same basis as all other students. Please note, however, that our school may not be equipped or designed to satisfy a particular student's disability or special needs. Such a determination may be made after enrollment by the committee or subcommittee on special education (CSE) in the child's home district of residence. In the event our school is deemed to be an inappropriate educational setting for a particular disabled or special needs child, our school must promptly send the students to a school or district that can provide the student with the special services the child is required to receive under the law. (School cannot discharge a student or withdraw a student. School is responsible to provided those settings- must identify with CSE to ensure child receives correct special services.)
- No tests are required for admission.

Students will be admitted to the school by lottery.

- The lottery is open to all children in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, 3, and 4*.
- All students whose applications are received by March 30, 2007 will be separated by grade and entered into the lottery.
- A random drawing of names by grade will be held.
- Preference will be given to students from New York City and to siblings of students enrolled at Sisulu-Walker Charter School of Harlem at the time of the lottery application deadline.
- If students do not accept their spots by the registration deadline, those spaces will be given to students on the waiting list.

This is an equal opportunity, public, charter school, open to all children on a space-available basis.