

Frequently Asked Questions for the Application Process

How do I submit an application?

You must open an account with SchoolAdmin in order to begin the application process. You can do so by visiting this website: https://goldameir.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in.

What do I need to submit in order to consider my application complete?

A complete application includes:

- Completed and signed General Information Form to start the 2026-2027 application
- Two (2) Confidential Recommendation Forms
- The previous year's final report card. **DO NOT SEND PROGRESS REPORTS.**
- The most current report card. **DO NOT SEND PROGRESS REPORTS.**
- Latest State/District Assessment Report for ELA (Forward, Star, MAP)
- Latest State/District Assessment Report for Math (Forward, Star, MAP)
- Parent Questionnaire–Gifted and Talented Parent Input Form
- Portfolio items are optional

If all of these above listed items are not completed, the application will not be considered.

Should I ask teachers to write a letter of recommendation?

That is not necessary. Our Confidential Recommendation Form provides us with the information needed to help make an informed decision regarding your child's gifts and talents. You are welcome to have additional teachers write their own letters of recommendation, however, you must include the TWO Confidential Recommendation Forms found in your checklist of items.

How do I send the Confidential Recommendation Forms?

Once you have started the application process, using your SchoolAdmin account, you will find a checklist of items listed for your convenience. Among the items listed, you will see Confidential Recommendation Form and Additional Confidential Recommendation Form. It is here where you will fill in the recommender's first and last name, along with their email address. You will get notification that you have requested a recommendation and another notification when your recommender completes the form. You can also send reminders to your recommender here.

My child goes to a school that does not offer IReady, STAR or MAP. What test scores can I use?

All statewide tests are also acceptable. In WI the Forward exam is offered for students in grades 3-8. If you do not have test scores, we ask that your child's current school to administer a summative exam that assesses all Math and Reading WI State Standards.

What should be included in the optional portfolio section?

This is your opportunity to showcase your child's gifts and/or talents. You know what makes your child outstanding, showcase that here! Does your child play an instrument? A sport? Love to perform? Is your child a whiz at math? Write creatively? Excels in history? Are they an entrepreneur? Do they volunteer? Are they in Scouts or any organization? Some examples are to upload URLs for the YouTube videos they created, share pictures of them cooking a complex dish, take a video of them working on their Rube Goldberg machines! Do not send worksheets of spelling words, basic math skills or reading comprehension sheets. This portfolio should demonstrate your child's brightest and best!

Where do I get an authentication code?

No authentication code is required. If you received this message after creating your account, you simply have moved faster than the program. You will need to **log out and then log back in again**. If you continue to have issues, please contact us.

Why do you require so much information?

The application process is detailed, as we are given just a snapshot of who your child is. We want to learn about your child as a whole. The information you provide us opens a window into your child's world and allows us to see the strengths your child possesses.

When is the deadline for the application?

- Grades 3-8:
 - January 5th-February 27th (1st window)
 - Grades 3 and 6 only: (IF NEEDED) March 23rd-April 10th (2nd window)

Only fully completed applications will be scored. If additional space is available, we will reopen the enrollment windows for a given grade.

Are you still accepting applications in person?

Our application process is entirely online. If you are unable to access the application online, please contact Ms. Navarro for further information at navarraa@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

How many seats are available?

There are approximately 75 seats available in the 3rd grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

There are approximately 15 seats available in the 4th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

There are approximately 5 seats available in the 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

There are approximately 35 seats available in the 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

There are approximately 5 seats available in the 7th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

There are approximately 5 seats available in the 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

How many applications do you receive each year?

We receive anywhere from 250 to 350 applications each year. Most of those applications are for grades 3 and 6.

What if you don't fill all of your seats by the application deadline?

In the rare case that we do not fill all of our seats in this enrollment round, we will open the application window again. If this does occur, know that your chances of seat availability greatly decreases, as a majority of seats will have been filled.

I applied last year, or a previous year, do I have to re-apply?

Yes, because of the large number of applications received, we do not have the capacity to save your information year to year.

How do I know if my application is completed?

Your SchoolAdmin account has a progress bar along the top of the page. That bar will turn green and say 100% when all items on the checklist are completed.

When will I know if my child has been accepted into Golda Meir School?

The Admissions Committee will need approximately three weeks to evaluate all applications with fidelity. It is expected that the seat availability emails will be sent 3 weeks after the enrollment window closes. We do not participate in a 'first come-first serve' format.

Will I get a letter if my child is not offered a seat at Golda Meir School?

Yes. Emails are sent out to all of our applicants regardless of seat availability. If you do not receive an email, please contact Ms. Navarro.

Do you have a waitlist? How do I get my child on that list?

Yes; however, the waitlist is only for those students who have applied within an enrollment window. Applicants are placed on the waitlist if they have been determined to be a match for Golda Meir School, but there are currently no seats available for your child. Being placed on the waitlist does not guarantee a seat at Golda Meir School. Typically, we do not call students off of our waitlist until the first week of school has begun.

How are applications evaluated?

Our Admissions Committee evaluates all aspects of the application. The more information you provide to us, the better we can get to know your child. We service five areas of Giftedness: General Intellectual, Leadership, Creative Thinking, Artistic and Subject Specific. Each application is evaluated separately by two members of the team. The applicant's score

is an average of those two scores. Should there be a significant discrepancy among those scores, a third evaluation will be conducted and a team discussion will be held to determine the best option for that applicant.

Can you tell me a little about your school program?

You can find information about Golda Meir School on our website: <https://k12.mps.school/goldameir/>

Is there someone I can talk to about touring the school building?

We have Recruitment Night for grades 3 and 6 scheduled in January 2026. Please visit our website to register for this event.

Still have questions? Contact Ms. Navarro at navarraa@milwaukee.k12.wi.us