



Pate's Grammar School

Year 7, 2027 Entry Admissions Information - FAQs

Children who have ranked between 151-250

Children who ranked within ranks 151-250 are considered to have achieved the qualifying standard for Pate's Grammar School and are eligible to apply for a place.

Please be aware that even if your child has achieved the qualifying standard, this does not automatically guarantee a place.

If you want to be considered for a place at Pate's, you must **name Pate's as your first preference on the Common Application Form**. Be assured that if you list Pate's as your first preference and are not offered a place, then your second choice would automatically be considered as your first effective preference, and your chance of getting a place at your second preference school is not reduced.

Please ensure that you **complete your Common Application Form**, showing your list of secondary school preferences, **by 31 October 2026**. This may be through on an online portal or on a paper form, depending on your local authority:

- If you live in Gloucestershire, the preferred method is through the online application facility.
- If you live outside Gloucestershire and wish to select a Gloucestershire school on your application, you will need to apply to your own local authority's admissions team, and they will send the information to Gloucestershire County Council.

What happens if my child is not allocated a place on 1 March?

Children who are ranked within the top 250, but who are not successful in gaining a place on 1 March 2027, will have the opportunity to join our waiting list, which will be held until 31 December 2027.

If you would like your child to be put on the waiting list, please contact Gloucestershire County Council (even if you live outside Gloucestershire) after 1 March 2027 and before 15 March 2027 to request this. Only children who achieve a rank within the top 250 are eligible for a place on the waiting list.

Your child will not be put on the waiting list unless you contact Gloucestershire County Council.

Do I need to know my child's individual rank?

There are three possible groups within these ranks, which are explained in our [Admissions Policy](#):

- Priority Places group
- Non-Priority (Local) group
- Non-Priority (UK wide) group

As your child has achieved the qualifying standard, you do not need to know their rank, as the individual rank is not relevant within these three groups.

If a child ranked within the top 150 chooses not to take a place at Pate's, the next child in the relevant group above will be allocated a place. As an example, if a child ranked within the top 150 in the Non-Priority (Local) group chooses not to take a place at Pate's, the first child on the waiting list in the 151-250 rank Non-Priority (Local) group will be allocated the place.

Please note that if you wish your child to be on the waiting list, you need to follow the information above, as Gloucestershire County Council do not automatically put children on the waiting list.

Can I appeal if my child is not allocated a place on 1 March?

Any child who is ranked within the top 250 and who is not allocated a place at Pate's Grammar School on 1 March 2027 has the right to appeal. The independent appeal panel considers each case carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. Details of this process are available on the [Appeals](#) page of the school website after 1 March 2027.

Important Dates

Monday 1 March 2027 is National Allocation Day, when your local authority will confirm which secondary school your child has been allocated.

Monday 15 March 2027 is the closing date to accept your school place or request to be put on waiting lists (see above). If you live outside Gloucestershire and are unsuccessful in gaining a place at Pate's Grammar School, you should contact Gloucestershire County Council directly to request a place on the waiting list (provided your child has a rank in the top 250).

