



Dear Parent(s), Family Member(s), and Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in Alexander Twilight Academy (ATA), a tuition-free, independent school serving 5th through 8th grade students from under-resourced backgrounds in Boston. Named after the first Black American to graduate from college in the United States and the only Black American to be elected to a state legislature prior to the Civil War, ATA seeks to offer the same quality of education, or better, to its students as is provided by elite private elementary and middle schools.

ATA enrolls 5th grade students who:

- Show a strong desire to learn and pursue their passions/areas of interest
- Aspire to be leaders in their communities and the larger world
- Want to build close relationships with their teachers and peers
- Are motivated to work hard in order to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams

Theory of Action

If we...	Then our students will...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and holistic education • Build a community where relationships amongst students, faculty, and families are the cornerstone of our educational philosophy • Make every student feel valued, cared about, and known • Nurture students' passions and intellectual curiosities • Expose students to new worlds • Empower the development of 21st-century skills such as creativity, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving • Prioritize the continued leadership development of our students by building upon their existing strengths and assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be equipped with the academic and non-cognitive skills to gain access to limitless opportunities and pathways for success and to thrive at elite high schools, colleges, and in the 21st-century workforce. • Become lifelong learners, who live rich and meaningful lives • Feel empowered as leaders who will actively seek to make the world a better place • Realize and fulfill their dreams and limitless potential

We aim to admit the majority of candidates for our class in Round 1, therefore if you know you would like your child to attend ATA in the Fall of 2019 for 5th grade, it is important to apply Round 1, as we plan to accept a very small class size. Information about the second round of admissions will be published after the Round 1 admissions process is complete, if we deem it necessary.

Round 1 Admissions Process:

1. Attend one of the two Open House Events (strongly encouraged)
 - **ATA Open House # 1: Thursday, December 6, 2018**, from **5:30- 7 PM** at the **Grove Hall Branch of the Boston Public Library**
OR
 - **ATA Open House #2: Saturday, December 8, 2018**, from **11:30 AM- 1 PM** at the **Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library**
2. Complete and submit Family and Student Application forms (Parts I and II of the application) and have the student applicant's teacher complete the Teacher Recommendation forms (Part III) by **Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 10 AM.**
 - Ways to turn in the Family and Student sections of the application...
 - i. In person on one of the two entrance exam dates
 - ii. By mailing the completed Family and Students sections of the application to:

Alexander Twilight Academy
133 Clarendon Street
P.O.Box 170664
Boston, MA 02116
 - iii. By scanning and emailing your completed application to
Annie.L.Weinberg@gmail.com
 - iv. By faxing your application to 203-869-7599 (please email
Annie.L.Weinberg@gmail.com or text/call her at 203-249-3232 to confirm the fax has been received)
3. Attend one of two Entrance Exam Dates
 - **Saturday, January 12, 2019, 10 AM**; *location to be announced via email and on the website (AlexanderTwilightAcademy.org)*
OR
 - **Saturday, January 19, 2019, 10 AM**; *location to be announced via email and on the website (AlexanderTwilightAcademy.org)*
4. Families and students are notified of their invitation to the group interview by **January 26, 2019.**
5. Group Interviews (by invitation only): **February 2, 2019.** Participating students and families

will be notified of the time and location.

6. Individual Interviews (by invitation only): **February 9, 2019**. Participating students and families will be notified of the time and location.
7. Students and families notified of their admissions status on **March 4, 2019**.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the school and know that this is a rather long and intensive admissions process. Please feel free to reach out with any questions that come up along the way.

All Our Best,

The ATA Admissions Team



TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN/FAMILY MEMBER

DUE: JANUARY 19, 2018 at 10 AM

Please write clearly.

In addition to completing this form, please submit copies of the following documents:

- ☐ The student applicant's 2018 MCAS Results
- ☐ The student applicant's most recent 4th-grade progress report or report card
- ☐ The student applicant's attendance record (if not on progress report/report card)
- ☐ If applicable, a copy of the student applicant's 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____ CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (if available): _____ - _____ - _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: _____ (Male/Female)

STUDENT'S PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

HAS STUDENT ATTENDED SCHOOL IN ANOTHER COUNTRY? YES or NO

IF SO, WHERE AND IN WHAT GRADES? _____

STUDENT'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN/FAMILY MEMBER NAME (FIRST AND LAST): _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____
 PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

LANGUAGE(S) SPOKEN AT HOME:

ADDITIONAL PARENT/GUARDIAN/FAMILY MEMBER NAME (FIRST AND LAST):

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

NAME(S) OF SIBLINGS:

NAME	AGE	SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD: _____

ANNUAL INCOME OF THE HOUSEHOLD: _____

WHERE/HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT ALEXANDER TWILIGHT ACADEMY (ATA)?

WHAT THREE WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE YOUR CHILD?

_____, _____, AND _____

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR CHILD? WHAT DO YOU WANT HIM/HER TO GET OUT OF ALEXANDER TWILIGHT ACADEMY?

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US ABOUT YOUR CHILD OR FAMILY?



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT APPLICANT.

Please write neatly and clearly and put forth your best effort in writing your responses.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

GENDER: (M/F) _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

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FILL IN THE BLANK - Complete the following sentences:

My favorite subject is _____.

When I grow up I want to be a _____.

I am most proud of _____.

My biggest dream is _____.

SHORT ANSWER - Write one paragraph to answer each of the following questions. If you need extra space, please use lined notebook paper and attach it to your application.

1. Why do you want to attend Alexander Twilight Academy?

2. What makes someone a good leader?

Essay Questions - Please respond to BOTH of the following prompts. Each essay response should be AT LEAST TWO PARAGRAPHS. If you need extra space, please use lined notebook paper and attach it to your application.

1. A community is a group of people from different backgrounds who work together to build a better world. What qualities do you think you will add to the Alexander Twilight Academy (ATA) community? Why?

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2. If you could do one thing to make the world a better place, what would it be and why?

[illegible]



RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S TEACHER.

DUE BY: JANUARY 19, 2018 at 10 AM

We recommend that you complete this confidential form **online**. Click [here](http://bit.ly/TeacherRecATA) for access or go to:
<http://bit.ly/TeacherRecATA>

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Ways to Submit This Recommendation

1. Visit <http://bit.ly/TeacherRecATA> and submit online (**preferred**)
2. Print, complete, scan, and email to Annie.L.Weinberg@gmail.com

We thank you for taking the time to fill out this recommendation. We sincerely appreciate your insight and thoughtfulness.

All Our Best,

The ATA Admissions Team

Teacher Name: _____ Position: _____

School: _____ Email: _____

Student Applicant Name: _____ Grade: _____

What three words would you use to describe this student?

_____, _____, and _____

ACADEMIC QUALITIES:

	One of the Best Ever ¹	Excellent ²	Good	Fair	Developing
Study Habits/ Organization					
Attention Span					
Ability to Work Independently					
Ability to Work in a Group					
Ability to Organize and Communicate Ideas					
Motivation					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Critical Thinking Skills					
Abstract Thinking Skills					
Academic Achievement					
Academic Potential					
Classroom Participation					
Effort/ Determination					

¹ Top 5 % of all students I have taught in my career.² Top 10 % of all students I have taught in my career.

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

	One of the Best Ever	Excellent	Good	Fair	Developing
Creativity					
Self-Confidence					
Leadership Potential					
Reaction to Criticism or Feedback					
Reaction to Setbacks					
Care and Concern for Others					
Personal Conduct					
Personal Integrity					
Ability to Act Independently					
Ability to Work Cooperatively					
Sense of Humor					
Humility					
Self-Awareness					
Ability to Make Friends and Connect with Others					

NARRATIVE OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND APTITUDE

Please provide commentary on this student's academic abilities for each of the following categories:

Reading skills:

Writing skills:

Math skills:

Science skills:

Social Studies skills:

Please compare this student's academic achievement to his/her academic ability and potential.

Should the admission committee be made aware of any factors that have had an impact on this student's academic or social progress to date? If so, please explain them here.

Comment on this student as a person: (consider maturity, integrity, behavior, relationship with peers, self-confidence, etc.).

On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being the highest), how would you rate this student's performance relative to other students in your class?

_____/10

I recommend this student:

	Enthusiastically	With confidence	Mildly	With reservations	Not at all
Academic Ability and Promise/ Potential					
Character and Personal Promise/ Potential					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments on this student's appropriateness for Alexander Twilight Academy:

If needed, are you willing to further discuss this applicant's qualifications?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate hours and a phone number where you can be reached:

PLEASE NOTE: This teacher recommendation form is due no later than 10 AM on Saturday, January 19, 2019.