

Neptune Poseidon Early College High School

Admissions Criteria

Who can apply to Poseidon?

First generation college students who are currently in 8th grade (who will be 9th graders during the following school year) and who attend Neptune Middle School, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Bradley Beach Elementary School, and Belmar Elementary School, can apply for admission to Poseidon.

What is meant by “first-generation college student”?

“First generation” refers to students whose parents have not earned a bachelors’ degree or higher.

What if one parent has a bachelor’s degree or higher and the other parent does not? Is a student eligible?

No, a student is not eligible if one parent has earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Why can’t a student apply to Poseidon who is not a “first-generation” college student?

The admissions criteria at Poseidon is determined by the endowment which is funding the program and also follows the Early College High School initiative criteria set forth nationally.

The Application Process

Can students apply for Poseidon admission as a second-semester freshman, a sophomore, a junior, or a senior?

No, only students entering the 9th grade will be accepted as freshman and will complete the 4-year program together as a cohort.

Do I need to send any money with the application?

No, the Brookdale Community College application fee is waived for Poseidon applicants. Simply print out the Brookdale Community College application from the website and mail it in with your application.

How many letters of recommendation are needed with the application?

Three letters of recommendation are needed from the following:

- 1) A Teacher
- 2) A Guidance Counselor
- 3) A school administrator or community member (examples of a community member: a coach, a club/activity advisor, an organization affiliate with whom the student has worked with or volunteered, etc.)

When is the application deadline?

How do I submit the application?

All applications are to be **mailed** in to:

Poseidon Early College High School

60 Neptune Boulevard

Neptune, NJ 07753

Attn: Poseidon Admissions