



Criteria for Admission

1. Orion College is a Remedial School (not a special needs school) that primarily accommodates learners with mild to moderate Barriers to Learning.
2. Any application for admission received will be carefully considered in order to make a recommendation that will be most appropriate according to the learner's needs.
3. The recommendations are based on the profile of the learner encompassing indicators of need, access to curriculum and levels of support required. All the available information about the learner, e.g. school performance, life history, family background and other available and supporting documentation will be carefully integrated and assessed.
4. To ensure that a learner will be appropriately placed at Orion College and that we will be able to care for his/her specific needs, we need information regarding his/her level of functioning, areas of difficulty that need to be addressed, medical history etc. Reports from professionals, such as Psychologists, Occupational and Speech Therapists, Neurologists and other Doctors, usually provide valuable information to enable us to determine whether the learner will be able to benefit from the education and therapeutic input that we are able to provide. It also assists in processing the application more speedily. It is essential that ALL the documentation listed in the application process is submitted and completed in full so that it may be determined whether the learner is a candidate for placement at Orion College.
5. The school is NOT equipped to address the specific needs of learners in the following categories. The following serves as a guideline and the final decision rests with the Schools multi-disciplinary team together with the Board of Directors.
 - Hard of hearing
 - Visually impaired
 - Cerebral palsy (non-independent, severe at school's discretion)
 - Severe physical disabilities
 - Severe conduct disorder or learners awaiting trial
 - Mild to severe cognitively impaired
 - Overaged learners who are no longer of compulsory school-going age.
 - Children with syndromes; unspecified syndromes.

6. Age norms for grades as stipulated by the GDE must be adhered to (not more than 3 years older than the age norm of the grade) unless placement is for our Vocational or Skills stream.
7. A learner must be admitted to a school in the year that the 6th birthday (Grade R) is reached (compulsory attendance).
8. Learners in Grades 10 – 12 who do not have the same subject choices as Orion College can be accommodated, if they are able to change their current chosen subjects to the ones offered. Please bear in mind that:
 - Learners can only change two subjects at the end of Grade 10
 - Learners can only change one subject at the end of Grade 11

9. NON-SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS

Non-South African citizens will only be accommodated at Orion College if the following documents or proof of application for these documents are submitted:

- Valid study permit (learner)
- Relevant residency permit (parents) or refugee status documents (refugee status does not qualify applicant for exemption of paying school fees).

Applicants will be given three weeks to produce proof that they have applied for the necessary study permit and residency permits as the application will only be finalised once these documents have been received.