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Nursery Admission Criteria To Be Released Today, Vicinity In Focus

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New Delhi: Schools across the capital are set to release their nursery admission criteria for the upcoming academic session on Friday, marking the beginning of another competitive and closely watched enrolment cycle.

The points-based selection system gives weightage to multiple factors, but neighbourhood proximity remains the most important, with many schools awarding between 30 and 50 points to applicants living closest to the campus.

At The Indian School in south Delhi, this year's criteria will lean heavily on neighbourhood proximity. "Points awarded for distance are 60, siblings 20 and first-born children 20," said principal Tania Joshi, confirming that the school will distribute 100 points across these three categories.

Tagore International School, East of Kailash, is expected to follow

a similar model, prioritising neighbourhood applicants first, followed by firstborn children, siblings of current students and alumni wards.

Amity International School, Saket, will continue with its existing system, allocating 30 points for neighbourhood, 20 each for siblings and staff wards, and 30 for alumni. "Our criteria remain the same as last year, covering siblings, alumni, staff wards and distance," said principal Divya Bhatia.

Some institutions such as The Mother's International School on Aurbindo Marg will be adopting a more detailed approach. The criteria will include area-wise point distribution, with specific neighbourhoods mapped into different point brackets. Localities such as Adchini, Sarvapriya Vihar and Kalu Sarai—that are closer to school—may receive more points in comparison to distant areas like Sarojini Nagar, Tughlaqabad Extension and Vasant Vihar.

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bourhood points with other factors, including the presence of siblings, parent alumni status and in some cases, considerations like whether the applicant is a firstborn or a girl child.

Minority institutions add their own specific parameters. St Michael's Senior Secondary School on Pusa Road, for instance, awards 40 points to "practising Christian minority", along with 30 points for neighbourhood, 20 for alumni and 10 for siblings, said principal Jas Elanjikal.

In some schools, girl child appli-

cants are being preferred. "We have allocated 20 points under 'girl child' category at our school, besides 50 points for neighbourhood (0-12 km). We have also assigned 10 points each for siblings, first born and parent alumni," said Rooma Pathak, principal of MM Public School, Pitampura.

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"The 6+ criteria will not impact the next session, as current students will move up to the next class. From the 2027-28 session, nursery will move to LKG, and this group will enter Class I at 6+ in 2029-30," said Bhatia.

"Children already enrolled will continue in their existing classes, and their academic progression will remain unchanged," said Alka Kapur, principal of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh.