

Opportunity class (OC) applications opening!

OC Year 5 entry in 2024—applications open 30 March–15 May 2023

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Note: Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 76 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 45 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 30 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in 618 authorised host schools

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

In the majority of cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class.

High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education.

Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- Students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Students from rural and remote locations
- Students with disability

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to help increase their participation.

These students may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school.

Learn more at Equity Placement Model.

Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at Opportunity classes – Year 5.

Ready to apply?

Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc