

THE WESTVIEW SPECIAL SCHOOL LEARNER



AGE

- At least 14 years old, but not older than 15 years, 6 months on the first day of school, for the year requesting admission.
- Learners older than 15 years, 6 months will be placed on the waiting list for year 2.
- Placement for learners older than 16 years, 6 months cannot take place; only transfers from other vocational schools will be considered.

SOCIAL SKILLS

- Educable, developed self-help and communication skills.
- Learners being diagnosed with symptoms of oppositional defiance disorder, may not be accepted due to the safety hazards working with machinery and equipment. This includes:
 - Frequent temper tantrums/aggressive outbursts
 - Active defiance and refusal to comply with requests and rules
 - Deliberate attempts to annoy or upset people

ACADEMIC SKILLS

- Able to **read, write and understand** Afrikaans or English on a grade 4/5 level (therefore the ability to continuously grasp and apply the safety protocol within our workshops).
- Ability to understand and perform basic measurements (including the ability to read time).

MOTOR SKILLS

- To be able to function within our workshops, learners need adequate motor skill, especially fine motor skill. Good hand-eye coordination is important (this involves the synchronisation of hands and fingers to perform practical work).

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSEMENT

- Proven history of learning challenges and interventions reflected within the SIAS document.
- Psychologically assessed by a **registered psychologist** and profiled as having a “mild to borderline intelligence disability” (Use of the SSAIS instrument is advised) – This report may not be older than 2 years.
- Official approval from the Department of Education.

Vocational aim of the 4 year National Technical Occupational Curriculum (TOC):

To enter the labour market within the semi-skilled sector with the ability function independently.

WESTVIEW SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2021

This process and dates are all subject to change in the light of the Covid-19 challenges we are currently facing. Please check this information regularly to stay up to date with possible changes.

Please note that all learners who want to apply for placement:

- Must be referred by their current school, and
- applications need to be accompanied by a psychological report (not older than 2 years) which confirm this choice.

IMPORTANT DATES:

14 MAY 2020 (16:30 – 19:00)

Presentation evening for prospective parents/guardians and learners.

21 MAY 2020 (13:00 – 14:00)

Attendance recommended for teachers.

Application forms will be made available together with a short presentation regarding the completion thereof.

31 JULY 2020 (13:30)

Application cut- off date.

3 SEPTEMBER 2020 (10:00 – 13:00)

All prospective learners of 2021 need to complete a competency verification at Westview School.

17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Notification will be sent to schools regarding successful and unsuccessful applications.