

The Waitlist Process

The waitlist process opens roughly one week after the Accept/Decline Deadline.

Does being on a waitlist guarantee me an offer to that program?
No, Waitlist seats are only offered if the program has not met its capacity. The amount of time you could be on a waitlist will vary by program and waitlist number.

How will I be notified if I receive a waitlist offer?

If your waitlist number is reached, you will receive an automated message to the phone number in your application that your application status has changed. You can then log into your GoCPS account to see your waitlist offer. You may also receive a phone call or email from the school making the offer but this is not guaranteed.

How long are waitlist offers available?

Waitlist offers are available at 8 am and will expire exactly 2 business days later at 8 am.

How do I know what my waitlist number is?

Waitlist numbers for all High School programs and Elementary Choice programs are updated nightly and can be viewed by logging into the student's GoCPS account.

Initial Waitlists- When am I automatically waitlisted?

Choice Programs

Elementary School

Apply to up to 20 Choice Elementary Programs. These programs are not ranked and students are considered for all programs simultaneously. Any program that you do not receive an offer to, you will be waitlisted for.



Programs that are **OFFERED**



Programs that are **WAITLISTED**

EXAMPLE

Applied: 20 Offered:12 Waitlisted: 8

If a waitlist offer is accepted, the applicant will remain on all other waitlists. Selective Enrollment waitlists do not affect Choice waitlists.

Selective Enrollment Programs

Both Elementary & High Schools

Apply to up to 6 Selective Enrollment Programs. These programs should be ranked in the true order of preference.

If you receive an offer to a Selective Enrollment program, you will **NOT** be placed on any Selective Enrollment waitlists.



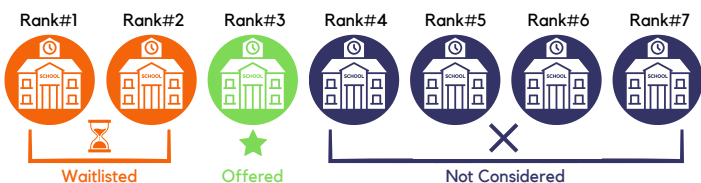
If you do not receive a selective enrollment offer, you will be placed on the waitlist for all programs for which you applied and are eligible.



Decline the offer received in order to join an existing waitlist. Waitlists are resorted into descending total point order nightly.

High School

Apply to up to 20 Choice HS Programs. These programs are ranked in the true order of preference. Applicants will be waitlisted for any programs ranked higher than the program offered. All programs ranked lower than the offered program will not be considered.



If a waitlist offer is accepted, the applicant will remain on all other waitlists. Selective Enrollment waitlists do not affect Choice waitlists.

Elementary Schools Only

Receiving an offer in one category does not affect the other categories for which you apply or are waitlisted.

For example, if you receive an offer from an Academic Center, you can still be waitlisted for a Classical program if you did not receive an offer in that category.

Selective Enrollment Elementary School (SEES) Categories

- Academic Centers
- Classical & Regional Gifted Centers
- Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners

Waitlist Process - The Rolling Waitlist



Definition

The Rolling Waitlist is for families who did not originally apply in the fall or for families that want to add additional programs to their application. The rolling waitlist eliminates the need for separate transfer and post-process applications.

When does the Rolling Waitlist start?

Approximately 4 weeks after initial offers are released.

When does the Rolling Waitlist end?

All Selective Enrollment waitlists end on the 20th day of school. Choice waitlists will continue to be open until early January. (both ES and HS)

Which waitlists can I join?

You can join both Choice and Selective Enrollment waitlists. You must meet the minimum eligibility for the program if you wish to join the waitlist. Use the colors in the Rolling Waitlist portal to see what your chances are of getting an offer.

When do schools use the waitlist?

Only schools with space remaining after initial offers will make waitlist offers. Schools will continue to make offers until they are at capacity.

Will the rolling waitlist still run priority preferences?

Yes, any priority preference that was used in the initial round will continue in the rolling waitlist. Examples of this include: sibling, tier, proximity, staff etc...

Choice

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| You can add up to 20 Choice programs to your application. | How many programs can I be waitlisted for? | You can add up to 6 SE programs in each category. |
| HS- You will be waitlisted for all programs that you are eligible for and ranked higher than your offer. ES- You will be waitlisted for all programs that you did not receive an offer to. | Can I be waitlisted if I received an offer in the initial round? | You can not be waitlisted if you received an offer to any selective program within the category. |
| Yes you can join up to 20 waitlists total. | Can I join the rolling waitlist if I received an offer in the initial round? | You can't add yourself to a SE rolling waitlist in a category in which you have open or accepted any offers. |
| You will only be removed from waitlists if you remove yourself manually. | Can I be removed from a waitlist? | You will be removed automatically from all SE programs if an offer is received in that category. |
| You can add yourself to up to 20 waitlists if you are eligible for the program. | How can I add a waitlist if I already have an offer? | Decline/Expire the offer, then re-add yourself to a SE waitlist. |

Selective Enrollment (SE)

How fast will the waitlist move?

There is no guarantee that a school will call applicants off the waitlist. The pace at which the waitlist moves varies from program to program depending on the demand and the space available.

If you would not accept the SE offer, you should withdraw from that SE waitlist if you were added automatically. This will prevent receiving an offer to a program you ranked lower and potentially missing out on an offer to your most preferred program.

Best Practice



Lottery Based Programs

Applicants add themselves to the end of the existing waitlist.

The Orange student joins the waitlist as #5 because there are already 4 students on the waitlist.

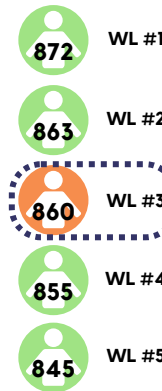


Points Based Programs

Applicants add themselves and waitlist is resorted into descending total point order nightly.



The Orange student joins the waitlist with 860 points.



The Orange student joins the waitlist in the #3 position based on their point total. Notice that the student with 855 points has moved from #3 to #4.

NOTE:

For points based programs, waitlist numbers will go both up and down nightly.

Colors of the Rolling Waitlist

Request Offer Space is available to receive an immediate offer.

Join Waitlist A current waitlist exists or an additional screening/sorting is required before a waitlist number can be given.

Join Waitlist Program is at capacity or the waitlist is extremely long. Chances of getting an offer are very low.

How to Participate in the Rolling Waitlist

Applied in the Fall

- Log into your existing GoCPS account
- Click "View Results & Options"
- Click "Rolling Waitlist"

Did NOT submit an app in the fall

- Create a GoCPS account
- Complete a registration form: A step-by-step guide on the GoCPS website
- Once the registration form is submitted, click "View Results & Options"
- Click "Rolling Waitlist"

Don't forget to accept your offer in the Offer/Waitlist Portal before it expires!

Rolling waitlist eligibility may not be determined at the time of initial offers. Applicants who receive a status of 'Not Offered' for all programs in the initial round will be notified if they meet the minimum eligibility criteria for any program on their initial application and have been automatically added to any selective rolling waitlists.