



GoCPS Training on the Applications Process for SY 2025-2026

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Overview & Timeline

Neighborhood Programs

- All students have the option to attend a program at their Neighborhood school:
 - Based on Chicago street addresses
 - Guaranteed seat
- No application required

High School Neighborhood Program

General Education Program



Next Steps for Families & Schools:

- Go directly to the school
- Provide proof of residency
- Schools can enroll families

To find your neighborhood school, visit the GoCPS website and click School Search.

When families want to attend a school outside their assigned neighborhood school, they must go through...

GoCPS

If a student wants to attend **ANY** school outside of their Neighborhood school,

GoCPS

Is the **PRIMARY** way!



- Students are not restricted to the assigned neighborhood schools or schools near their home
- Students **must** go through the application process before attending any non-neighborhood school or program
- Applications are submitted the year before a child will enroll.
- If a child will enroll in fall 2025, the application will be submitted in fall of 2024.

Exceptions include: STLS placement, etc...



is the platform that allows families to apply to every K-9 CPS-managed school and program using

One Site, One Application System, and One Deadline



Family can use **GoCPS** to apply to:

CPS High School Programs



Including OSD School Assignment programs

High School Charter Programs



CPS Elementary School Programs



Students needing OSD placement and Charter Elementaries will continue to run their own process

**Students are
applying to a
program, not
a school!**





Choice Programs



Selective Enrollment



Neighborhood Schools



Non-Neighborhood



Magnet Schools



Charter Schools



Contract Schools



OSD Programs

HS ONLY

Let's break this down..

ES - All district run programs are on the GoCPS application

HS - All district, contract, charter, and OSD programs are on the GoCPS Application



The application process is divided into three phases

SUMMER 2024



EXPLORE

which programs are the best
fit for your student

NOW



APPLY

to programs

EARLY SPRING 2025



SELECTION

issues results for the
schools/programs to which
you applied

For the upcoming application cycle for the 2025-2026 school year:

The Application window will...

Open:

September 24th, 2024 at 10 am

Close:

December 15th, 2024 at 5 pm

Application Cycle Timeline (FALL)

September 24, 2024

Application Opens

Students can begin to create GoCPS accounts and select programs to include on their application. There is no benefit to applying early.

October 9-10, 2024 (CPS)

HSAT Testing for Students applying to High School

Current CPS and Charter students will take the CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT) in their current 8th grade classes. No registration is necessary.

October 19/20, 26/27
(non-CPS)

All non-CPS students will take the CPS High School Admissions exam at designated CPS locations on this date. Registration for the exam is through the application.

December 15, 2024

Application Closes

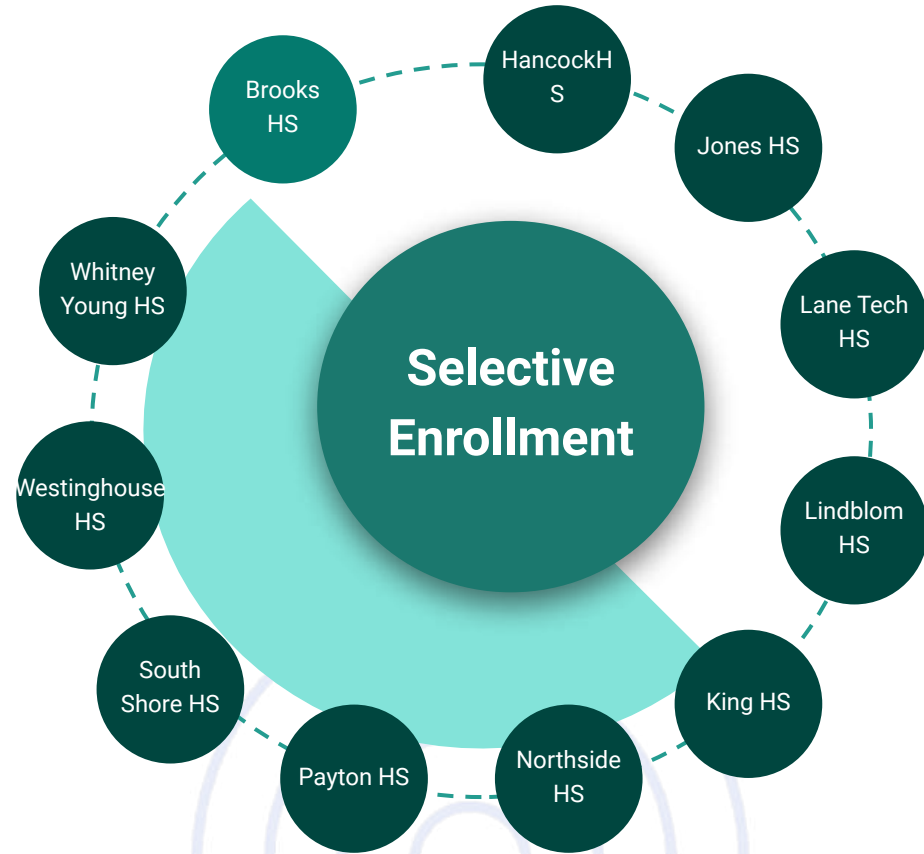
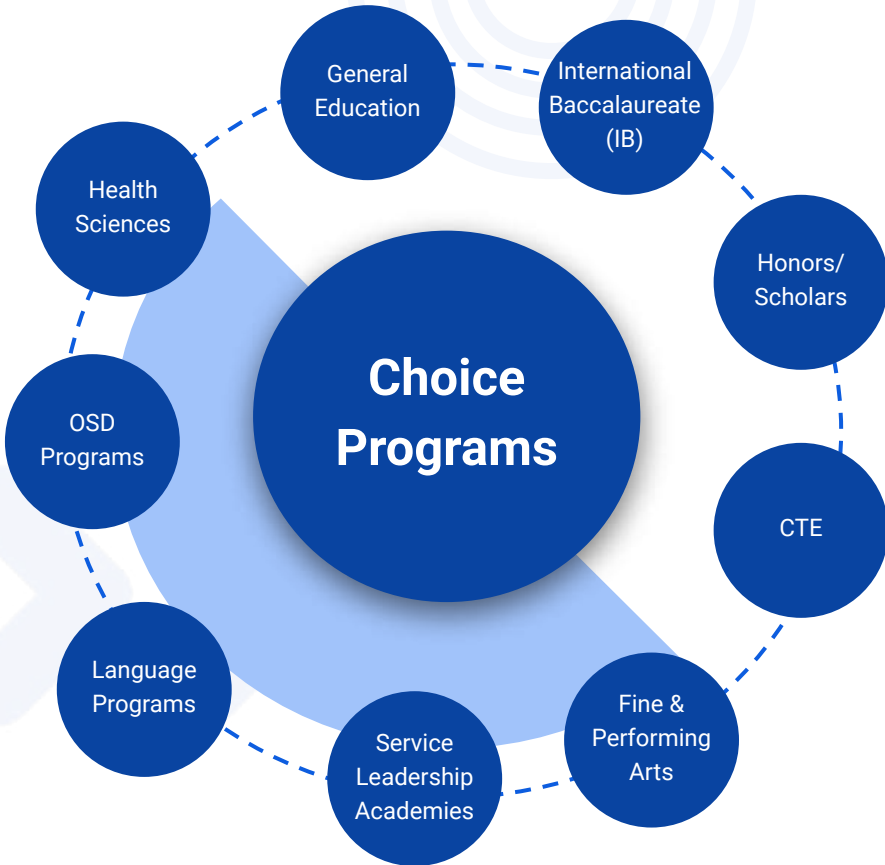
All applications must be submitted by this date. Programs can not be added, removed or re-ranked after this date.



High School Process



The high school programs listed on the GoCPS application are divided into two general categories.



High School Application Process Overview



Please Note:

Some programs have minimum requirements in order to apply.

Most Programs apply eligibility on the Selections side... that means you can apply but must meet the requirements to be included in the selections process.

Make sure to check out the School profile pages to be sure!



Select up to **20 CHOICE** programs to include on the application



Rank these programs in true order of preference

(most desired program ranked first and the least desired program ranked last)



Receive a **single best offer** if qualified and seats are available

Select up to **6 SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT** programs to include on the application



Rank these programs in true order of preference

(most desired program ranked first and the least desired program ranked last)



Receive a **single best offer** if qualified and seats are available

Potential Offers for High School

Guaranteed Seats



General Education
Program at
Neighborhood School



Continuing Program
(for students attending
8th grade in a HS)

Single Best Offer



Choice High
School Program



Selective
Enrollment High
School Program



CHOICE High Schools

Choice Application Process Overview

Select up to 20
CHOICE programs to
include on the
application



Rank these programs in
true order of preference
(most desired program ranked first
and the least desired program
ranked last)



Receive a single
best offer if
qualified and
seats are
available

How does the Selections Process Work?

A combination of multiple factors goes into Selections for each program.



Ranking of the program in the application



Available seats in the program



Selections Process Used



Priority Preferences Used

Can include but not limited to:



Lottery Based



Points Based



Sibling



Staff



Proximity



Elementary Pref.



Tiers

- Can include but not limited to:
- CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT)
 - GPA/grades
 - Auditions/Portfolio Review

Points- Based HS Programs



Points-Based Programs Scoring Scale (with Academic Criteria)

Points based programs that use academic criteria will now be based on the same 900 point scale.

Includes all CTE, IB, SLA, Hubbard, etc...

HSAT Points
50% or
450 pts.



7th Grade Final Grades
50% or
450 pts.



Total Points
900 pts.

IB programs & Hubbard-Scholars will continue to give the 50 pt. Bonus for living in the geographic area making the program totals 950.

Points-Based Programs (Screening Scoring)

Any program which scores applicants through an audition, portfolio review, etc... will no longer have a additional academic criteria.

Programs with Admissions Screenings will sort solely on screening scores.

Lottery Programs with Eligibility Criteria



Programs with HSAT minimum requirements will all move to a combo score minimum. Applicants must meet the combo score to be included in the lottery.

**HSAT
Reading
Percentile**



**HSAT
Math
Percentile**



**HSAT
Combo
Score**

Example: **73%**

65%

138

**General Education &
Students with 504**

**Combo of
58**

**Combo of
120**

**Eligibility for programs will
be set at either:**
(some exceptions, see school
profile pages)

**Students with IEP or
English Learners**

**Combo of
48**

OR

**Combo of
110**

How Selections Run and Offers are Issued

- Students are placed in line for each program based on the rules outlined in each program's admissions process & priority preferences.
- The system will then try to place each student in their highest ranked program.
- All programs are considered simultaneously.

Example: The blue student is placed in line for each program that they applied to. Program A has 6 seats available. Because the student is placed in the ninth position, they will be placed on the waitlist in the #3 position. The system will then try to match the blue student with their next ranked program. If there are 7 or more seats available at Program B, the student will get an offer. If the blue student gets an offer to Program B, the system will not try to match them for any lower-ranked programs.



When are applicants waitlisted?

Students are placed on the waitlist for any Choice High School that they rank higher than the offer they receive. Students are not waitlisted for programs ranked lower than the offer they receive.





Selective Enrollment High Schools (SEHS) Process

Selective Enrollment Application Process Overview




Select up to 6
**SELECTIVE
ENROLLMENT**
programs to include
on the application



Rank these programs in
true order of preference

(most desired program ranked first
and the least desired program
ranked last)



Receive a single
best offer if
qualified and
seats are
available

How does the Selections Process Work?

A combination of multiple factors goes into Selections for each program.



Ranking of the program in the application



Available seats in the program

AND

Points Based Selections Process



Tiers System



50%

CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT)



50%

7th Grade Final Grades

Grades of Core Subjects are used
(Reading, Math, Science & Social Studies)

Rank



Tier



Tier



Tier



Tier



Points & Tier System Working Together

1. The system will try to match each student with their highest ranked program. Students are placed in line according to their total points. All programs are considered simultaneously.

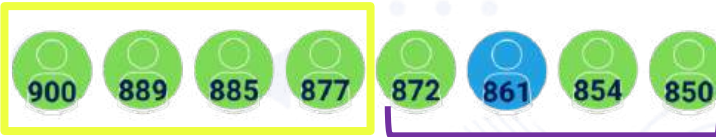
2. 30% of available seats are filled by students with the highest scores regardless of tier.

3. The remaining seats are distributed equally between the four tiers.

Program A



Rank #1



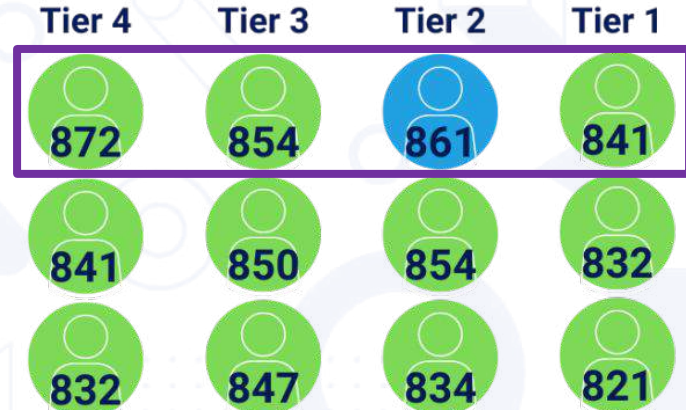
30% of seats

Applicants to be tiered

Program B



Rank #2



4. If an applicant does not receive a seat through either the top 30% or the tiers, the system will then try to match them with the program ranked #2. Once an offer is received, the system will stop trying to match a student with a program.

HOW IT WORKS- SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL

When are you waitlisted?

If an offer to a selective enrollment program is received, the applicant **WILL NOT** automatically be placed on any waitlists

If **NO** offer is received, the applicant will be placed on all waitlists



If an offer is received, an applicant can decline the offer and join the rolling waitlist.



CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT)

CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT)

What is it? One entrance exam that streamlines the GoCPS application process by allowing the same exam scores to be applied to the selections processes for all high school programs, where applicable.

Who should take this exam?

All students in 8th grade who would like to apply for admission to CPS high school choice programs or selective enrollment high schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

What do I need to know?

- Computer- Based Test
- No Calculators Allowed
- There are No Retakes
- The test will be available in 5 additional languages:
 - **Spanish**
 - **Polish**
 - **Arabic**
 - **Simplified Chinese**
 - **Urdu**

Is there a tutorial?

A tutorial session will be available for students to become familiar with the format of the exam. This session will be included at the beginning of the test and will not need to be scheduled separately.

How do Applicants Schedule & Take the Exam?

Current CPS/Charter Students

- Do NOT need to register for or schedule the exam.
- Students will test during the school day at their current 8th grade school.
- Students will select the test language at their current school.

Department of Assessment will reach out with more information and should be your point of contact for all questions regarding testing.

Test Date:

**Wednesday,
October 9, 2024**

- The test is approximately 1 hour in length
 - 30 minutes per section
- All points-based programs- HSAT will make up 50% of the total points or 450 pts.

How do Applicants Schedule & Take the Exam?

Non-CPS Students

- Students will schedule to test when they submit their GoCPS application.
- Students will test at a designated CPS location.
- Students who need to test in a language other than English should contact our office to get scheduled.
- The test is approximately 1 hour in length
 - 30 minutes per section
- All points-based programs- HSAT will make up 50% of the total points or 450 pts.

Test Dates:

Saturday, October 19th, 2024
Sunday, October 20th, 2024
(Registration deadline: October 4th, 2024)

Saturday, October 26th, 2024
Sunday, October 27th, 2024
(Registration deadline: October 11th, 2024)

Make-up Test Dates:

Saturday, November 23rd, 2024
Sunday, November 24th, 2024
(Registration deadline: November 22nd, 2024 @ 5pm)

HSAT Basics

The HSAT is made up of 2 sections:



Reading
225 points
Or
50%



Math
225 points
Or
50%

- Scores will be reported as both percentiles and standard scores
 - Percentiles will be used for points conversions.
 - Standard scores will be used for all Tie-Breakers.

Percentiles

Converts

Points
(out of 225)

Tie-Breaker Process

CHOICE Programs

1. Lottery

SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT Programs

1. Math Standard Score
2. Reading Standard Score
3. Lottery



Spring Offers & the Rolling Waitlist

High School Results will be released in the Spring of 2025. Elementary Results follow approximately a month later.

(Final dates to be released at a later date.)



Selection Cycle Timeline (SPRING)

Late February/ Early March

High School Results are Released

Students will see what schools they have received offers to and which they have been waitlisted for. Families have approx. 3 weeks to make a decision.

About 3 Weeks Later

HS Accept/Decline Deadline & Rolling Waitlist Opens

Students must make decisions. Students can add new programs to their existing applications. New students can apply. Schools will start to make offers to waitlisted students.

Late March/ Early April

Elementary School Results are Released

Students will see what schools they have received offers to and which they have been waitlisted for. Families have approx. 3 weeks to make a decision.

About 3 Weeks Later

ES Accept/Decline Deadline & Rolling Waitlist Opens

Students must make decisions. Students can add new programs to their existing applications. New students can apply. Schools will start to make offers to waitlisted students.

Spring

Pre-K Selections Cycle

PreK Selections are released about a month after the application closes. The Rolling Waitlist then opens immediately.

20th Day of School

ES & HS Selective Waitlists Close

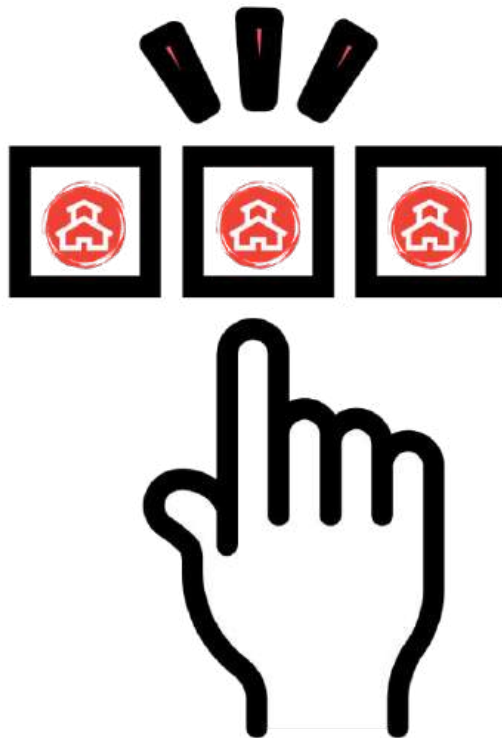
Early/Mid January

ES & HS Choice Waitlists Close



What Will Applicants See?

- Programs that have been offered to the student.
- Programs that have not been offered to the student.
- Programs which have been waitlisted and the waitlist position.



**ONLINE
APPLICATION**

All Results posted to
GoCPS online
account



GoCPS

Application System



Changes
Ahead

Application System is Changing!

Moving from Schoolmint to Blenderbox: EnrollWise

We will continue to use Schoolmint for students interested in the current school year (2024-2025)

Why this change in platform?



- **Moving to ONE system** → Less overall issues & faster streamlined processes
- **Better User Experience for Families** → Easier application and Selections interface for families
- **Better User Experience for Schools** → Better access and more information on your students from within the system

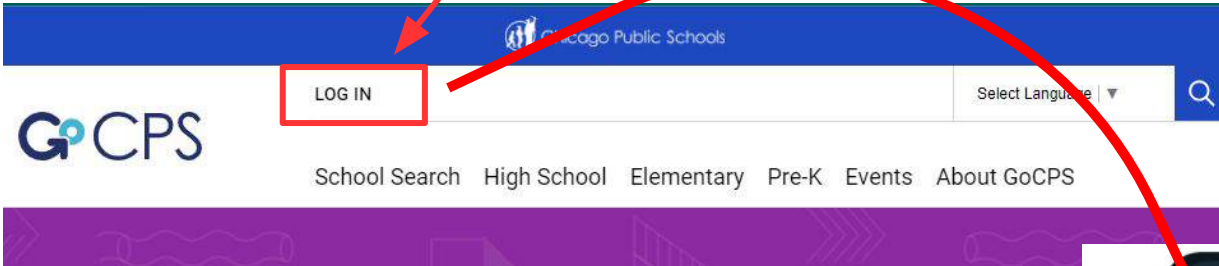




Navigating the GoCPS Guardian Portal

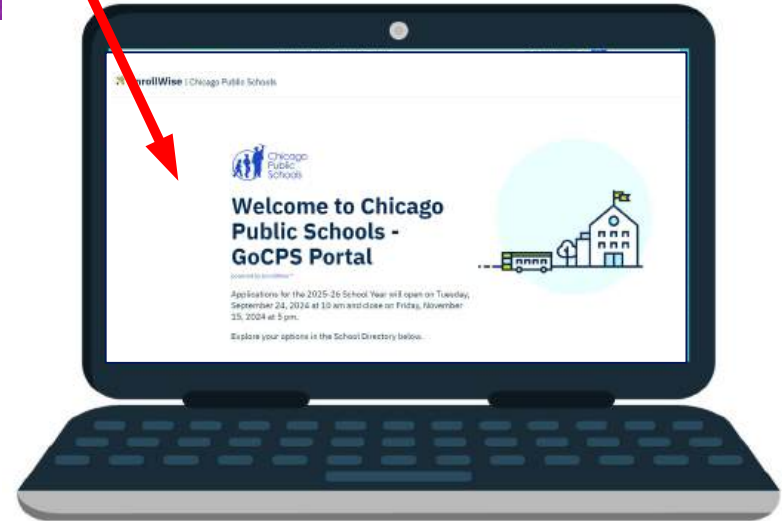
Start at the GoCPS website...

Click the “Log In” button in the top left corner.



Log into the GoCPS Parent Portal
from the GoCPS site!

[Link to GoCPS Parent Portal Here](#)





Welcome to Chicago Public Schools - GoCPS Portal

powered by EnrollWise™

Applications for the 25-26 School Year will open on Sept. 24, 2024 at 10 am.

Explore the School Directory below.

Looking to apply for the 24-25 school year? [Click here!](#)

Apply for the current school year here

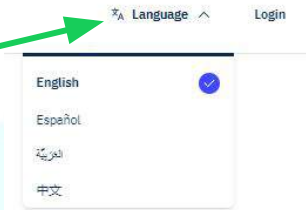
Create a New Account >

Login to an Existing Account >

All CPS and Charter parents already have pre-loaded accounts so they can click the “Login to Existing Account” button here!

Families will **NOT** be able to log in until the application goes live on Sept 24th!

Change Language of website here



You can scroll down to start looking at available programs Now!



Browse Programs

Select a program category to begin browsing schools

Choice Elementary School Programs

Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools

Academic Center Programs

Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs

Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools

Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners

Choice High School Programs

Selective Enrollment High School Programs

GoCPS

School Directory

>>> Navigating the School Directory

Use the drop down here to change to the Admissions Process you are interested in

EnrollWise | Chicago Public Schools

Choice High School Programs

- Choice Elementary School Programs
- Academic Center Programs
- Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs
- Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners
- Choice High School Programs
- Selective Enrollment High School Programs

Input your address to see schools near your home & Sort by distance.

Or Search for specific schools here

Define your search further by applying filters

Choice High School Programs | Enter Address | Search by School Name | Filters

132 Results

Sort By: A-Z

ACERO - DE LA CRUZ

7416 N RIDGE BLVD, Chicago, IL

Governance: Charter, CPS School

View on Map

Programs Offered

Fine & Performing Arts

Grades: 5

ACERO - GARCIA HS

4248 W 47TH ST, Chicago, IL

Governance: Charter, CPS School

View on Map

Programs Offered

STEM

Grades: 5

Filters

School Attributes

Governance

Charter CPS School

Private

Program Attributes

Admission Grade

Pre-natal Pre-K

Infant Toddler Kindergarten

Pre-K3 1st Grade

Show More

Program

Academic Center Advanced College Prep

Agriculture & Horticulture Architecture & Construction

Business & Finance Career Academy

Show More

Clear All Show Results (132)

>>> School and Program Cards

Choice High School Programs ▾

Enter Address

CHICAGO ACADEMY HS



1 Results

Sort By: A-Z ▾



CHICAGO ACADEMY HS

📍 3400 N AUSTIN AVE, Chicago, IL

🏫 Governance: CPS School

View on Map

Programs Offered

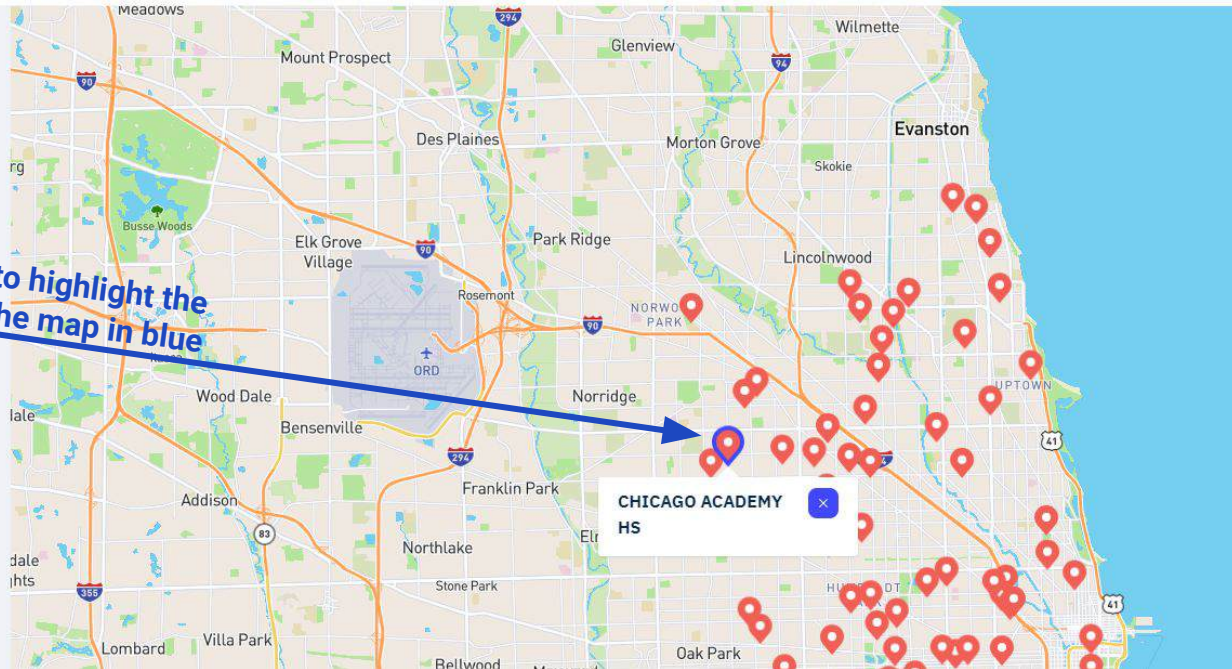
General Education

Grades: 9 →

Scholars


Grades: 9 →

Click here to highlight the school on the map in blue



Shows the Available programs offered at this particular school

1 Results Sort By: A-Z



CHICAGO ACADEMY HS
 3400 N AUSTIN AVE, Chicago, IL
 Governance: CPS School

[View on Map](#)

Programs Offered

- General Education**
Grades: 9
- Scholars**
Grades: 9

Click a program to bring up the program card.

Any additional information including what schools would get an elementary preference or how many kids were offered a seat will be here.

Here is a link to the CPS School Profile Pages

General Education

View Full Details

@ CHICAGO ACADEMY HS

9, 10, 11, 12
Specialization: General Education
 3400 N AUSTIN AVE, Chicago, IL
 7736340146

Overview
 Applicants are selected by random computerized lottery. If the program has priority groups, students in those groups are selected in the order listed.

Selection Type
 Random Computerized Lottery

Additional Screening
 None

Eligibility
 Minimum GPA: N/A

HS Admissions Test Requirement
 HSAT scores are not used in the selections process for this program.

Preferences and Priorities

- Sibling Preference
- Staff Preference
- Elementary Preference
- Proximity
- General

Notes
 None

Previous Application Cycle Data
 (At the Entry-Level Grade)

- Number of Applicants: 1620
- Number of Offers: 105

Link to CPS Website School Profile Page
[CHICAGO ACADEMY HS Profile Page](#)

Admission Grades

Close the Program Card Here

Basic Information on the School and Program

Read an overview of this program here

Does this program run a lottery or points-based selections process?

Does this program require an additional screening such as an audition or portfolio review?

Is there a GPA minimum required to be included in the selections process?

Are HSAT scores taken into consideration for the selections process of this program?

In what order do the priorities queue seats filled?



Logging In & Guardian Onboarding



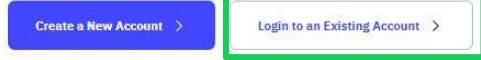
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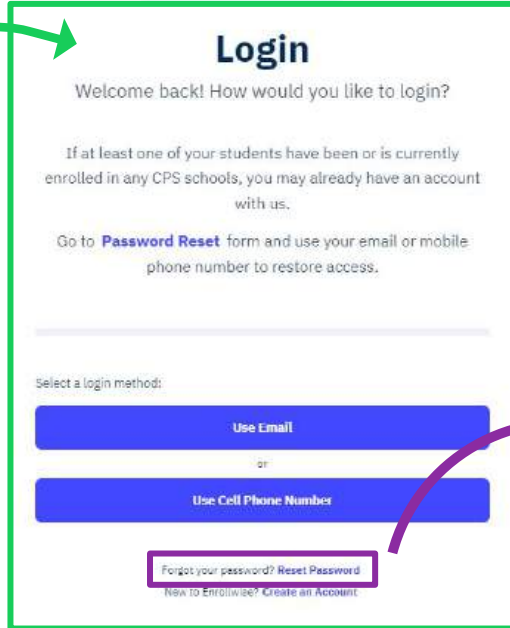
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Explore your options in the School Directory below.

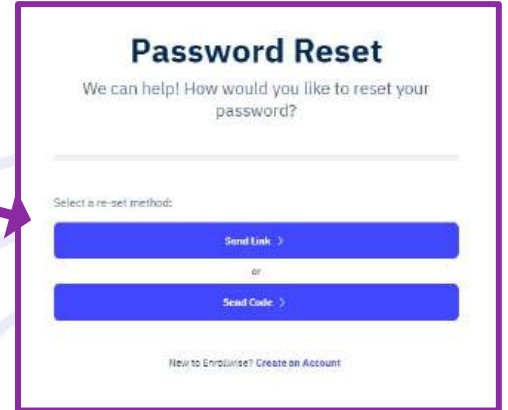


All CPS and Charter parents already have pre-loaded accounts so they can click the **“Login to Existing Account”** button here!



At the Login Screen, families will need to Click the Reset Password button to set a new password.

Families can opt to receive an email link or text code to set their password.



Addresses that are used in the selections process will come from Aspen, please make sure that the address in Aspen on the student level is correct.

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Guardian Account

We define "guardian" as any student's primary caretaker. Please enter your account information as accurately as possible.

Guardian Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
<input type="text" value="Walt"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Disney"/>

Contact Information

Mobile Phone Number	Home Phone Number
<input type="text" value="(773) 123-4567"/>	<input type="text" value="(---) --- ---"/>

- When is your preferred method of contact?
- Email
 - Phone
 - Both

Guardians should enter the **email address** and **phone number** that is currently on file in APSEN to make the process easier!

Residential Address

Street Address	Apartment, Unit, Suite No.	
<input type="text" value="42 W Madison St"/>	<input type="text"/>	
City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text" value="Chicago"/>	<input type="text" value="IL"/>	<input type="text" value="60602"/>

Mail Address

My mailing address is the same as my residential address

Language

What is your preferred language?

Save and Continue



Student Onboarding



Welcome, Walt!

This is your Dashboard. Use your dashboard to manage applications for your students.



If the guardian information you put in matches Aspen, any students attached to that parent in Aspen will be automatically be added to the parent Dashboard

Students

Select a student to access their applications, offers, and waitlist status.

Donald Duck [Edit Profile](#) View All Applications

Student ID: 430306
Applying For: 9th Grade
[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Guaranteed Offer Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted Start →

Choice High School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted Start →

Required Event: High School Admission Test

Selective Enrollment High School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted Start →

Required Event: High School Admission Test

Mickey Mouse [Edit Profile](#) View All Applications

Student ID: 430301
Applying For: Kindergarten
[View Priorities](#)

Some Application selections may not be available because your Student does not have a Language selected. To change this setting, edit the Student Profile.

Your Neighborhood Program options are:

- 3960SD0: Pine & Performing Arts @ 609990: SOUTH LOOP (Kindergarten)

Application to the Program(s) listed above are not required except for PreK. Please contact your neighborhood school directly to enroll at any time. Proof of residency is required at time of enrollment. If a Dual Language program is listed above, students must meet the program's language requirements in order to enroll.

Choice Elementary School Programs 2025-26 Application: Submitted View →

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted Start →

Required Event: Kindergarten Test

Minnie Mouse [Edit Profile](#) View All Applications

Student ID: 430302
Applying For: 9th Grade
[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Or

You can add the students **manually**

Students

Please create profiles for all students in your household between the ages of 0-18, even if they are not applying this year. We use this information to provide sibling priorities and eligibility. If you are currently attending a CPS or Charter school, you may see fields below grayed out. If any of these fields need to be updated, please do so with your current school and the updated information will filter into the application.

Student Profiles

Add a student +

Save and Continue

Add a Student

Select the most applicable option:

My student is currently enrolled in a CPS school.

[Find my CPS Student](#)

My student is currently enrolled in a Chicago Charter school.

[Find my Charter Student](#)

My student was once enrolled in a CPS school but is not currently.

[Find my Student](#)

My student does not attend a CPS school but has a CPS IEP/504.

[Find my Student](#)

None of the available options apply.

My student is currently attending a private school without an IEP/504, attending school outside the city of Chicago, or applying to an Early Childhood program.

[Add a New Student](#)

anteced Offer Programs 2025-26 Application: Submitted View

Find A Student

Please provide accurate information to help us find your student.

CPS ID

How to find my CPS ID?

First Name Last Name

Date of Birth

Year Month Day

What is your relationship to this student?

[Find my Student](#)

[Cancel and View All Students](#)

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Depending on which option you pick, the questions may vary slightly but the goal is trying to find your student in Aspen to add to your account.

Please Note: Only 1 guardian can be edit the student's account so the second parent to try and add a student may get a message saying the student is already attached to another guardian.



None of the available options apply.

My student is currently attending a private school without an IEP/504, attending school outside the city of Chicago, or applying to an Early Childhood program.

[Add a New Student](#)

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Add a Student

Personal Information

Please enter the following information as accurately as possible.

Relationship to Student

What is your relationship to this student?

Father

Student Information

First Name

Mickey

Middle Name

Last Name

Mouse

Suffix

Preferred Name

Date of Birth *

2019

January

1

What gender does this student identify as?

Male

Add Student information Manually

Which race(s) does this student identify as?

White, Black or African American

Twin/Multiple

Is this student a twin or multiple? (If yes, we'll verify this through their birthdates) *

Yes

No

Residential Address

Where does this student currently live? *

They live with me at 42 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60602

They live at a different address

Services

We ask this to provide you with services and offerings.

Does this student have an IEP? *

Yes

No

Upload an IEP document



Does this student have a 504 Plan? *

Yes

No

Does this student have a Service Plan? *

Yes

No

Make sure to upload documentation if you select yes for any of these questions



Save and Continue

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Mickey Mouse

Enrollment Information

Please enter the following information as accurately as possible.

Grades

What is this student's grade for the 2024-25 school year?

Pre-K

What grade is this student applying to for the 2025-26 school year?

Kindergarten

If your options are incorrect, please contact us for assistance.

Enrollment Status

What is this student's current enrollment status?

Enrolled in a Chicago Private School or Pre-K Program

In which school is your student currently enrolled?

BERNARD ZELL

Students must select the right school here in order for school staff to be able to see the student in the Admin Portal.

Students who are interested in Dual Language or EL- RGC programs must select the appropriate language here for those programs to appear in the application.

Notice that siblings are added automatically based on the guardian and address matching.

Language

Is your child able to speak or understand a language other than English or is a language other than English spoken in the home? If the answer is no, please select English from the drop down.

English

Students applying to EL-RGC programs must have conversational fluency and be able to test in a language other than English.

Is your child currently considered an English Language Learner?

- Yes
 No

Siblings

Please de-select any students who are not siblings of this student.

We've automatically selected the students in your account. We define siblings as students who share at least one biological parent or legal guardian.

- Minnie Mouse
 Donald Duck

Affirmation Statement

Please affirm the following:

- I affirm that the address provided on this form is my child's primary address and understand that it may be used for assigning tiers, and/or determining attendance, overlay, and proximity boundaries in the selection process.
- I understand that I will have to provide proof of residency for this address at the time of enrollment and that the validity of my child's application is dependent on that proof.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure my address is updated with my child's current school if already enrolled in CPS.
- I affirm that the grade level that I have applied to adheres to the grade level that my child should be in according to CPS policy.

By checking this box, I acknowledge the above statements as true.

Save and Continue

Adding Grades for Students Applying to Grades 5-9

Educational Record

Please provide the final grades from the previous school year (2023-2024). Some programs require this information to determine eligibility and may not be available on the application until this information is provided and verified. (+/- and weighted grades are not taken into consideration)

For transcripts that do not include letter grades, [click here for guidance](#).

The official grades and GPA that will be used in the selections process will be available to view on the Student Dashboard once they are verified.

Math	Reading
<input type="text" value="Select a Math grade"/>	<input type="text" value="Select a Reading grade"/>
Science	Social Studies
<input type="text" value="Select a Science grade"/>	<input type="text" value="Select a Social Studies grade"/>

Upload a Transcript 

Please upload an official transcript from the previous school year (2023-2024) that shows final, cumulative grades in the core subject areas above. All grades will be verified before testing or running selections. Providing this information now may help to expedite your admissions process.

Guardians are able to enter their grades here and upload an official transcript to support those grades.

These grades will not be used in the Selections process until they are verified.

School Staff will also have the ability to enter grades on the parent's behalf.

Emailed grades and transcripts will no longer be accepted by our office. All transcripts must be uploaded here.



Students

Please create profiles for all students in your household between Pre-K through 11th grade, even if they are not applying this year. We use this information to provide sibling priorities and eligibility. If you are currently attending a CPS or Charter school, you may see fields below grayed out. If any of these fields need to be updated, please do so with your current school and the updated information will filter into the application.

Student Profiles

Applicant ID: 430337

Donald Duck [Edit Profile](#)

[View Grades & Scores](#) [View Priorities](#)

Age	Grade	Enrolled at	Applying for
13	8th Grade	ALCOTT ES	9th Grade

Applicant ID: 430338

Mickey Mouse [Edit Profile](#)

[View Priorities](#)

Age	Grade	Enrolled at	Applying for
4	Pre-K	ALCOTT ES	Kindergarten

[Add a student](#)

When all the students are added to the guardian account, click **Save and Continue.**

Save and Continue

Priorities

Please complete the section below to add any potential priorities to the application. Priorities will ONLY be considered if added through the application here.

All priorities will be verified.

You must add siblings by adding the student at the Guardian Dashboard level.

Enrolled Sibling Priority

Enrolled siblings are connected through the sibling section in each student profile. To receive enrolled sibling priority, please be sure that you have added all enrolled students to your account. [Add a student profile.](#)

In order for applicants to qualify for the sibling preference, they must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

- The applicant must have a sibling who is currently enrolled and will remain enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year, in the school to which the applicant is applying. (PreK students do not qualify unless at one of the following schools: Drummond, Suder, Inter-American)
- The currently enrolled sibling and the sibling applicant must live in the same household and have the same primary guardian.
- The term "sibling" applies only to natural siblings, step-siblings, foster siblings, and adopted siblings.

Make sure that all the information is correct with your child's current CPS or Charter school to be considered for sibling preference. Not all programs will offer sibling preference.

Staff Priority

Children of CPS staff may receive an enrollment priority to the school where the guardian works. To qualify for the staff priority, the applicant must be applying for the entry-level of that school. The guardian must be a full-time employee of that school. Only 2 seats will be offered to staff children and only if there is capacity. Add staff priority information below if you or a secondary guardian is a CPS staff member at a school where your child is applying.

NOTE: Not all schools/programs participate in Staff priority. Selective Enrollment programs and other programs that select students based on points do not participate in staff preference.

All information will be verified before staff priority is applied.

Add CPS Staff information here

Staff Priority Information

Staff First Name	Staff Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
School	Employee Number
<input type="text" value="Select a school"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Remove Staff Member"/>	<input type="button" value="Save Staff Member"/>

Add a staff member



Click through to complete onboarding until you get to the Guardian Dashboard

Welcome, Walt!

This is your Dashboard. Use your dashboard to manage applications for your students.



Students

Select a student to access their applications, offers, and waitlist status.

Donald Duck [Edit Profile](#) [View All Applications](#)

Student ID: 430337
Applying For: 9th Grade
[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Guaranteed Offer Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Choice High School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Required Event: High School Admission Test

Selective Enrollment High School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Required Event: High School Admission Test

Mickey Mouse [Edit Profile](#) [View All Applications](#)

Student ID: 430338
Applying For: Kindergarten
[View Priorities](#)

Your Neighborhood Program options are:

- None

Application to the Program(s) listed above are not required except for PreK. Please contact your neighborhood school directly to enroll at any time. Proof of residency is required at time of enrollment. If a Dual Language program is listed above, students must meet the program's language requirements in order to enroll.

Choice Elementary School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Required Event: Kindergarten Test

Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Required Event: EL Regional Gifted Center Test

[Add another student](#) [+](#)

Here you will see all your children and the applications they are able to complete.



Completing an Application

➤➤➤ Applying to High School

3 possible applications that can be submitted for students applying to 9th grade

- **Guaranteed Programs:** Includes Neighborhood and Continuing Programs
- **Choice Programs**
- **Selective Enrollment Programs**

Donald Duck

 [Edit Profile](#)

Edit the student's profile here if needed.


[View All Applications](#)

Student ID: 430337


Applying For: 9th Grade

[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)


Click here to go to the Student Dashboard


Guaranteed Offer Programs 2025-26 Application:  Not Submitted

[Start](#) →


Choice High School Programs 2025-26 Application:  Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Selective Enrollment High School Programs 2025-26 Application:  Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Only Non-CPS students will see this requirement

Applying to Grades K - 8

4 possible applications that can be submitted for students applying to K- 8th Grade

Mickey Mouse

[Edit Profile](#)

Edit the student's profile here if needed.

[View All Applications](#)

Student ID: 430338

Applying For: 7th Grade

[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Click here to go to the Student Dashboard

Your Neighborhood Program options are:

- 3960SD0: Fine & Performing Arts @ 609990: SOUTH LOOP (7th Grade)

Application to the Program(s) listed above are not required except for PreK. Please contact your neighborhood school directly to enroll at any time. Proof of residency is required at time of enrollment. If a Dual Language program is listed above, students must meet the program's language requirements in order to enroll.

Choice Elementary School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

Academic Center Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

Required Event: Regional Gifted Center Test

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted

[Start](#) →

Required Event: EL Regional Gifted Center Test

- **Choice Programs**
- **Academic Center Programs-** must have GPA above 2.5 and be applying for 7 or 8
- **Classical/Regional Gifted-** must have GPA above 3.0 (5-8 only)
- **EL-RGC-** must indicate Spanish/Polish (all) and have GPA above 2.5 (5-8 only)

Students applying to Elementary school are not able to apply to their neighborhood school. That school is designated here.

Selective Enrollment Programs require Admissions Entrance Exams. Classical and RGC will also populate an exam based on the programs that are added.

Student Dashboard - Applying to High School

Dashboard

Student ID: 430337

Donald Duck [Edit Profile](#)

Access applications, waitlists, offers, and application history for this student.

Age	Current Grade	Applying for	Currently Enrolled at
13	8th Grade	9th Grade	ALCOTT ES

Student's Main Information

2025-26 School Year

Tier 4

Designated Tier associated with the address on file and that will be used in the selections process.

Applying for: 9th Grade

GPA: 3.75

Student Has IEP

This student is eligible for the application(s) below. Each application is submitted separately. Submit an application for the program you are interested in.

Shows the student's GPA and if the student has an IEP/ 504 or Service Plan

View Priorities: Shows all the programs that this student could qualify to have a preference in.

Shows the Status of each Application the student can complete.

Not Submitted [Start](#) →

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open

Application Status: Not yet started

View Priorities **View Grades & Scores**

Key Dates
Application Deadlines 11/15/2024

See grades and eventually see HSAT scores here

Priorities

Priorities may take time to recalculate. If you see outdated information here and you have recently updated one or more student profiles, please check back here in a few minutes or refresh this page.

2025-26 Guaranteed Offer Programs

All priorities must be verified before they are active in your student's application. You have the following priorities for this application:

- Continuing Enrollment: General Education @ ALCOTT HS
- Neighborhood Program: General Education @ PHILLIPS HS

2025-26 Choice High School Programs

All priorities must be verified before they are active in your student's application. You have the following priorities for this application:

- Attendance Area: Digital Media @ PHILLIPS HS
- Continuing Enrollment: General Education @ ALCOTT HS
- Neighborhood Program: General Education @ PHILLIPS HS
- Overlay Preference: Pre-Engineering @ JONES HS
- Pre-Law @ JONES HS

2025-26 Selective Enrollment High School Programs

This student does not have any priorities for this application.

Is something incorrect? [Edit priorities](#)

➤➤➤ Guaranteed Offer Program Application

🔒 Not Submitted

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open

Application Status: Not yet started

Key Dates
— Application Deadline: 11/15/2024

[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Start →

Click here to start the application!



Application

Events 0

Application

1

General Education
PHILLIPS HS

★ Neighborhood Program

[View Details →](#)

2

General Education
ALCOTT HS

★ Continuing Enrollment

[View Details →](#)

Here you will see any guaranteed offers that you can receive.

This will include the **neighborhood program** for all students currently with a Chicago address and a **continuing offer** for those students currently enrolled in a Continuing School.

Notice these programs will NOT be ranked.

Review and Submit

Submit Submit Submit Submitting the Application

Application

Application

- 1 General Education
PHILLIPS HS
★ Neighborhood Program
- 2 General Education
ALCOTT HS
★ Continuing Enrollment

Review and Submit

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application Submitted

Congratulations on submitting an application!

Application ID: 107

Application Receipt | 09/12/2024

Continue

Click Review and Submit and See the Confetti flow to indicate successful completion!

The Application Receipt is a printable/Savable document that shows all the information that was submitted for this specific application.

Submitted

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open

Back on the Dashboard, the status is now Submitted!

Choice/Selective Enrollment Applications

The flow for the HS Choice and Selective Enrollment Application will be the same but student will have to do them separately if they would like to apply to both categories.

Not Submitted Start →

Choice High School Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open Required Event: High School Admission Test

Click here to start the application!

Application

Events **1**

Click the Blue Button to add programs to the application.

Application

Browse + Add Programs to Application



Adding Programs to the Application

Notice that the setup is the same as the school directory families could view before.

[Back to Application](#)

Donald Duck [ID 430337]

9th Grade Choice High School Programs

[Continue](#)

42 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60602

Search by School Name

Search by school or use the filters

Filters

124 Results

Sort By: Distance

Schools will be sorted automatically by distance to the student's address



PHILLIPS HS

244 E PERSHING RD, Chicago, IL
Governance: CPS School
4.1 miles away

[View on Map](#)

Programs Offered

Digital Media

Grades: 9

★ Attendance Area

[+ Add](#)



NOBLE - MUCHIN HS

Students will not see their neighborhood program or any continuing programs they qualify for in this list.



A counter at the top of the page keeps track of how many programs added in this category. Click continue when you are done adding programs.

Continue

3

JONES HS
700 S STATE ST, Chicago, IL
Governance: CPS School
0.6 miles away

View on Map

Programs Offered

Pre-Engineering
Grades: 9
★ Overlay Preference

Pre-Law
Grades: 9
★ Overlay Preference

Pre-Engineering
@ JONES HS
+ Add to Application
View Full Details

#1

#2

Click the name to pull up the program info card

Badges on programs show where a student will have a preference or priority

There are 2 ways to add a program to the application:


1. Click the + Add from the School Card
2. Click + Add to Application from the Program Card

The program will look like this when it has been selected. Click the Garbage can to remove it

Pre-Engineering
Grades: 9
★ Overlay Preference

Programs with Extra Screening Requirements

If a student selects a program that requires an audition or portfolio review, students will be asked to schedule that screening prior to being able to add the program to their application.



CHIARTS HS

2714 W AUGUSTA BLVD, Chicago, IL
Governance: Charter, CPS School
3.6 miles away

[View on Map](#)

Programs Offered

- Brass & Woodwinds**
Grades: 9 + Add
- Creative Writing**
Grades: 9 + Add
- Dance**
Grades: 9 + Add
- Guitar**
Grades: 9 + Add

Schedule Event

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds is required for this Program.

Estimated Duration 60 Min

Select location to view available times

Select Location

Cancel

Schedule Event

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds is required for this Program.

Estimated Duration 60 Min

Select location to view available times

ChiArts HS (2714 W AUGUSTA Blvd, Chicago, IL 60622)

November 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

November 16, 2024

09:00 AM

02:00 PM

Reset Selections and Start Over

Cancel

Start by selecting a location.
Then you can choose the date and time.

Programs with Extra Screening Requirements

Schedule Event ✕

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

✔ You have successfully registered for an event

📍 **Location** ChiArts HS (2714 W AUGUSTA Blvd, Chicago, IL 60622)

📅 **Date and Time** November 16, 2024 - 09:00 AM

🕒 **Estimated Duration** 60 Min

[+ Add to Calendar](#)

If you need assistance with rescheduling or other information, please contact us.

Dismiss

Don't forget to add the event to your calendars!

Make sure to click all the way through until you get a message that says you have successfully registered.

When you go back to the map, the program has now been added to the application as well.

CHIARTS HS

📍 2714 W AUGUSTA BLVD, Chicago, IL

🏢 Governance: Charter, CPS School

↔ 3.6 miles away

[View on Map](#)

Programs Offered

Brass & Woodwinds

Grades: 9

Ranking Programs

On the next screen students will see all the programs they added to the application in the order they added them.

Use the arrows to move the programs up or down in rank.

Always remember to rank in the order of true preference.

You can always click the big blue button to add additional programs to the application.

I affirm that I have read and understand the information contained in this application.

Review and Submit

Make sure to complete the affirmation and click Review and Submit when done!

The screenshot shows the 'Application' page with a header 'Application' and 'Events 2'. Below the header is a section titled 'Application' with a dropdown menu 'RANK CHOICES BELOW'. The list contains four programs:

- 1. Pre-Engineering (JONES HS) with a 'View Details' link and a trash icon. A green arrow points to the down arrow icon on the right.
- 2. General Education (NOBLE - ACADEMY HS) with a 'View Details' link and a trash icon. A green arrow points to the up and down arrow icons on the right.
- 3. Brass & Woodwinds (CHIARTS HS) with a 'View Details' link, a trash icon, and a tag 'Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds'. A blue arrow points to the up and down arrow icons on the right.
- 4. International Baccalaureate (IB) (JUAREZ HS) with a 'View Details' link and a trash icon. A blue arrow points to the up arrow icon on the right.

At the bottom of the list is a light blue button labeled 'Browse + Add Programs to Application' with a plus sign icon.

Reviewing and HSAT (non-CPS students only)

Review Application

Take a moment to carefully review your application before you submit.

Student: Doneld Duck
Student ID: 430837
Application: 2025-26 Choice High School Programs
Applying to: 9th Grade

Application Summary

1. JONES HS: Pre-Engineering
2. NOBLE - ACADEMY HS: General Education
3. CHIARTS HS: Brass & Woodwinds
4. JUAREZ HS: International Baccalaureate (IB)

Event Scheduling

Description

High School Admission Test (HSAT)

Estimated Duration
1 Hours

Accommodations

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About High School Admission Test

Make sure to review your choices carefully.

If you have not yet registered for the HSAT, you can do that here.

Schedule Event High School Admission Test

High School Admission Test is required for this Program.

Estimated Duration 60 Min

Select location to view available times

Lane Tech HS (2501 W ADDISON St, Chicago, IL 60618)

October 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October 20, 2024

09:00 AM

Go through the same steps you would to schedule Audition events.

➤➤➤ Last step- Submitting the Application

Click Review and Submit and See the Confetti flow to indicate successful completion!

Review and Submit

Choice High School Programs Application Submitted

Congratulations on submitting an application!

Application ID: 116

Application Receipt | 09/12/2024

A new Application Receipt is available for this application.

Submitted

Choice High School Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open

Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test

Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

Back on the Dashboard, the status is now Submitted!

We can also see the events that are scheduled for this student.



Editing a Submitted Application

Adding more programs & Re-ranking programs

2025-26 School Year Tier 4

Applying for: 9th Grade

GPA: 3.75 Student Has IEP

This student is eligible for the application(s) below. Each application is submitted separately. Submit an application for the program you are interested in.

Submitted View →

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open

Submitted View →

Choice High School Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Application Open Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

From the student dashboard, click view on the application you would like to edit.

On the next screen you can re-rank or click to add more programs to the application.

Application

RANK CHOICES BELOW

1	Pre-Engineering JONES HS Overlay Preference	View Details → ↓
2	General Education NOBLE - ACADEMY HS	View Details → ↑ ↓
3	Brass & Woodwinds CHIARTS HS Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds	View Details → ↑ ↓
4	International Baccalaureate (IB) JUAREZ HS	View Details → ↑

Browse + Add Programs to Application +

Make sure to save any changes you make

Save Changes

Viewing & Rescheduling an Event

9th Grade Choice High School Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26

Status: ✔ Submitted

[View Priorities](#) [View Grades & Scores](#)

Application Open

Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test

Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

Application Receipt | 09/12/2024

Application

Events 2

Application Deadline: 11/15/2024

From the Student Dashboard, click the Events tab to see what events are currently scheduled for your student.

Events

Please remember to attend the events listed below on time. Some events cannot be rescheduled.

Missing an event may affect your Student's eligibility for this Application.

High School Admission Test (HSAT)

10/20/2024, 09:00 AM [Add to Calendar](#)

Scheduled

Reschedule HSAT

Estimated Duration
1 Hours

Deadline to schedule
10/04/2024, 11:59 PM

Location
Lane Tech HS
2501 W ADDISON St, Chicago, IL
60638

Required For:

- Application: Choice High School Programs - 2025-26

Accommodations

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About High School Admission Test

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds (Audition)

11/16/2024, 09:00 AM [Add to Calendar](#)

Scheduled

Reschedule Audition

Estimated Duration
1 Hours

Deadline to schedule
11/08/2024, 11:59 PM

Location
ChiArts HS
2714 W AUGUSTA Blvd, Chicago, IL
60622

Required For:

- Program: Brass & Woodwinds @ CHIARTS HS
- Application: Choice High School Programs - 2025-26

Accommodations

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

Click here if the reschedule deadline has not passed.

>>> New Application Receipts

Application Receipt | 09/12/2024

A new application receipt will be generated every time a change is made to the application.

Families will have access to the latest receipt.

[Back to the Application](#) Print

 Chicago Public Schools

Application Receipt

School Year 2025-26

Generated on: 9/12/2024, 9:34:10 PM

Application Information

Application ID: 116	Application Grade: 9th Grade
Admission Process: Choice High School Programs	Application Status: Submitted
Application School Year: 2025-26	Submitted at: 09/12/2024, 09:10 PM
	Updated On: 09/12/2024, 09:26 PM

Student

Donald Duck
Student ID: 430337
Date of Birth: 11/01/2010
Gender: Male
Address: 42 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60602
Current School: ALCOTT ES
Current Grade: 8th Grade
Applying Grade: 9th Grade

Guardian

Walt Disney
Relationship to Student: Father
Family Size: 1
Residential Address: 42 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60602
Mailing Address: 42 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 7736301234
Email: rohinikbapu+29@gmail.com

Application Choices

- JONES HS: Pre-Engineering
- NOBLE - ACADEMY HS: General Education
- JUAREZ HS: International Baccalaureate (IB)
- CHIARTS HS: Brass & Woodwinds
- PHILLIPS HS: Digital Media



GoCPS

Resources

Student Information in the Application system:



Make sure that the following information is up to date with your current school:

- Primary Guardian
- Guardian and Student Address
- Grades/ IEP/ 504 info
- Information for all students under same guardian (this is used for any sibling preferences)



Invites to the sessions will be sent out the day before the training. Families can place Holds on their calendars.

GoCPS Family Trainings

- Please schedule trainings with your families as needed.
- We are a train-the-trainer model!
- But also feel free to invite families to the sessions OAE also conducts.
- Sign up linked below and will also be on the GoCPS Homepage.



[Family Training Sign Up Linked Here](#) or SCAN the QR code above

Schedule

English Sessions in White
Spanish Sessions in Yellow

Applying to 9th Grade Session:

- October 1, 2024 at 10 am
- October 7, 2024 at 12 pm
- October 8, 2024 at 10 am
- October 10, 2024 at 12 pm
- October 24, 2024 at 2 pm
- October 28, 2024 at 5 pm
- October 29, 2024 at 5 pm

Applying to Grades K- 8 Session:

- October 3, 2024 at 12 pm
- October 10, 2024 at 5 pm
- October 15, 2024 at 5 pm
- October 17, 2024 at 10 am
- October 22, 2024 at 2 pm
- October 28, 2024 at 12:30 pm
- October 29, 2024 at 10 am



➤➤➤ Make sure to Subscribe to the Mailing List

Subscribe to the GoCPS Mailing List

If you have a student applying to attend a CPS high school, elementary school or magnet pre-k program, subscribe to our mailing list to receive important information and updates about the application process. Submit the form multiple times if you would like to receive the updates for more than one grade level.

I'm a...*



I'm interested in...*

HIGH SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

I certify that I have read and agree to the [terms of subscription](#)

SUBMIT

Contact the OFFICE OF ACCESS AND ENROLLMENT



773-553-2060



gocps@cps.edu

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Thank you.