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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

No App Required!

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, **Go CPS** is the **PRIMARY** way!

- Students are not restricted to the assigned neighborhood schools or schools near their home.

- For grades K-9, students **must** go through the application process before attending any non-neighborhood school or program. *Note: Schools manage transfer process outside of GoCPS for grades 10-12.*

- Applications are submitted the year before a child will enroll.

- If a child will enroll in fall 2026, the application will be submitted in fall of 2025.

Exceptions include: OSD placement for ES, STLS placement, etc…

GoCPS 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

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

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

GoCPS

The application process is divided into three phases

SUMMER 2025

FALL 2025

FEB/MARCH 2026

EXPLORE
which programs are the best fit for your student

APPLY
to programs

SELECTION
issues results for the schools/programs to which you applied

The Application window will...

Open:

September 23rd, 2025 at 10 am

Close:

November 14th, 2025 at 5 pm

Application Cycle Timeline (FALL)

September 23, 2025

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 8-9 & 15-16, 2025 (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 18-19 & 25-26, 2025 (Non-CPS)

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

November 14, 2025

Application Closes

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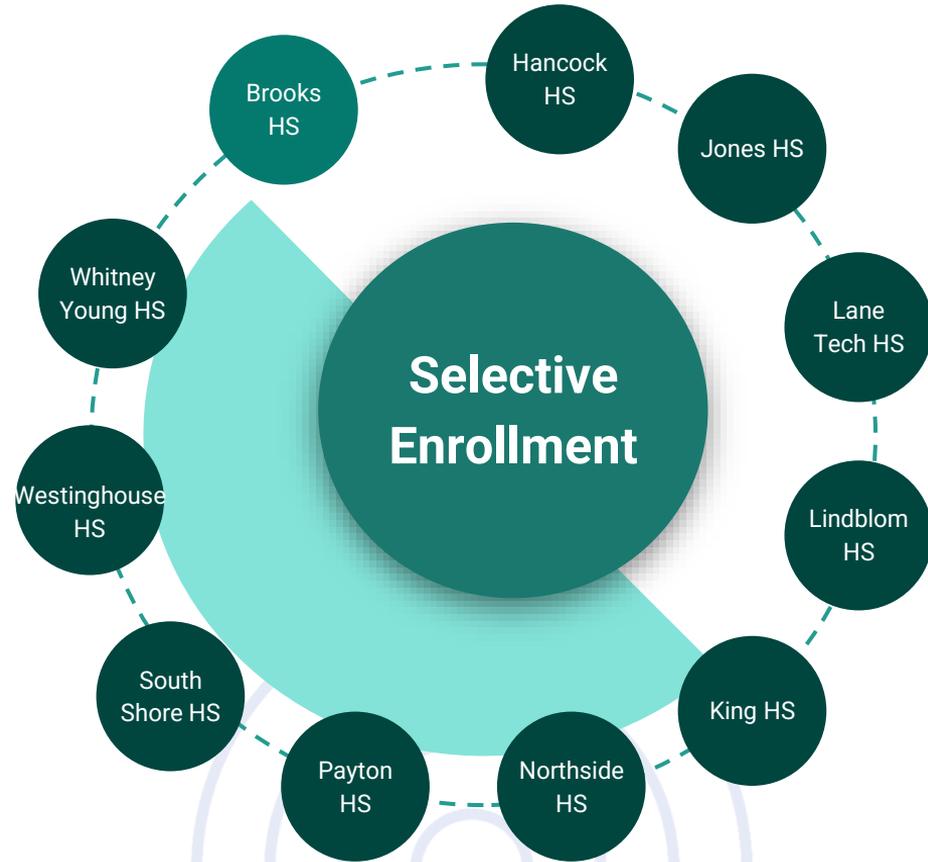
Spring

Pre-K Application Opens and Closes

Students applying to PreK will be able to apply to all CPS and non-CPS pre K programs in the city. OECE will oversee the comms and marketing around this application.

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

Choice Programs

- General Education
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Health Sciences
- Honors/Scholars
- OSD Programs
- CTE
- Language Programs
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Service Leadership Academies

Selective Enrollment

- Brooks HS
- Hancock HS
- Whitney Young HS
- Jones HS
- Westinghouse HS
- Lane Tech HS
- South Shore HS
- Lindblom HS
- Payton HS
- Northside HS
- King HS

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

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

Lottery Based

Points Based

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

Priority Preferences Used

Can include but not limited to:

Sibling

Staff

Proximity

Elementary Pref.

Tiers

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. **See which programs have minimum HSAT requirements [here](#)**.

HSAT Reading Percentile **+** **HSAT Math Percentile** **=** **HSAT Combo Score**

Example: **73%** **65%** **138**

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

General Education & Students with 504 | Combo of **58** | Combo of **120**

OR

Students with IEP or English Learners | Combo of **48** | 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.

Program A
Rank #1

Program B
Rank #2

Program C
Rank #3

Program A — Rank #1
Program B — Rank #2
Program C — Rank #3

Waitlisted

Single Best Offered

Not Run

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.

Program A	Program B	Program C	Program D	Program E
Rank #1	Rank #2	Rank #3	Rank #4	Rank #5
Waitlisted	Waitlisted	Offered	Not Waitlisted	Not Waitlisted

How does the Selections Process Work?

A combination of multiple factors goes into Selections for each program.
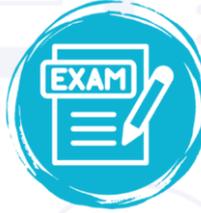
Ranking of the program in the application

AND

Available seats in the program

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

30%

+

Tier **1**   Tier **2**   Tier **3**   Tier **4**

CPS Tiers - What to Know

What Are Tiers?
- Tiers are based on an applicant's home address.
- Every Census tract is assigned a Tier (1-4) based on the latest available Census data (income, education, etc.).

How to Find Your Tier:
Use the <u>School Search tool</u> on the GoCPS website or view on the student dashboard in the <u>EnrollWise</u> application platform.

When Tiers Matter:
- **Magnet** admissions (entry grade): After sibling/staff & (if applicable) pre-k & proximity preference seats, remaining seats are split evenly across the 4 Tiers.
- **Selective Enrollment** (entry grade): 30% of seats go to top scorers ("Rank"); remaining seats are evenly distributed across the 4 Tiers.

Tier is **NOT** considered for non-entry grade admissions or for any non-magnet Choice programs.

Tier Resources

GoCPS Tiers Explained Video: <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>

GoCPS Tiers Guide: <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>

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

900 889 885 877 872 861 854 850

30% of seats

Applicants to be tiered

Program B

Rank #2

880 875 872 861 857 844 841 838

Tier 4	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
872	854	861	841
841	850	854	832
832	847	834	821

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.

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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

Program A — Rank #1 — Not Waitlisted
Program B — Rank #2 — Offered
Program C — Rank #3 — Not Waitlisted
Program D — Rank #4 — Not Waitlisted
Program E — Rank #5 — Not Waitlisted

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

Program A — Rank #1 — Waitlisted
Program B — Rank #2 — Waitlisted
Program C — Rank #3 — Waitlisted
Program D — Rank #4 — Waitlisted
Program E — Rank #5 — Waitlisted

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 8, 2025

- 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.

Please reach out to GoCPSTestingTeam@cps.edu for more information.

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 18th, 2025
Sunday, October 19th, 2025
(Registration deadline: October 3, 2025)

Saturday, October 25th, 2025
Sunday, October 26th, 2025
(Registration deadline: October 10, 2025)

Make-up Test Dates:
Saturday, November 1st, 2025
Sunday, November 2nd, 2025
(Registration deadline: October 24, 2025)

Saturday, November 22nd, 2025
Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
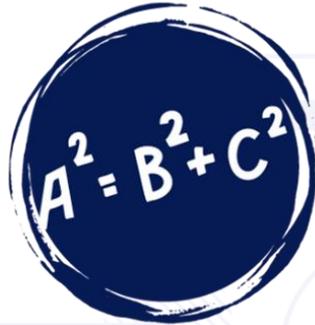(Registration deadline: November 14, 2025 @ 5pm)

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

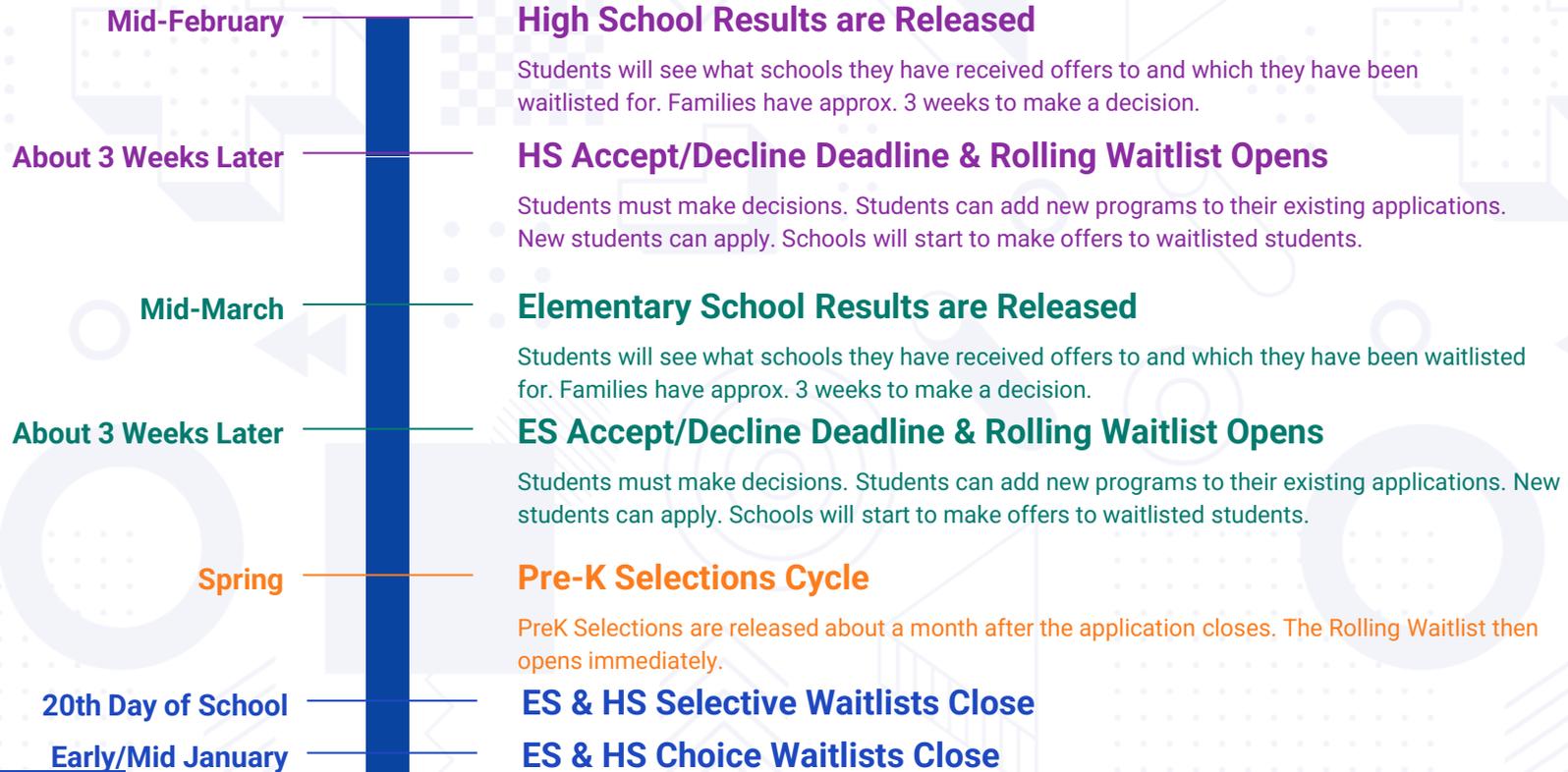| CHOICE Programs	SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT Programs
1. Lottery	1. Math Standard Score
	2. Reading Standard Score
	3. Lottery

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High School Results will be released in February 2026. Elementary Results follow approximately a month later.
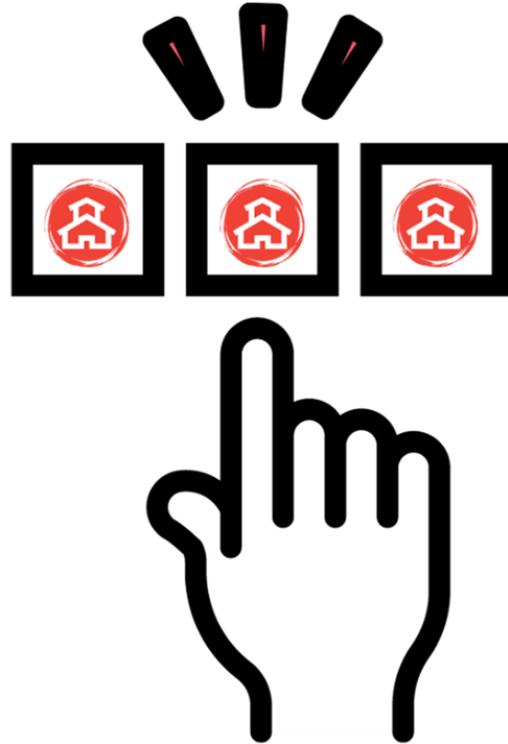
(Final dates to be released at a later date.)

Selection Cycle Timeline (SPRING)

Mid-February — **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.

Mid-March — **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**

Receiving Results…

What Will Applicants See?

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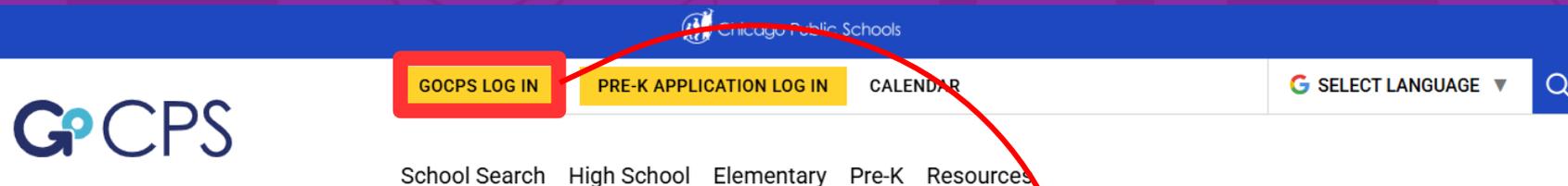- Programs which have been waitlisted and the waitlist position.

All Results posted to GoCPS online account

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Guardian Navigation

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!

Or visit apply.cps.edu

We recommend that all families accessing EnrollWise for the first time use the 'Password Reset' link first to make sure that there is NOT already a user account tied to their phone number or email.

Welcome to Chicago Public Schools - GoCPS Portal

powered by EnrollWise ™

Applications for the 26-27 School Year will open on Sept. 23, 2025 at 10 AM.

Applying to Chicago Early Learning? Click Here!

Create a New Account >

Login to an Existing Account >

If you've never enrolled in CPS, submitted a CPS application, or received CPS IEP services, you'll need to create a new account

CPS and Charter parents already have pre-loaded accounts using ASPEN data, so they can click the "Login to an Existing Account" button here!

Create an Account

Let's get started by setting up your EnrollWise account.

We have already created accounts for any family that has previously interacted with Chicago Public Schools.

If at any time in the past your child was a CPS student, you submitted any application to attend CPS, or your child has received any services related to an IEP, then an account has likely been created for you.

Please use the Password Reset function BEFORE creating a new account to see if you already have one.

Select a primary login method:

Use Email

or

Use Cell Phone Number

Already have an account? Login

Need help creating an account? Email us at gocps@cps.edu or call 773-553-2060

Login

Welcome back! How would you like to login?

If at least one of your students have been or is currently enrolled in any CPS schools, you may already have an account with us.

Go to Password Reset form and use your email or mobile phone number to restore access.

Select a login method:

Use Email

or

Use Cell Phone Number

Forgot your password? Reset Password

New to Enrollwise? Create an Account

Password Reset

We can help! How would you like to reset your password?

Select a re-set method:

Send Link >

or

Send Code >

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☑️ **Who <u>should</u> create an account?**

- **Families whose children attend out of district schools AND who have not interacted with the CPS admissions processes**

❌ **Who <u>should NOT</u> create an account?**

- **Families whose children have attended CPS**
- **Families who have submitted applications to attend CPS**
- **Families who have received IEP-related services from CPS**

Guardian Account

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

Guardian Information

First Name
Walt *

Middle Name

Last Name
Disney *

Contact Information

Mobile Phone Number
(773) 123-4567 *

Home Phone Number
(---) --- ----

Email
*

What 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!

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.

Residential Address

Street Address
42 W Madison St ✕

Apartment, Unit, Suite No.

City
Chicago

State
IL

Zip Code
60602

Mail Address

☑ My mailing address is the same as my residential address

Language

What is your preferred language?
English * ⌄

Save and Continue

Please Note: If your students are active CPS AND you accessed the system last cycle, then you will skip Guardian/Student onboarding.

< Back

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: 430306
Applying For: 9th Grade
View Priorities   View Grades & Scores

Guaranteed Offer Programs   Application: ● Not Submitted   Start →

Choice High School Programs   Application: ● Not Submitted   Start →
📅 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Selective Enrollment High School Programs   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.

ℹ Your Neighborhood Program options are:
   • 396050: Fine & 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   Application: ● Submitted   View →

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs   Application: ● Not Submitted   Start →
📅 Required Event: Kindergarten Test

Minnie Mouse ✎ Edit Profile   [View All Applications]
Student ID: 430303
Applying For: 9th Grade
View Priorities   View Grades & Scores

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

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 ⊕

Guaranteed 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?
[Make a selection   ▼] *

Find my Student 🔍

Cancel and View All Students

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 ▼] *

Student's Gender
[Make a selection   ▼] *

Your Zip Code (optional)
[   ]

What is your relationship to this student?
[Make a selection   ▼] *

Find my Student 🔍

Cancel and View All Students

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.

Add Student information Manually

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	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix
Mickey		Mouse	▾

Preferred Name

Date of Birth *

| 2019 ▾ | January ▾ | 1 ▾ |

What gender does this student identify as?

Male ▾

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

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

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

Save and Continue

⟫⟫⟫ Page 2 of Adding a Student Manually

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.

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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 2025-26 school year?

Pre-K ✱ ⌄

What grade is this student applying to for the 2026-27 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.

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

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

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   (2024-2025)   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

Select a Math grade ⌄

Reading

Select a Reading grade ⌄

Science

Select a Science grade ⌄

Social Studies

Select a Social Studies grade ⌄

Upload a Transcript ⤒

Please upload an official transcript from the previous school year   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   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

School

Select a school

Employee Number

Remove Staff Member 🗑

Save Staff Member

Note: the staff member's school must offer a staff priority in their selections to be added to this section. Not all programs offer staff priority.

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

Student ID: 430337
Applying For: 9th Grade

View Priorities   View Grades & Scores

Guaranteed Offer Programs   Application: ⊙ Not Submitted   Start →

Choice High School Programs   Application: ⊙ Not Submitted   Start →
📅 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Selective Enrollment High School Programs   Application: ⊙ Not Submitted   Start →
📅 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Mickey Mouse ✎ Edit Profile

Student ID: 430338
Applying For: Kindergarten

View Priorities

View All Applications

ⓘ 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   Application: ⊙ Not Submitted   Start →

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs   Application: ⊙ Not Submitted   Start →
📅 Required Event: Kindergarten Test

Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners   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.

>>> 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   Application: ⬤ Not Submitted   Start →

Choice High School Programs   Application: ⬤ Not Submitted   Start →

🗓 Required Event: High School Admission Test

Only Non-CPS students will see this requirement

Selective Enrollment High School Programs   Application: ⬤ Not Submitted   Start →

🗓 Required Event: High School Admission Test

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

2026-27 **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

Application Open   ⌃

Application Status: Not yet started

Key Dates
— Application Deadline:

View Priorities | View Grades & Scores |

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 the page.

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

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

Selective Enrollment High School Programs

This student does not have any priorities for this application.

Is something incorrect? **Edit priorities**

Guaranteed Offer Program Application

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

Start →

Click here to start the application!

Application Open ∧

Application Status: Not yet started

View Priorities   View Grades & Scores

Key Dates

— Application Deadline:

Application   Events 0

Application

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

This is 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.

1

General Education
PHILLIPS HS

★ Neighborhood Program

View Details →

2

General Education
ALCOTT HS

★ Continuing Enrollment

View Details →

Review and Submit

Application

Application

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

Review and Submit

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

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application Submitted

Congratulations on submitting an application!

Application ID: 107

📄 Application Receipt ↗

Continue

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

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

Choice High School Programs Application

Start →

Click here to start the application!

Application Open   📅 Required Event: High School Admission Test   ⌄

Application   Events **1**

Application

Click the Blue Button to add programs to the 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

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

Programs Offered ∧
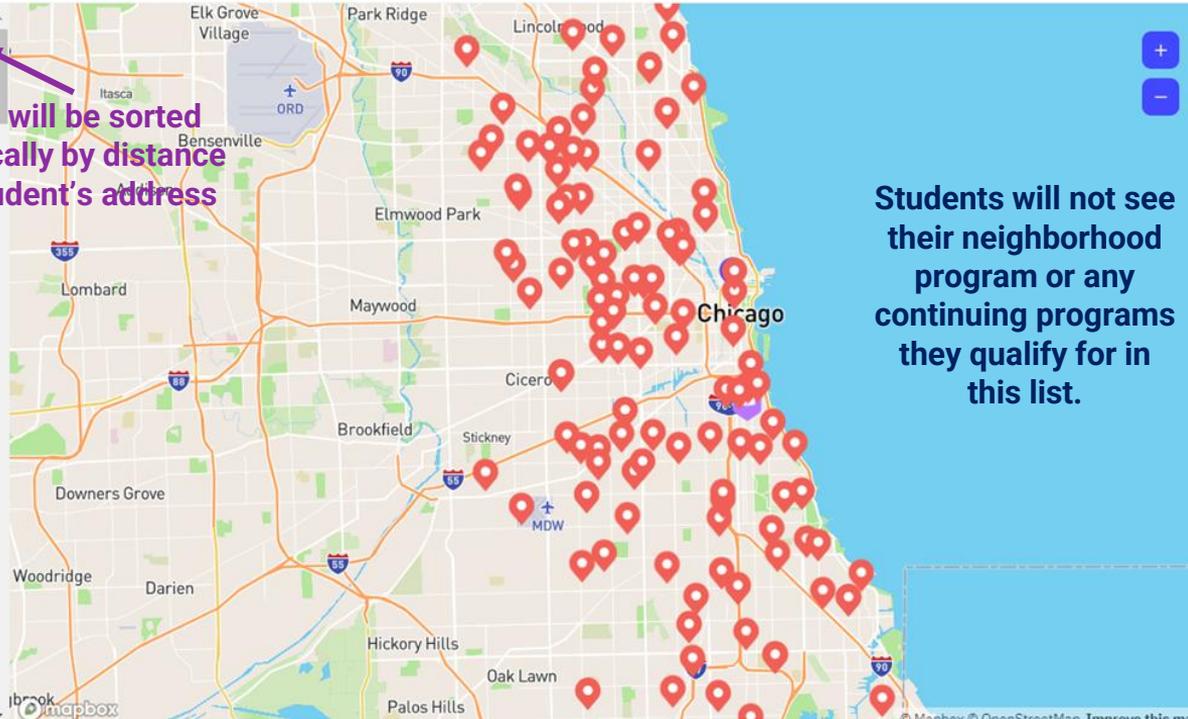
Digital Media
Grades: 9

+ Add

⭐ Attendance Area

NOBLE - MUCHIN HS

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

Pre-Engineering
@ JONES HS

View Full Details ↗

+ Add to Application

#2

Click the name to pull up the program info card

Highlights

Career & Technical Education (CTE)   Manufacturing   CPS School

Learn More

Overview   Admission Grades   Eligibility   Preferences & Priorities   Specialization   External Links

9, 10, 11, 12

700 S STATE ST, Chicago, IL

33.3 miles away

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Programs Offered ⌃

Pre-Engineering
Grades: 9

⭐ Overlay Preference

#1   **+ Add**

Eligibility

✓ **Tests & Screenings:** High School Admissions Test

Pre-Law
Grades: 9

⭐ Overlay Preference

+ Add

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

1. Click the + Add from the School Card

1. 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

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

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 | | | | | | November 16, 2024 |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | |

					1	2	09:00 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	02:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	**16**	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

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!

Application   Events 2

Application

RANK CHOICES BELOW ⌄

1   **Pre-Engineering**   View Details →
    JONES HS

    ★ Overlay Preference   🗑

2   **General Education**   View Details →
    NOBLE - ACADEMY HS
                                  🗑

3   **Brass & Woodwinds**   View Details →
    CHIARTS HS

    📅 Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds   🗑

4   **International Baccalaureate (IB)**   View Details →
    JUAREZ HS
                                  🗑

Browse + Add Programs to Application   ＋

Reviewing and HSAT (non-CPS students only)

Review Application

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

Student: Donald Duck

Student ID: 430337

Application:

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

Make sure to review your choices carefully.

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

High School Admission Test (HSAT)

⚠ Action Required

📅 Schedule HSAT

⏱ **Estimated Duration**
1 Hours

Accommodations

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About High School Admission Test ⌄

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				›	**October 20, 2024**
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	**09:00 AM**
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			

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 | ↗

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.

Adding more programs & Re-ranking programs

2026-27 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.

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.

✅ Submitted

Guaranteed Offer Programs Application

View →

Application Open   ⌄

✅ Submitted

Choice High School Programs Application

View →

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

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

Status: ✅ Submitted

View Priorities   View Grades & Scores

Application Open

📅 Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test

📅 Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

📄 **Application Receipt**   ↗

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)   📅 Scheduled
10/20/2024, 09:00 AM   + Add to Calendar   📅 Reschedule HSAT

⏱ Estimated Duration   🕐 Deadline to schedule   📍 Location
1 Hours   10/04/2024, 11:59 PM   Lane Tech HS
                                                             2501 W ADDISON St, Chicago, IL 60618

Required For:
- Application: Choice High School Programs - 2025-26

Accommodations

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About High School Admission Test   ⌄

CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds (Audition)   📅 Scheduled
11/16/2024, 09:00 AM   + Add to Calendar   📅 Reschedule Audition

⏱ Estimated Duration   🕐 Deadline to schedule   📍 Location
1 Hours   11/08/2024, 11:59 PM   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

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

Families will have access to the latest receipt.

Chicago Public Schools

Application Receipt

Generated on:

Application Information

Application ID: 116
Admission Process: Choice High School Programs
Application School Year:

Application Grade: 9th Grade
Application Status: ✅ Submitted
Submitted at:
Updated On:

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
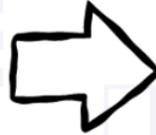**Email:** rohinikbapu+29@gmail.com

Application Choices

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

Student Information in the Application system:

Aspen | Chicago Public Schools → EnrollWise

Make sure that the following information in 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)

IMPORTANT

Family-Facing Resources

While we ask that schools wait to hold their family trainings until all OAE-created materials are available, there are a number of informational videos on the application process that can be used in the meantime to assist families.

High School Selections Process

Elementary School Selections Process

These videos and more are available on the GoCPS website in both English and Spanish.

GoCPS Family Trainings

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

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

High School Family Training Sign Up Linked Here
English | Spanish

Elementary School Family Training Sign Up Linked Here
English | Spanish

ENGLISH

SPANISH

ENGLISH

SPANISH

Schedule

English Sessions in White
Spanish Sessions in Yellow

Applying to 9th Grade Session:
- October 2, 2025 at 11 am
- October 7, 2025 at 10 am
- October 9, 2025 at 12 pm
- October 9, 2025 at 2 pm
- October 20, 2025 at 10 am
- October 23, 2025 at 2 pm
- October 28, 2025 at 5 pm

Applying to Grades K- 8 Session:
- September 30, 2025 at 10 am
- October 6, 2025 at 12 pm
- October 8, 2025 at 12 pm
- October 16, 2025 at 11:30 am
- October 16, 2025 at 5 pm
- October 20, 2025 at 1 pm
- October 24 2025 at 10 am

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