



**Chicago Public Schools - Office of Early Childhood Education**  
**Tuition-based Preschool Program**  
**Site-Specific Selection Criteria**

Tuition-based preschools (TBP) are allowed to select students based on the selection criteria of their choice. If a student is selected for a TBP program, a \$700 deposit is required in order to hold the seat. **If a student attends a TBP program as a three-year-old, they are guaranteed a seat in that school's TBP program as a returning four-year-old.** The selection criteria for the individual sites are below. Please contact a school directly if you have any questions about its criteria.

**Please note:** Participation in a TBP program does not guarantee a student's enrollment into the school's kindergarten program unless the student resides in that school's attendance area. If a student is enrolled in a four-year-old preschool program at a Chicago public school that is not the designated neighborhood school, and the family wants the student to attend kindergarten at that school, a GoCPS application must be submitted. An offer is not guaranteed. For more information, please visit [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu).

**Alcott Elementary**

Alcott gives priority to neighborhood students and students with older siblings enrolled in Alcott's K-8 program. New non-neighborhood students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after neighborhood students who reside in the neighborhood and siblings are accommodated.

**Audubon Elementary**

Audubon begins accepting applications starting October 15th in the fall of the preceding school year. Students are accepted to the program based on the priority list below. The priority list deadline application window closes January 31st each year. Applications submitted after January 31st will be accepted but will be placed on the waitlist in the order they are received.

- 1st Tier: Attendance Area with Siblings, 4 years old
- 2nd Tier: Attendance Area with Siblings, 3 years old
- 3rd Tier: Attendance Area with No Siblings, 4 years old
- 4th Tier: Attendance Area with No Siblings, 3 years old
- 5th Tier: Non-attendance Area with Siblings, 4 and 3 years old
- 6th Tier: Audubon Staff Member, 4 and 3 years old
- 7th Tier: Non-attendance Area, 4 years old
- 8th Tier: Non-attendance Area, 3 years old

\*Under each priority tier, applications are organized by birthdate of student

### **Disney II Elementary**

Disney II's selection is on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Monday, October 5, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at the Kedvale Campus main office.

### **Hamilton Elementary**

If a student lives in the Hamilton attendance area or has a sibling in grades K-7 at Hamilton, families can apply at the school between **October 1, 2020**, and 3:00 pm on **October 9, 2020**. Families will be asked to provide a current utility bill as proof of address. If a family is applying for more than one student (i.e., multiples, or siblings where one child is three years old and another child is four years old), please make a note of this on each child's application.

Hamilton conducts a lottery on October 12th at 3:00 pm to fill available spots in their program. Families will be notified via email if their child has been selected for the 2020-2021 school year. If there are available spots after this lottery, Hamilton will accept applications between **October 13, 2020**, and **October 23, 2020**. They will then conduct a second lottery on October 26th to fill available spots or fill the waitlist. After **October 27, 2020**, families can still submit an application in order to add students to the waitlist.

### **Mayer Elementary**

Mayer gives priority to students with older siblings enrolled in the K-8 program. New non-neighborhood students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after neighborhood students and siblings are accommodated.

### **Nettelhorst Elementary**

Nettelhorst selections are run in the following order:

1. Attendance Area with Siblings, 4 years old
2. Attendance Area with Siblings, 3 years old
3. Attendance Area with No Siblings, 4 years old
4. Attendance Area with No Siblings, 3 years old
5. Non-attendance Area, 4 years old
6. Non-attendance Area, 3 years old

### **South Loop Elementary**

South Loop seats are offered on a first-come, first served basis. After enough applications are received to fill the available slots for the upcoming school year the seats are offered. After the seats are offered, a waitlist is created and if a seat becomes available, the next student on the waitlist is selected in the order that the applications were received.