

High Schools at a Glance

A Companion Guide to the Chicago Public Schools
Directory of High Schools
2011-2012



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Important Dates for the 2011-2012 High School Selection Process

| Month (s) | Activities |
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| September | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a High School Information Session |
| October-November | <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a copy of OAE's Options for Knowledge guide <input type="checkbox"/> Establish PIN # for online application <input type="checkbox"/> Attend High School Open Houses <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with counselor to discuss options & determine selective enrollment eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> Request a copy of the Office of New Schools' profile of high schools for 2012-13 school year |
| November-December | <input type="checkbox"/> Gather all school and program applications you are interested in <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an Application Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Submit applications no later than Dec 16 (follow submission instructions) |
| December-February | <input type="checkbox"/> Register for selective enrollment admissions test when notified Submit applications to charter and contract schools |
| February | <input type="checkbox"/> SEHS, Military Academies, College and Career Academies, IB Programs, Magnet Schools acceptance letters mailed |
| March-April | <input type="checkbox"/> SEHS Principal Discretion and Appeals process |
| May | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a High School Investigation Day |
| June | <input type="checkbox"/> Once admitted, participate in High School Freshman Connection program |

Information Sessions:

| Day | Date | Time | High School | Address |
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| Tue | Sep 20 | 5-8pm | Westinghouse | 3223 W Franklin Blvd |
| Thr | Sept 22 | 5-8pm | Roosevelt | 3436 W Wilson Ave |
| Sat | Sept 24 | 10am-1pm | Kelly | 4136 S California Ave |
| Tue | Sept 27 | 5-8pm | Corliss | 821 E 103rd St |
| Thr | Sept 29 | 5-8pm | Juarez | 2150 S Laflin St |
| Tue | Oct 4 | 5-8pm | Amundsen | 5110 N Damen Ave |

Application Workshops:

| Day | Date | Time | High School | Address |
|-----|-------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sat | Nov 5 | 10am-1pm | Kelly | 4136 S California Ave |
| Tue | Nov 8 | 5-8pm | Social Justice | 3120 S Kostner Ave |
| Sat | Dec 3 | 10am-1pm | Michele Clark | 5101 West Harrison St |
| Tue | Dec 6 | 5-8pm | Clemente | 1147 N Western Ave |

Please review the Options for Knowledge guide to confirm dates and obtain application forms for Selective Enrollment, Military Schools, Magnet Schools, IB programs, and College and Career Academies.

Introduction

As the Chicago Public Schools offers more school choices to students, **High Schools at a Glance** is designed to help parents and students quickly identify high schools and programs to consider and if needed, apply to. On the following pages, you will find:

1. An **Overview of High Schools and Program Choices by Admission Procedure** summarizing the various types of schools and programs by their admissions requirements.
2. A **Detailed Description of High School and Programs Types** available to students by admissions procedure, application review organization, admissions requirements, admissions application deadline and number of choices.
3. A **Comprehensive Chart of all High Schools** organized by zone map, listing every high school and its five more important features: school type, school open house date, school application procedure, and school program* by application type.

To get additional assistance :

- Attend a CPS High School selection info session and application workshop
- Attend Open Houses for any schools you are interested in
- Talk to your elementary school guidance counselor

**Note that this chart only shows programs that require an application. There other excellent school-based and citywide programs. Visit CPS www.chooseyourfuture.org and search Programs by School.*

How do I select a High School?

Think about these areas first:

- Location:** What schools are nearby your home? What schools have easy commutes from your home? Use CTA's "Plan a trip" feature to estimate commute times.
- School Size:** Are you looking for a large school with many curricular and extracurricular offerings, or a small school with a close-knit community?
- Interest Areas, Curriculum and Courses:** What are your academic interests and strengths? Are you looking for a high school with any particular focus or specific courses? What type of after-school programs are offered?
- Extracurriculars:** What types of extracurricular activities (including sports and clubs) would help round out your academic experiences?
- School Performance:** How well are students performing compared to other schools? What are the AP placement, graduation, and college-going rates?
- School Expectations & Culture:** What are the hours and uniform requirements? Are current students, staff and parents friendly?

Overview of High School Choices by Admissions Procedure

N

NO APPLICATION

No application required

- Most neighborhood and small schools fall into this category
- Students living *inside* the school's attendance area boundary do not need to apply. Go to <http://schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us> to find your assigned school and then speak with your elementary school counselor.
- Students living *outside* attendance area boundary should contact school or visit school website for enrollment details. Most schools require an application.

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APPLICATION

Requires application only

- Career academies (schools)
- College and Career Academies
- Magnet programs
- Magnet schools
- Charter schools*
- Contract schools*
- Outside attendance area boundary neighborhood and small schools*

Applications available at <http://apply.cps.edu> or www.cpscae.org from October to mid-December.

**For application, contact school directly.*

A+

APPLICATION PLUS

Requires application plus recommendations, audition, interview and/or exam

Selective schools and programs that typically fall into this category:

- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Military academies
- Selective enrollment schools
- Chicago High School for the Arts *
- Select College and Career Academies:
 - Law & Public Safety
 - Database Programming IT
 - Cisco Networking IT
 - Medical & Health Careers

Applications will be available at <http://www.cpscae.org> from October to mid-December. **Contact school directly*

Note: There are a few schools where students are placed and no application is required. Schools that generally fall into this category are schools that serve specific student populations. Students are typically referred to the school by the CPS administration.

High School Choices Overview

N: No application

A: Application Required

A+ Application Plus

| Type of School | Description | Admissions Process | Application Forms/Location | Admission Requirements | Due on | Choices |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|------------------|---|
| Neighborhood | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes referred to as Zoned School) offer admission to any student in the attendance area • They vary significantly in terms of quality, size, and program offerings so it is best to investigate the high school in your area closely to determine if they are a good fit | <p>N</p> <p>If residence is <u>within</u> school boundary</p> | Automatic Enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in the attendance area are automatically enrolled. | N/A | <p>Over 50 schools</p> <p>To find assigned school, visit: schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us</p> |
| | | <p>A</p> <p>If residence is <u>outside</u> school boundary</p> | <p>Check school's website or contact school</p> <p><i>Use Standard Application when in doubt</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Criteria are determined by the neighborhood school ▪ Most neighborhood high schools have spaces for non-attendance area students. | Varies by school | |
| Small Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer smaller, more personalized experience. ▪ Enrollment limited to 600 students | N | <p>If outside boundary area, check schools website or contact school</p> <p><i>Use Standard Application when in doubt</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically serve students within attendance boundary ▪ Application required for some schools | Varies by school | 24 schools |
| Charter and Contract | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independently operated ▪ Autonomy over curriculum, schedule, budget and staffing | A | Check school website or contact school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application required ▪ No eligibility requirements ▪ Random lottery, if there are more applications than available spaces. | Varies by school | Over 40 high school options |
| Magnet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools have programs with emphasis on particular subject areas like math/science or world language. • Most schools don't have attendance boundaries so <u>any student</u> across Chicago can apply | A | <p>Visit cpsmagnet.org for admissions criteria and application</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>All</u> magnet schools require an application and <u>some</u> require testing ▪ Random Lottery. Admissions criteria may vary by school. ▪ Some schools require meeting state standards in math and reading. | Dec 16 | <p>Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences</p> <p>Michele Clark</p> <p>Von Steuben</p> <p>Curie -<i>Neighborhood Boundary</i></p> |
| Career Academies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ College-preparatory curriculum ▪ Career-focused education in different fields | A | Applications are available either at the school office or on the school's website. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Require an application. ▪ Pre-eligibility requirements may apply. | Varies by school | Chicago Vocational, Prosser, Simeon |
| Military | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focus on leadership, team-building and other management skills ▪ Receive both college preparation curriculum and military training. ▪ Each academy focuses on a specific branch of the military. | A+ | <p>Use SEHS/Military Academy application</p> <p>More details at www.cpsoae.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application, recommendations, interview required. ▪ Reading comprehension and math stanines must total at least 10 (e.g., 3 and 7; 4 and 6). | Dec 16 | <p>Air Force Carver</p> <p>Chicago Military Marine, Phoenix Rickover Naval</p> |
| Selective Enrollment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designed for advanced students. ▪ Honors and Advanced Placement ▪ Entrance exam is given in January – February | A+ | <p>Use SEHS/Military Academy application</p> <p>More details at www.cpsoae.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application and exam ▪ Minimum stanine of 5 in both math and reading comprehension on 7th grade ISAT. IEP or 504 plan -stanines must add to at least a total of 10. ▪ Selection criteria – 900 points max <p><i>7th Grade Grades: 300 points</i></p> <p><i>7th Grade ISAT: 300 points</i></p> <p><i>Entrance Exam: 300 points</i></p> | Dec 16 | <p>Brooks, Jones, King</p> <p>Lane Tech</p> <p>Lindblom</p> <p>Northside</p> <p>Payton</p> <p>Westinghouse</p> <p>Whitney Young</p> |

High School Programs Overview

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| Type of Program | Description | Admissions Process | Application forms/location | Admission Requirements | Due on | Choices |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------|--|
| Career and Technical Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation available to students in the school Within neighborhood schools or citywide | Varies by school | Contact school directly for additional information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. Contact grade counselor or visit High School website for additional information | Varies by school | 163 programs in 60 schools Visit chooseyourfuture.org to search programs by school. |
| College and Career Academies (Programs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program within a school College preparation + 3 year career sequence Work-based learning, real-world training Invitations to college, career events Industry professionals as guest instructors Select opportunities to earn industry recognized credentials | A (for Lottery Academies) | Use College and Career Academy Application More details at www.cpscae.org or chooseyourfuture.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application required. Students are selected using a lottery with preference given to students with a stanine of at least 5 in both math and reading on their 7th grade ISAT. Minimum of 30% seats reserved for attendance area students | Dec 16 | Programs in 19 schools: Austin Business & Entrepreneurship, Austin Polytech, Crane, Curie, Dunbar, Fenger, Harlan, Harper, Juarez, Julian, Manley, Marshall, Mather, Richards, Roosevelt, Schurz, South Shore, Sullivan, Wells |
| | | A+ (for Selective Academies) | Use College and Career Academy Application | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application required. Interviews, letter or recommendation and statement of interest may be applicable. Selections are points based and include points on 7th grade final GPA and total ISAT stanines. | Dec 16 | Law & Public Safety Medical & Health Careers Database Programming IT Cisco Networking IT |
| Magnet Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialize in specific subject area Within neighborhood schools. Visit: schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us to find assigned school. | A A+ (Senn) | Visit www.cpscae.org or contact schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application required. Pre-eligibility requirements may apply If residence is outside boundaries apply to school and program | Dec 16 | Programs in 5 schools: Kenwood, Schurz Harlan, Corliss, Sullivan, Senn |
| International Baccalaureate (IB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rigorous, college prep program. International standards, recognized by universities. Designed for advanced students Most schools are neighborhood schools that serve students within attendance boundaries | A+ | Visit www.cpscae.org or contact schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application required. Interviews or exam may be apply. Pre-eligibility requirements applicable If residence is outside boundaries apply to school and program Visit: schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us to see if any of the 14 schools are within your attendance area | Dec 16 | Program in 14 schools Amundsen, Bogan, Curie, Hubbard, Hyde Park, Lincoln Park, Morgan Park, Ogden Int'l School, Prosser Career Academy, Senn, Steinmetz, Kelly, Taft, Washington |
| JROTC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaches the value of citizenship, leadership, service to community, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork and self-discipline. | Varies by school | Contact school for enrollment details or visit www.chicagorotc.com | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program enrollment varies. Program interest may be required on school application or after placement is offered. | Varies by school | Program in over 40 high schools |
| AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college readiness system that is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance. | Varies by school | Contact school for enrollment details Visit www.avidonline.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program enrollment varies. Program interest may be required on school application or after placement is offered. | Varies by school | Program in over 50 high schools 5 |

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| Perspectives – Leadership Academy | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perspectives – HS of Technology | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prologue – Joshua Johnston | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School of Entrepreneurship | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School of Leadership | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| School of Technology | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School of the Arts-South Shore | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simeon | Career Academy | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Southside* | Special Education School | | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Shore International | | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington High School | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| ACE Tech Charter | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Air Force Academy (AFAHS) | Military Academy | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Amandla Charter | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austin Business and Entrepreneurship | Contract | | A | | | | | | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austin Polytech | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Best Practice | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bronzeville | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Academy of Advanced Technology (CAAT) | Contract | | A | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clark Academic Prep | Magnet | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Collins Academy | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Links | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crane Tech Prep | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | A+ | | | | | A | | | | A | | X | |
| CSW Career Academy | Contract | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago High School for the Arts | Contract | | A+ | | | | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Military Academy | Military Academy | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Chicago Talent Development High School (CTDHS) | Contract | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Virtual Charter High School, CVCS | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Curie | Magnet | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | A | | A | A | | | | | | A | | A | A+ | | | A | | X | X |
| Douglass | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | X |
| Dunbar | Career Academy | | A | | | | | | | | | | A | | A | | A | A+ | | A | | | | | | | A | | X | X |

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| Dyett | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Eric Solorio Academy H.S. | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farragut | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Gage Park | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Graham Training Center * | Neighborhood | | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hancock | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harper | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | A | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Henry Ford Academy: Power House | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hope | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Hubbard | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Hyde Park | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Infinity | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Instituto Health Sciences | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones College Prep | Selective Enrollment School | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Juarez | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | A | | A | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Kelly | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Kennedy | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Phoenix Military Academy | Military Academy | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| Prologue – Early College | Contract | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raby | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Richards Career Academy | Career Academy | | A | | | | | | | | | A | | | A | | | | | | | A+ | | | | | | | | |
| Robeson | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Social Justice High School | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM Englewood Community Academy | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Tilden | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| University of Chicago - Woodlawn | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UNO Charter High School - Garcia | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban Prep – Bronzeville Campus | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban Prep - Englewood Campus | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban Prep - West Campus | Charter | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V.O.I.S.E. | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| Westinghouse | Selective Enrollment | | A+ | | | | | | | | A | A | | | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitney Young | Selective Enrollment | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams Prep | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| World Language H.S. | Small | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Payton College Prep | Selective Enrollment | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northside College Prep | Selective Enrollment | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northside Learning Center * | Special Education | | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prosser | Career Academy | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Rickover Naval Academy | Military Academy | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Roosevelt | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | A | | | | | | A | | A | | | A+ | | | X | X |
| Schurz | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | A | A | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | A | | X | X |
| Senn | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | A+ | | | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| Steinmetz | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| Sullivan | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | A | | | | | A | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| Taft | Neighborhood | | N | A+ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| Uplift | Small | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vaughn Occupational* | Special Education School | | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Von Steuben | Magnet | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wells | Neighborhood | | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A | A+ | | | | | | A | X | X |

* Placement: Students are placed; no application required. Students are typically referred to the school by the CPS administration.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

A. How to submit an application

1. Can I mail the standard application directly to schools, or do they need to go through an elementary school counselor?

- Applications do not need to go through a school counselor. However, counselors may be asked to verify students information.
- Selective enrollment, military academy, College and Career Academies, IB and Magnet applications should be submitted directly to the Office of Academic Enhancement or online at www.apply.cps.edu.
- Applications for all other schools and programs can be submitted directly to the schools. You may use the standard application for any of these schools or programs, but we encourage you to contact the individual school to determine exactly what information they require.
- If you live within the boundaries of a neighborhood school, no application is required. You can find your neighborhood school at www.schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us

2. Where can I get applications and Options for Knowledge books?

You can apply online at www.apply.cps.edu, or download a paper application at www.cpsoae.org. You can pick up an Options for Knowledge book in the Office of Academic Enhancement on the fourth floor of 125 S. Clark Street, or at your local elementary school after October 1. All elementary schools should receive copies of the Options for Knowledge book for distribution to parents by October 1.

B. Type of Schools and Applications

3. Why do certain types of schools need an application?

For certain schools and programs, the application process reflects the fact that many of CPS programs and schools are in high demand. An application process ensures that everyone has a fair shot. However, every parent has the option of sending his or her child to the local neighborhood high school. Attend an open house in October for the schools you are interested in. You can find your neighborhood school at www.schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us.

4. Does my child's current elementary school determine what neighborhood high school he/she attends?

No. Your neighborhood high school attendance boundary is based on your address. You can find your neighborhood high school at www.schoollocator.cps.k12.il.us.

5. What defines an attendance boundary?

Attendance boundaries, established by the CPS Office of Demographics, are determined by examining population trends and changes in the communities surrounding our schools. Demographics will adjust boundaries in order to relieve overcrowding.

6. How do I find out what sports each school has?

Each school lists its sports in the lower right-hand corner of its profile page in the high school directory, available at <http://cps.edu/Pages/directories.aspx>. You can also contact the school directly or attend an Open House in October for the school you are interested.

7. Is it better to apply online?

Your student's chances of getting admitted to selective enrollment schools, military academies, or College and Career Academies are not affected by applying online instead of using a paper application. However, applying online ensures that you receive notification when we receive your application. It also makes it much easier and faster for CPS to process applications. We encourage you to apply online at www.apply.cps.edu.

8. How do grades affect a student's application to a magnet or charter high school?

While some magnet schools and programs may have minimum academic requirements, most do not. Charter schools do not take grades into account. Instead, charter school admissions are by lottery.

9. What is the difference between a magnet school and a selective enrollment school?

CPS offers four magnet high schools, and five magnet programs within high schools. These schools and programs tend to focus on a specific subject, and applications are required. However, admission is based on lottery, and academic credentials are generally not taken into account. CPS also offers nine selective enrollment high schools. Admission to these schools is based on an application, a student's academic performance, and the results of a selective enrollment admissions exam that tests general knowledge.

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10. If your neighborhood school offers College and Career Academies and/or an International Baccalaureate (IB) program, will they accept you automatically?

No. Your neighborhood school will accept you to the school automatically (if you live within the attendance boundary) but not to the College and Career Academies nor the IB program. You will need to apply to be admitted to these programs. Applications are in the Options for Knowledge Guide. Obtain the Options for Knowledge guide in October or go to www.cpscae.org for additional info.

11. Does CPS post interview “techniques,” mock interview questions, or other tips for schools that require an interview?

CPS does not post interview techniques or sample questions online. We encourage students to come to the interview prepared to talk about why they are interested in a particular school or program, and what activities, courses and leadership opportunities they hope to take advantage of while in high school.

C. Students with Disabilities

12. How do you know if a school has a special education program? All Chicago Public Schools as public institutions are required to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to students who attend. If a school cannot meet the significant needs of a particular student with disabilities as outlined in his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP), that school may either need to seek additional support in order to implement the IEP or work with the Office of Special Education and Supports to identify a placement location that can implement the IEP. This scenario is only valid for approximately 3% of the population of students with disabilities in CPS as CPS schools should be equipped to provide services for the majority of students with disabilities in the District. Please work with your elementary school counselor or case manager for assistance with identifying appropriate programs which will lead to high school success.

13. How do I know if a school can meet my student’s special education needs?

All Chicago Public Schools and Charter schools are required to implement students’ IEPs and 504 plans. All students, including students with disabilities, are encouraged and welcome to apply to the variety of schools and programs available to them including magnet schools, military schools, and selective enrollment schools. For students with significant disabilities, there are specialty programs designed to meet their needs and students are placed at these schools per the needs outlined in the IEP by the Office of Special Education and Supports working in conjunction with the school requesting the placement.

D. Charter and Contract School Questions

14. What is a charter high school?

A charter school is managed by an outside community or education organization. Charter schools operate independently from the Board of Education and from each other, and they have the autonomy in terms of curriculum, budget, schedule and staffing.

15. Do charter high schools offer free busing?

No. Families are responsible for providing or arranging transportation.

16. Is a contract school a school that is on probation?

No. Contract schools are very similar to charter schools—they have the same autonomy in terms of curriculum, budget, schedule and staffing that charter schools do. Like charter schools, contract schools are managed by outside community and education organizations. Contract school operators sign a contract with the Board of Education to operate a school for a specified period of time.

E. Selective Enrollment Questions

17. If a student lives near a selective enrollment high school, will that make a difference in the application?

No. Selective enrollment schools do not have neighborhood attendance boundaries. Admissions are citywide.

18. How can you tell which selective enrollment school is better from an academic standpoint?

All of our selective enrollment schools are designed for advanced students, offering honors and advanced placement courses. To see the cutoff scores used to determine admissions to selective enrollment schools from last year, you can download this pdf:

<http://cpscae.org/ourpages/auto/2009/8/10/50500884/Selective%20Enrollment%20High%20Schools%20--%20Cutoff%20Scores%202010-2011.pdf>

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19. When looking at grades to determine selective enrollment, is English reading or writing?

Grades for English are reading grades. The grades used in calculating the selective enrollment score are reading, math, social studies, and science.

20. In considering applications for selective enrollment schools and military academies, does CPS consider the stanine for science, or just reading and math?

In determining eligibility for selective enrollment schools and military academies, CPS uses the stanines in math and reading comprehension only.

21. How do I figure out the ISAT percentile for my student?

ISAT percentiles are provided alongside your student's ISAT score. Your school can provide you with this information if you do not have it.

22. What percentage of students are accepted to college from selective enrollment vs. charter vs. magnet schools.

There are also several reports published by the CPS Office of Performance at http://research.cps.k12.il.us/cps/accountweb/iam_Parent/. In addition, each school has its own statistics on college acceptance rates. We encourage you to inquire at the schools in which you are most interested.

23. Are there still a certain number of slots assigned at a principal's discretion?

For selective enrollment high schools, principals may fill up to 5% of the incoming class at their discretion. Principals will take into account such factors as leadership, community engagement, recommendation letters and other factors in deciding which students to admit using their discretion. Check the Options for Knowledge guide or contact the school directly for additional information and confirm deadlines and requirements.

24. Does the order in which you choose a selective enrollment high school hinder your chance of being accepted?

When you rank your choices of selective enrollment high schools, please be honest and rank them in the true order you want them. CPS uses a computer algorithm to assign slots to students. For example: if your first choice is Lindblom Math & Science, CPS computers check to see if a slot is available. If not, the computer checks to see if there is a slot at the next school on your list. The process continues in that matter. We recognize that parents are completing the application without knowing how their child does on the selective enrollment exam. This is why we encourage you to rank the schools according to which school you would most like your child to attend. That way, if your child excels on the selective enrollment exam, he or she will have a better chance of admission to a school you might not otherwise have chosen.

25. Does CPS consider other criteria such as conduct, attendance or other factors beyond academics in selective enrollment applications?

No. We consider only academic performance.

26. What is the best way to apply if you are transferring after 9th grade? If my child is at a neighborhood school and I want him/her to attend a selective enrollment school, are 7th grade grades still taken into account?

Transferring after ninth grade depends on whether the school you wish to attend has seats available and its own criteria for transfers. Most schools will look at some form of academic performance, such as grades and test scores, to make sure that a new student is capable of succeeding in a rigorous academic climate. You may be asked for both historic and current data. For information on transferring after ninth grade, contact the individual school in which you are interested and ask about their procedures.

27. I completed a selective enrollment high school application online. What do I need to do now? How and when will I be contacted?

Once you complete an online application, you will receive an email confirmation notifying you that your application has been received.

- The Office of Academic Enhancement then verifies the information on the application, making sure that the name and ID match up, and that all required information has been provided. At that point, your application is officially put in the system or "processed."
- After the application has been processed, OAE checks to see if your child is eligible to test; once eligibility is verified, the student can be scheduled for testing. (If the student is not eligible to take the test, a letter will be sent informing the parent.)
- Students are scheduled for test dates based on (1) when the application is processed and (2) test date/site availability. In addition, scheduling is based on the information provided on the application regarding any test dates on which the student is NOT available to test. (Please note that it is not possible to select a test date for Selective Enrollment High Schools – you may only indicate the date(s) on which your child CANNOT test. This assists in scheduling a test date that is most convenient for your child.)
- Test dates start in December and run until February. Test notification letters are mailed approximately two weeks prior to the test date.
- If your child attends a Chicago public school or charter school, the test notification letter will be sent to your child's current school for distribution.
- If your child attends a non-CPS school, the test notification letter will be sent to your home. In February, tests are scored, selections begin and acceptance letters are mailed.

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28. When is the entrance exam for selective enrollment high schools and where? Is the one test good for all selective enrollment high schools?

CPS offers the selective enrollment exam on several dates and in several locations in January. You can see these dates on the selective enrollment application, available at www.apply.cps.edu. The exam is for all selective enrollment high schools.

29. Is it true that siblings are given preference in selective enrollment high schools?

No, siblings are only given preference in elementary magnet school lotteries.

30. My child didn't take the ISAT because he/she attended a private school. Do you accept other tests?

If your child did not take the ISAT last year, the following standardized, nationally normed tests are acceptable for submission for the Selective Enrollment High Schools application process. If a test does not appear on this list, it is not an accepted test for the application process.

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| -California Achievement Tests (CAT) – 6th edition | -Terra Nova |
| -Stanford Achievement Test 10 | -Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) |
| -Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement 2 | -Woodcock Johnson Test |
| -Wechsler Individual Achievement Test 2 | -Wechsler Individual Achievement Test 3 |

Students who do not have ISAT scores, or scores from an approved test, may take an approved test to obtain the needed scores through one of the following options:

- Students may obtain private testing on an approved test by a certified school psychologist or a clinical licensed psychologist.
- National Louis University offers testing for a \$75 fee. For information and to schedule testing, contact Charnell Thomas at Charnell.Thomas@nl.edu or by phone at 312-261-3359.

31. Is there a way you can study for the selective enrollment high school exam? Are there test preparation courses CPS recommends?

Are study guides or practice exams available?

The best way to prepare for the test is to attend class every day and do your very best in school. The test looks at general knowledge, and it is proprietary (CPS-owned exam). While we know that there are some test preparation options available, we do not recommend them. We have not found that applicants who use test preparation options do any better on the exam than those who do not.

32. Will—or can—you receive more than one offer when applying to selective enrollment schools?

No, you will only receive one offer. The computer algorithm used for selective enrollment high school admissions uses the rank order you put on your application. Those who are accepted to a school will be admitted based on the way that the applicant ranked schools. If there are no seats in your first choice school, the algorithm proceeds to the second choice, and so on, until a school has seats available. That is why it is so important to rank your schools in the true order in which you want to attend them.

33. What are the qualifications for a student with disabilities to apply to a selective enrollment school?

A student with an IEP or 504 Plan will qualify to test for a selective enrollment school if he/she has a reading comprehension and total math ISAT stanine totaling 10 or any combination (4 and 6, 3 and 7, etc.). If the student meets that criteria, the student will be tested, implementing all appropriate testing accommodations and modifications listed in the “testing accommodations” section of the student’s IEP or 504. The goal of selective enrollment testing as it relates to students with disabilities is to get a fair measure of what they know – to test the ability and not the disability. For example, if a child has a fine motor impairment and cannot fill in the bubbles on the answer sheet, a person will scribe for them. A child with a visual impairment may require large print or Braille. CPS may also take additional steps to meet the goals set forth by the Corey H. decree. These steps include:

- Admitting students below the cutoff score of any given school;
- Individual counseling and recruitment for students with disabilities;
- Working with the Office of Special Education and Supports for appropriate placement; and
- Creating cluster programs for students with more significant disabilities.

