

GoCPS Training on the Applications Process for SY 2025-2026





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GCPS Overview & Timeline





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

Elementary School Neighborhood Program Open Enrollment or Magnet Cluster Program



Next Steps for Families & Schools:

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

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

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



If a student wants to attend ANY school outside of their Neighborhood school, Is the **PRIMARY** way!

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



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

>>> Families can use GPCPS to apply to:

CPS High School Programs

High School Charter Programs



Including OSD School Assignment programs



CPS Elementary School Programs



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

Students are applying to a program, not a school!





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Choice Selective Programs 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

OSD will continue to place students in Elementary OSD School Assignment Programs based on IEPs



The application process is divided into three phases

NOW



EXPLORE

which programs are the best fit for your student

FALL 2024



APPLY

to programs

EARLY SPRING 2025



SELECTION

issues results for the schools/programs to which you applied



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

The Application window... Opened:

September 24th, 2024 at 10 am Will Close:

November 22nd, 2024 at 5:00 pm





Application Cycle Timeline (FALL)



Application Opens

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

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.

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

November 22, 2024

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.

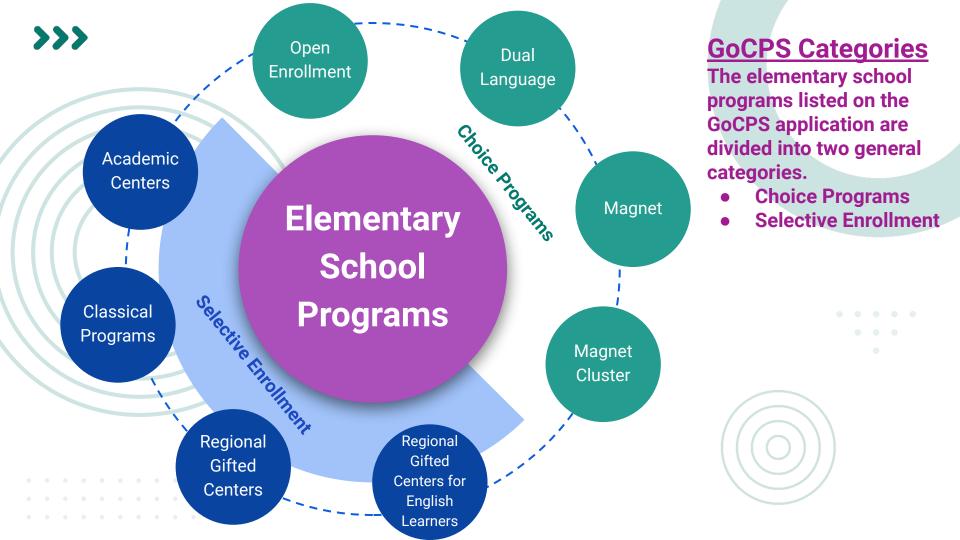




GCPS Elementary Process









GPCPS CHOICE Elementary Process





CPS Preschool Programs

- Information on the application process for all Pre-K programs can be found on the Chicago Early Learning website.
- This application process takes place in the spring.
- For current preschoolers (attending Kindergarten in Fall of 2025) who are not attending their neighborhood school*, they will need to apply through GoCPS to remain at their current school for kindergarten.

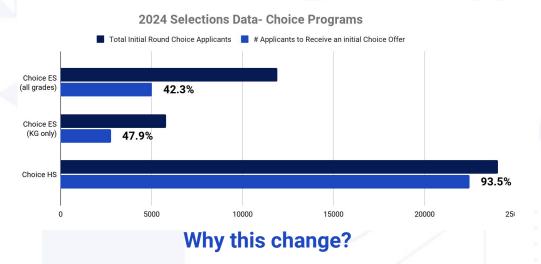
^{*} Exceptions: PreK students at Drummond, Suder, and Inter-American can continue for kindergarten without reapplying.





NEW! Single Best Offer for ES Choice

Starting with the GoCPS application cycle in the 2024-25 school year, the selection process for Elementary Choice Programs will be transitioning to a single best offer model.



- Offer process alignment creates consistency & makes the system easier for families to understand
- 2. Offers are maximized across families
- 3. Matches applicants to the **most preferred** program they can be offered based on their lottery results and seat availability

This model is already in place for:

- All Pre-K Admissions
- All High School Admissions
- Elementary School (SEES)
 Selective Enrollment
 Admission

What's different?

- Applicants will now RANK ES Choice programs in order of preference
- Students can receive a maximum of ONE offer in the Choice category
- Applicants are only waitlisted for programs ranked higher than the offer they receive



Choice Elementary Basics

There are 4 types of Choice Elementary programs.



Students can select up to 20 choice programs to add to their application. They will then rank these in order of true preference and receive up to 1 single best offer in this category.





Choice Elementary Program Specifics

Open Enrollment



Students receive a general education.
Students who live in the neighborhood boundary of this school do not need to apply through GoCPS.

Students living within the boundary are accommodated first. Students living outside of the boundary must submit a GoCPS application.

Dual Language



Students receive a general education that is taught in multiple languages. One-way (primarily EL students) and two-way (both EL and Non-EL students) programs are available.

Students living within the boundary are accommodated first. Students living outside of the boundary must submit a GoCPS application.





Choice Elementary Program Specifics

Magnet Cluster



Students receive an education that specializes in one subject area, such as fine arts, world language, or technology.

Students living within the boundary are accommodated first. Students living outside of the boundary must submit a GoCPS application.

Exception: Belmont-Cragin, Kellman, & South Shore ES are Magnet Cluster programs with no boundary.

Magnet



Students receive an education that specializes in one subject area, such as fine arts, world language, or technology.

There is no neighborhood boundary and all applicants must apply through the GoCPS application.

If a Magnet program has an attendance boundary, it is categorized as a **Magnet with Boundary** program on the application.





How does the Selections Process Work?

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



Ranking of the program in the application



Priority preferences used

Can include but not limited to:

NOTE: Where applicable, Staff, Proximity, & Tier are only considered in entry-level (usually kindergarten) selections













Available seats in the program



Selections process Used



Lottery-Based

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Choice Elementary



- 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.
- The system stops trying to match when an offer is received or when a student has been considered for all their ranked programs.





Single Best Offer

How will the move to a single best offer model affect my child's chances at receiving an offer?

PREVIOUSLY





There are **5 seats** available at **Program A**. The lottery is run, and the blue student is 9th in line. There are not enough available seats, so **the blue student is waitlisted**.







There are **5 seats** available at **Program A**. Students are placed in line based on their lottery results. The applicants in positions 2, 3, 5, and 8 receive offers to programs that they ranked higher and are not considered for Program A. **This allows the blue student to receive an offer.**



Priority Queues & Preferences

Some programs include certain preferences for applicants. Please see the School profile pages for a complete list per program.

Sibling Preference:

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

- The applicant must have a sibling who is currently enrolled and will remain enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year, in the school to which the applicant is applying.
- The currently enrolled sibling and the sibling applicant must live in the same household.
- The term "sibling" applies only to natural siblings, step-siblings, foster siblings, and adopted siblings.

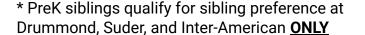
Staff Preference:

Only 2 seats are available to children of CPS staff at ENTRY level only. Staff preference is only given if the CPS employee is a FTE at the school for which they are applying. When more than 2 students apply, a lottery will be used to determine who will get the seat.

Proximity Preference:

Proximity lotteries might be available for certain programs at the entry level only. This preference would include applicants that live within a certain radius of the school.









Selective Enrollment GPCPS Elementary Schools (SEES) Process





Selective Enrollment Elementary Basics

There are 4 types of Selective Enrollment Elementary programs.



These programs are divided into 3 categories. Applicants can select up to 6 programs in the first 2 categories and up to 3 programs in the 3rd category. Applicants can receive up to 1 single best offer in each category.

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How does the Selections Process Work?

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Ranking of the program in the application

Entry Year **ONLY**



Available seats in the program

Points Based Selections Process



Tiers System



Classical Programs	300 pts total
Regional Gifted Centers	300 pts total
EL Regional Gifted Centers	300 pts total
Academic Centers	600 pts total –



50%
Regional Gifted Exam Score



50%5th Grade
Final Grades

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



2 Tier 7 Tier 7 Tier 7







SEES Program Specifics- Academic Centers

Academic Centers



Allow high-achieving students to take high school classes in English, social studies, science, mathematics, world language, and music or art.

Housed in High Schools

Eligibility:

Students must be applying for 7th or 8th grade.

Minimum final GPA of 2.5 during the year prior.

Must take Entrance Exam

Applicants will be selected in descending total point order out of 600.

Total points are based on:

- Final Grades (50%)
- Entrance Exam Score (50%)

- The test for Academic Centers is the Regional Gifted Center exam.
- Families will see total points as well as subtest scores
 - Subtest scores will be reported as subtests for the Regional Gifted Center Exam
- 600 Point Scale

Composite Standard Score



Converts

Total Points

300 points or 50%

300 points or 50%

600 points

Tie-Breaker Process

- 1. Composite Standard Score
- 2. Non-Verbal Standard Score
- 3. Verbal Standard Score
- 4. Lottery



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SEES Program Specifics- Regional Gifted Centers

Regional Gifted Centers



Regional Gifted Centers provide an accelerated instructional program that places an emphasis on thinking, reasoning, problem solving and creativity.

Eligibility:

Students can apply to grades K through 8.

Minimum final GPA of 3.0 during the year prior. (grades 5-8 only)

Must take Entrance Exam

Applicants will be selected in descending total point order out of 300.

Total points are based on:

 Entrance Exam Score

- Families will get a Composite Standard Score as well as Standard Scores from 2 subtests.
- 300 point scale

Composite Standard Score



Total
Points
(out of 300)

Tie-Breaker Process

- Non-Verbal Standard Score
- 2. Verbal Standard Score
- Lottery





SEES Program Specifics- Classical Programs

Classical Programs



These programs provide an accelerated program in literature, mathematics, language arts, world language, and the humanities.

Eligibility:

Students can apply to grades K through 8.

Minimum final GPA of 3.0 during the year prior. (grades 5-8 only)

Must take Entrance Exam

Applicants will be selected in descending total point order out of 300.

Total points are based on:

Entrance Exam Score

Applying to K

- Families will get both Percentiles and Standard Scores
- 300 point scale

Standard Score



Total Points (out of 300)

Tie-Breaker Process

- Math Standard Score
- Reading Standard Score
- Lottery

Applying to 1-8

- Families will get both Percentiles and Standard Scores
- 300 point scale

Percentile

Tie-Breaker Process



Total Points (out of 300)

- Combo Standard Score
- Math Standard Score
- 3. Reading Standard Score
- Lottery





SEES Program Specifics- RGC for English Learners

Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners



Housed in three elementary schools, these programs are designed to meet the needs of high-ability students whose primary language is Spanish or Polish.

Eligibility:

Students can apply to grades K through 8.

Minimum final GPA of 2.5 during the year prior. (grades 5-8 only)

Must take Entrance Exam

Applicants will be selected in descending total point order out of 300.

Total points are based on:

 Entrance Exam Score

- Families will get a Composite Standard Score
- 300 point scale

Composite Standard Score



Total
Points
(out of 300)

Tie-Breaker Process

1. Lottery





Selective Enrollment Elementary Programs









Regional Gifted Center

EL Regional Gifted Center

Apply to up to 6 Academic Centers

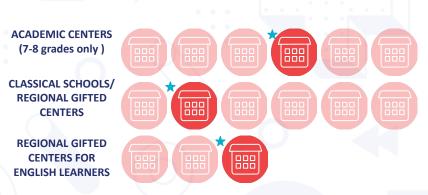
Apply to up to 6 Regional Gifted/Classical Schools

Apply to up to 3 EL Regional Gifted Centers.

Receive up to 1 offer in each category.

Make sure to Rank Programs in your true order of preference!

EXAMPLE:



Students will not be waitlisted to programs in a category if they receive an offer to a program in the same category.

Selective Enrollment programs do not include preferences or priorities.



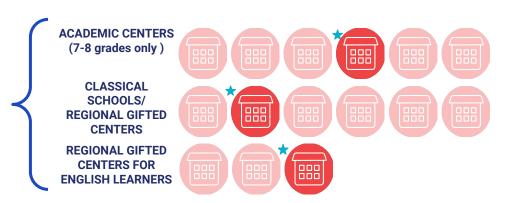
Applicants are placed into line by descending score order

HOW IT WORKS...

- Classical Schools: Based on Classical Exam Scores Only
- Regional Gifted Centers: Based on RGC Exam Score Only
- Academic Centers: Based on Total Points (Exam + Grades)
- **EL Regional Gifted Centers:** Based on EL Exam Score Only



Single Best Selective Enrollment Offer in Each category



- → The system will try to place each applicant in their highest ranked Selective program.
- → All applicants and programs are considered simultaneously.
- → As an applicant matches with a program, they are not considered for any programs ranked lower than the offer received.



>>> HOW IT WORKS: When is an applicant automatically 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 waitlists for all programs they applied to*



* students will be marked "Not Eligible" if they do not meet minimum program eligibility requirements

Offers and Waitlists for the different categories of SEES function independently

Categories

- Academic Centers
- Classical & Regional Gifted Centers
- EL Regional Gifted Centers

Examples:

- This means that an applicant can receive an offer to an Academic Center and be waitlisted for a Classical school.
- The applicant can receive an offer to a Classical school and will NOT be waitlisted for an RGC.
- An applicant can accept an offer in one category and continue to be on the waitlist in other categories.



GPCPS Early Entrance & Accelerated Placement for ES





>>> Early Entrance to Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Early Entrance to First Grade

Must be born between September 2, 2020-December 31, 2020

Must be born between September 2, 2019-December 31, 2019

- Provide proof of age & proof of at least 1 yr in-person preschool
- Score at or above 91st percentile on Developmental Survey
- Complete in-person academic (reading & math) and cognitive testing - must score at or above 91st percentile on all 3 portions
- Testing fee is \$50*; families can apply for a fee waiver

* Applicants who are not residents of the city of Chicago by the application deadline must pay a testing fee of \$250

- NOT a grade-skipping process; only non-CPS students are eligible
- School must verify that student completed both PreK and K there, was taught by appropriately certified teacher, is ready for 1st grade work
- Do not need to complete application; can email letter directly to gocps@cps.edu

How to Apply

Fall/Winter application will open on September 24 2024 and close on November 15, 2024.
There will also be a Spring/Summer application available in March or April 2025.

Click HERE to apply!

>>> Whole Grade & Single Subject Acceleration

Whole-Grade Acceleration (grade skipping)

- Score of 'Exceeds' (5) on Spring 2024 Math & ELA IAR
- 23-24 GPA of 3.75+ (final grades in Math, Reading, Science, & Social Science)
- School will complete Iowa Acceleration Scale (IAS)
- In-person exams in Academic Ability, Aptitude, & Achievement
- School Acceleration Team & principal must give final approval
- Testing fee is \$250; families can apply for a fee waiver

Single-Subject Acceleration

- Score of 'Exceeds' (5) on Spring 2024 Math &/or ELA IAR
- 3.75 for last 8 quarters (23-24 & 22-23) in Math &/or Reading
- School will complete lowa Acceleration Scale (IAS)
- In-person exam in Aptitude
- School Acceleration Team & principal must give final approval
- Testing fee is \$35; families can apply for a fee waiver

** Students must currently be in grades 4-6 to be eligible to apply **

How to Apply

Application open September 24, 2024 through November 15, 2024 at 5pm

Click HERE to apply!

- Families of students who meet IAR pre-qualification received an eligibility notification letter via email on October 11, 2024.
- Students who are new to the district will not receive a notification. All interested families are encouraged to apply.
- Families must choose to apply for Whole-Grade OR Single-Subject Acceleration. They cannot apply for both.





GPCPS Application System







Application System is Changing!

Moving from Schoolmint to Blenderbox: EnrollWise

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

Why this change in platform?



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

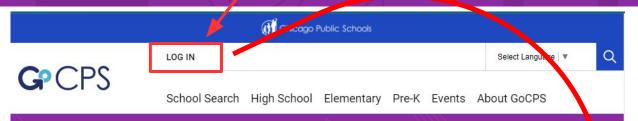






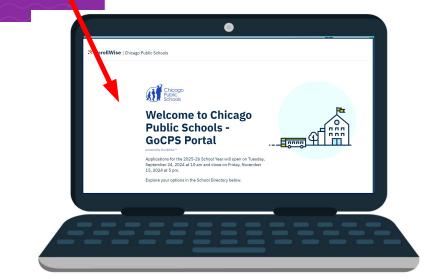
Start at the GoCPS website...

Click the "Log In" button in the top left corner.



Log into the GoCPS Parent Portal from the GoCPS site!

Link to GoCPS Parent Portal Here











Welcome to Chicago Public Schools -GoCPS Portal



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Create a New Account >

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

Explore the School Directory below.

Looking to apply for the 24-25 school year? Click here!

Login to an Existing Account

Apply for the current school vear here

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

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



Browse Programs

Select a program category to begin browsing schools

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Academic Center Programs

Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools

Classical and Regional Gifted Center Programs Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools

Regional Gifted Center Programs for English Learners

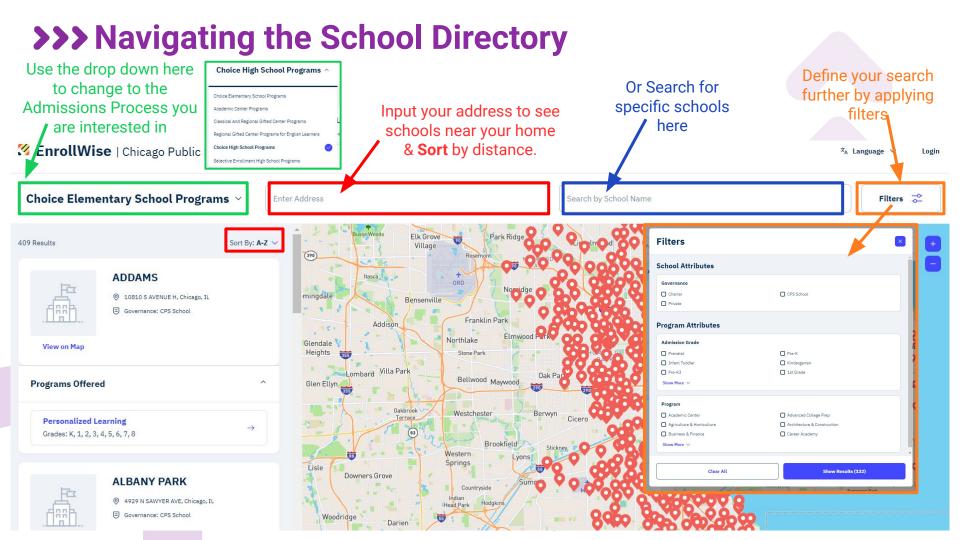
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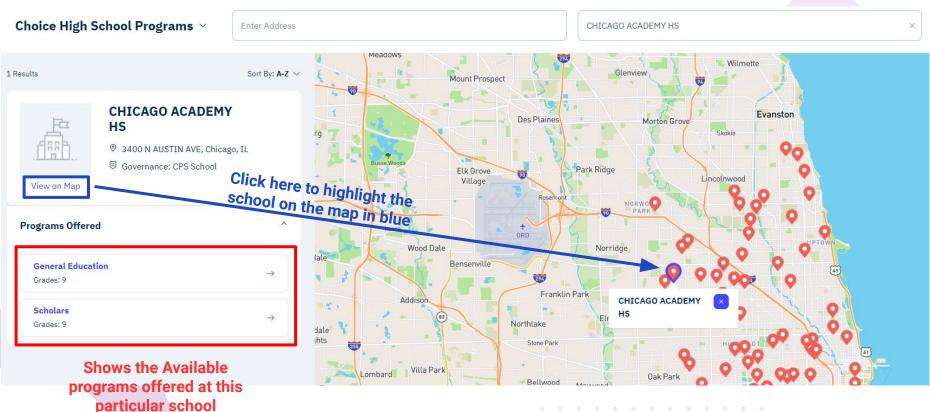
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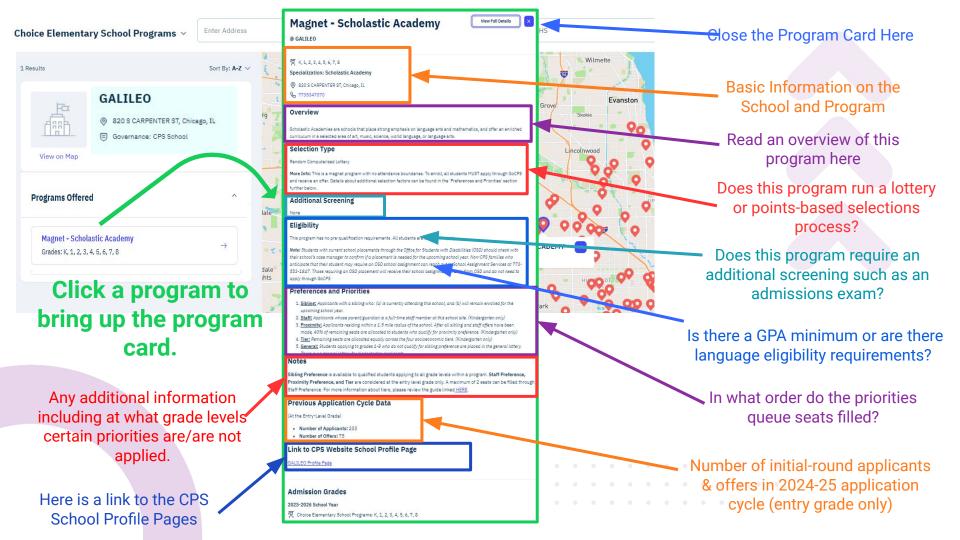






>>> School and Program Cards







GPCPS Logging In & Guardian Onboarding







Welcome to Chicago Public Schools -GoCPS Portal

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Applications for the 2025-26 School Year will open on Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 10 am and close on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 5 pm.

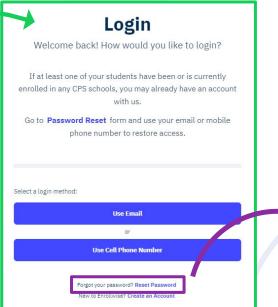
Explore your options in the School Directory below.

Create a New Account

Login to an Existing Account >

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

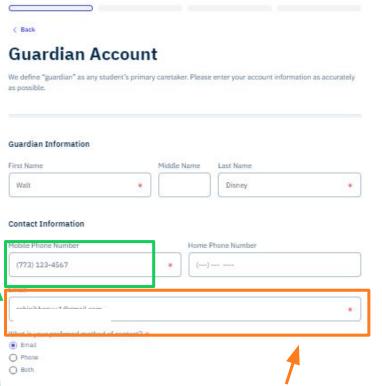




At the Login Screen, families will need to Click the Reset Password button to set a new password.

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

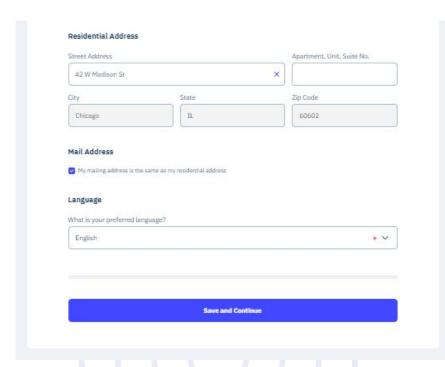




Guardians should enter the email address and phone number that is currently on file in

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.





GPCPS Student Onboarding







Welcome, Walt!

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



View All Applications

Students

Minnie Mouse & Edit Profile

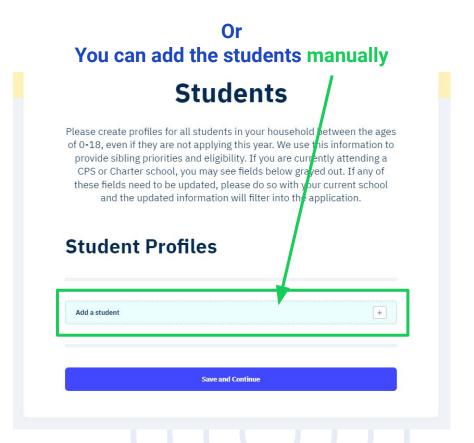
Student ID: 430303
Applying For. 9th Grade
View Priorities View Grades & Scores

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

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Applying For: 9th Grade	
View Priorities View Grades & Scores	
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Selective Enrollment High School Programs 2025-26 Application: Not Submitted	Start -
The Required Event: High School Admission Test	

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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



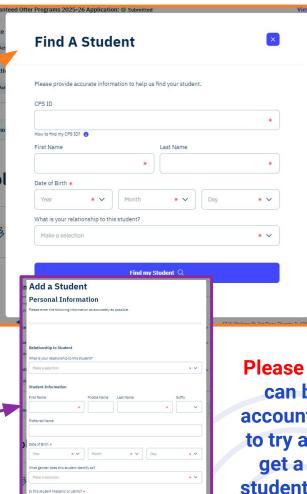
Add a Student

Students in these categories will already have a CPS ID

Select the most applicable option:

My student is currently enrolled in a CPS school. Find my CPS Student Q My student is currently enrolled in a Chicago Charter school. Find my Charter Student Q My student was once enrolled in a CPS school but is not currently. Find my Student Q My student does not attend a CPS school but has a CPS IEP/504. Find my Student Q 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 (+)

Manually add a student who does not have a CPS ID



ich race(s) does this student identify as?

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

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



None of the available options apply.

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

Add a New Student (+)

< Back

Add a Student

Personal Information

Please enter the following information as accurately as possible.

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

Relationship to Student What is your relationship to this student?

Father

Student Information

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

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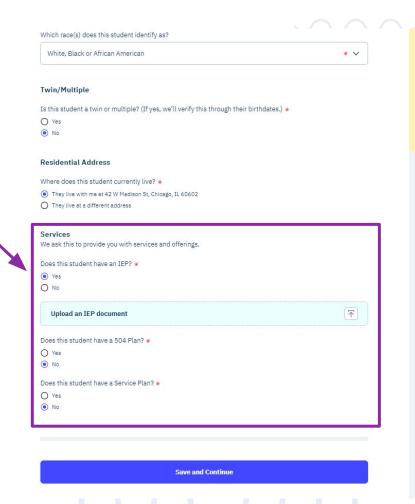
Preferred Name

Date of Birth

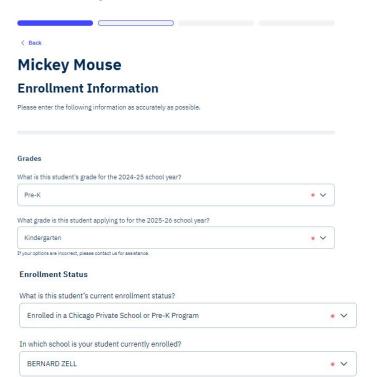
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What gender does this student identify as?

Add Student information Manually



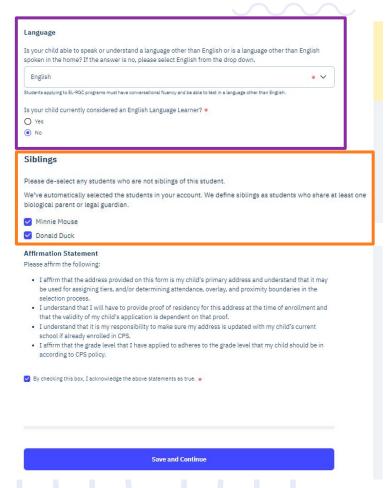
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Students must select the right school here in order for school staff to be able to see the student in the Admin Portal.

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

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





>>> Adding Grades for Students Applying to Grades 5-8 (Non-CPS)

Educational Record

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

For transcripts that do not include letter grades, click here for guidance.

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

Math	Reading		
Select a Math grade	~	Select a Reading grade	~
Science		Social Studies	
Select a Science grade	~	Select a Social Studies grade	~

Please upload an official transcript from the previous school year (2023-2024) that shows final, cumulative grades in the core subject areas above.

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.

All grades will be verified before testing or running selections. Providing this information now may help to expedite your admissions process.

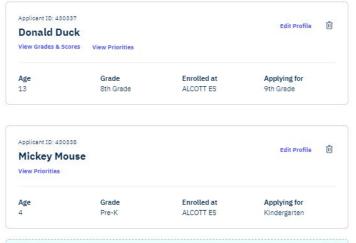


Students

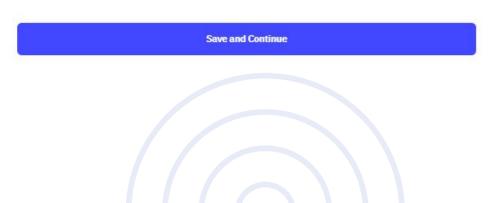
Please create profiles for all students in your household between Pre-K through 11th grade, even if they are not applying this year. We use this information to provide sibling priorities and eligibility. If you are currently attending a CPS or Charter school, you may see fields below grayed out. If any 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

Add a student



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



Priorities

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

All priorities will be verified.

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

Enrolled Sibling Priority

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

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

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

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

Staff Priority

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

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

All information will be verified before staff priority is applied.

Add CPS Staff information here

Staff Priority Information

Staff First Name		Staff Last Name
School	*	Employee Number
Select a school *	~	*
Remove Staff Member 🗓		Save Staff Member

Add a staff member

Sibling and Staff priorities are only considered for Choice programs!

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

Welcome, Walt!

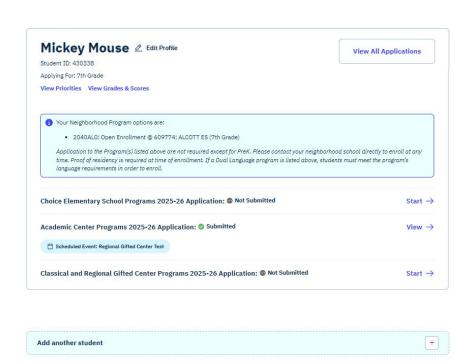
This is your Dashboard. Use your dashboard to manage applications for your students.



Students

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

Donald Duck ∠ Edit Profile 1234567	View All Applications
Student ID: 2057391	
Applying For: Kindergarten	
View Priorities	
Your Neighborhood Program options are:	7
4560LQ0: Open Enrollment @ 610046: LYON (Kindergarten)	
Application to the Program(s) listed above are not required except for PreK. Please contact your ne	
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Here you will see all your children and the applications they are able to complete.



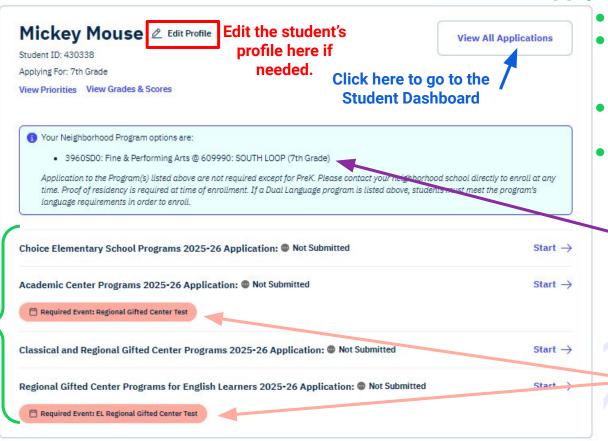
GPCPS Completing an Application





>>> Applying to Grades K - 8

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



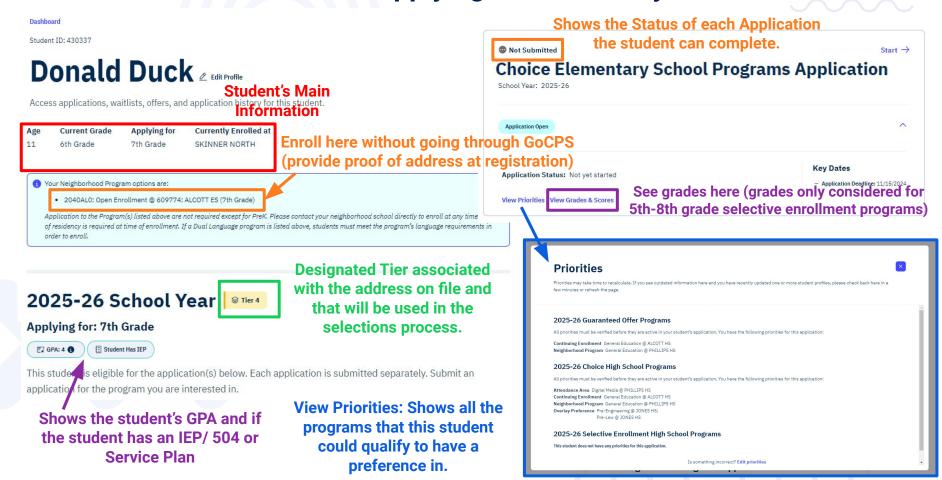
- Choice Programs
- Academic Center Programs- must have GPA of at least 2.5 and be applying for 7 or 8
- Classical/Regional Gifted- must have GPA of 3.0 or higher (5-8 only)
- **EL-RGC** must indicate Spanish/ Polish (all) and have GPA of at least 2.5 (5-8 only)

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

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



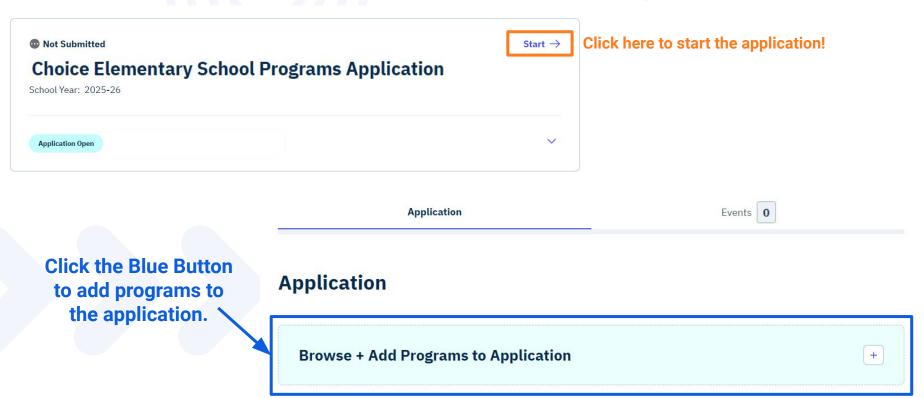
>>> Student Dashboard - Applying to Elementary School





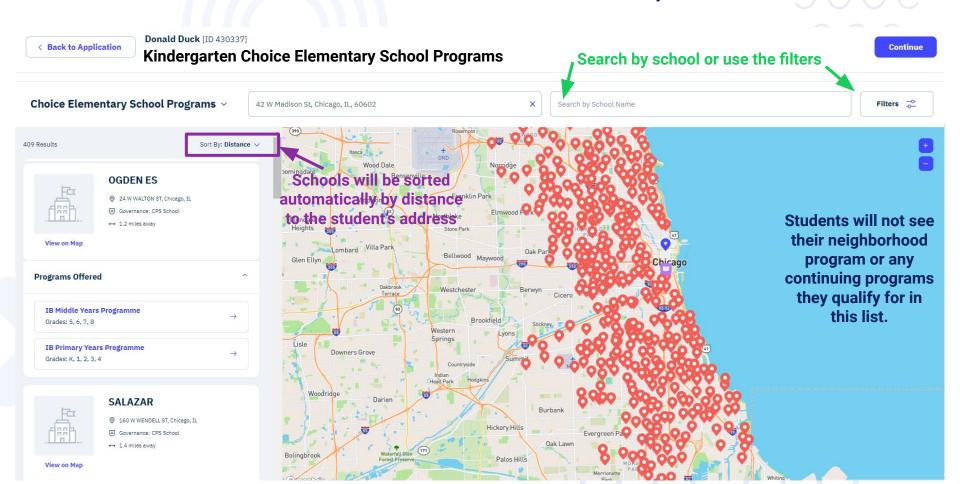
Choice Applications

The flow for the ES Choice and Selective Enrollment Application will be similar, but families applying to Choice programs will not be prompted to schedule any events.



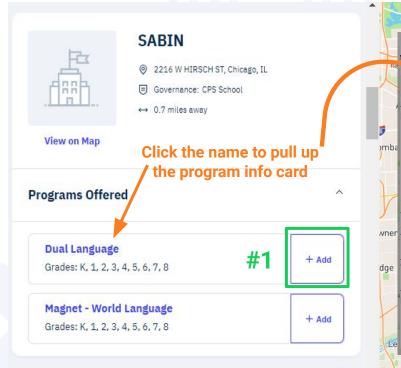
>>> Adding Programs to the Application

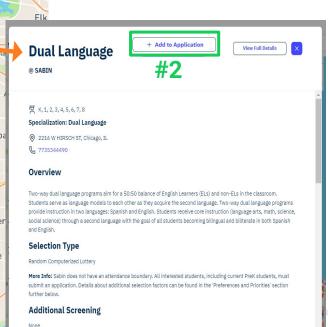
Notice that the setup is the same as the school directory families could view before.



A counter at the top of the page keeps track of how many programs added in this category (max 20). Click continue when you are done adding programs.

Continue





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

- Click the + Add from the School Card
- Click + Add to Application from the Program Card

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

Magnet - Scholastic Academy If a priority is available for Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 your student, a tag on the program card will note this

Dual Language

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8



>>> 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 this button to add additional programs to the application.

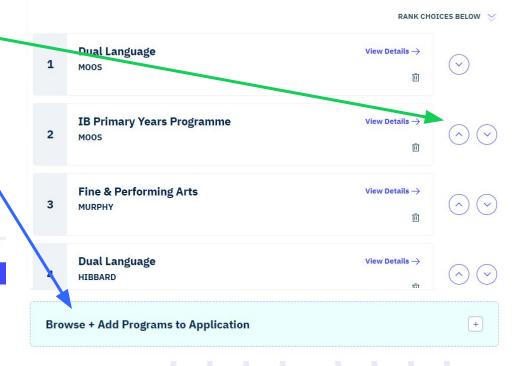
✓ I affirm that I have read and understand the information contained in this application.

Review and Submit

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

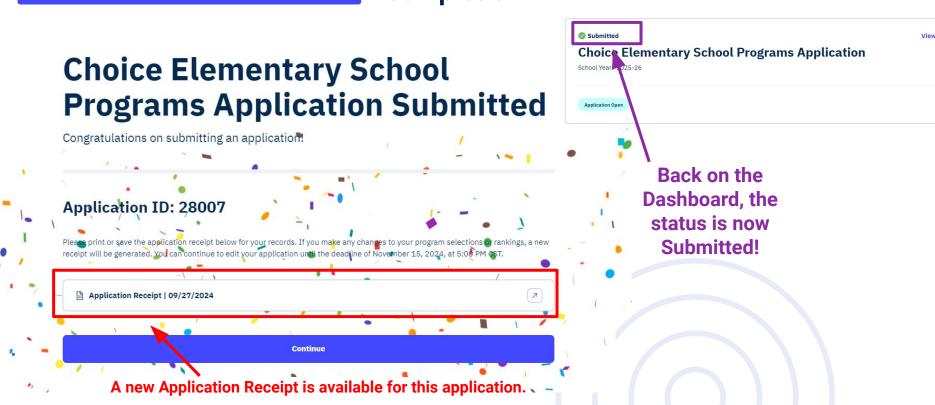
Application

Choice Elementary programs select students by random computerized lottery. Click 'Browse + Add Programs to Application' to choose up to 20 programs. After selecting, rank your choices in the true order of preference, with #1 representing your top choice. To be considered, please ensure you fully submit your application (you'll see confetti when it's submitted). You can edit applications until November 15, 2024, 5 pm CST.



>>> Last step- Submitting the Application

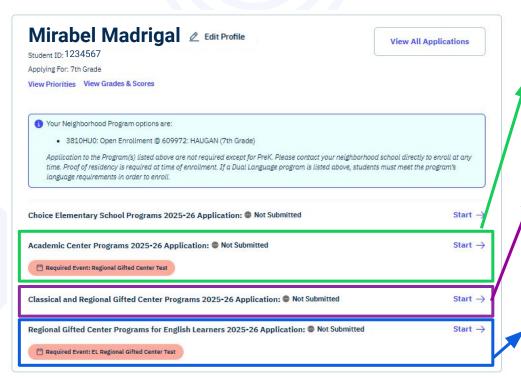
Click Review and Submit and See the Confetti flow to indicate successful completion!





Selective Enrollment Applications

There are three categories of selective enrollment applications (Classical/Gifted, Academic Centers, & Regional Gifted Centers for English Learners). If your student is eligible for multiple categories, you must complete a separate application for all selective enrollment categories of interest.



Academic Centers are for students applying to grades 7-8 ONLY. The Regional Gifted Center test is the admissions exam for Academic Centers.

Classical and Gifted programs are open to students applying for grades K-8. Kindergarten applicants will take both the Classical & Gifted exams in a single test session. For grades 1-8, students applying to both program types will take two separate tests. Those applying to only Classical or only Gifted programs will schedule only the corresponding exam.

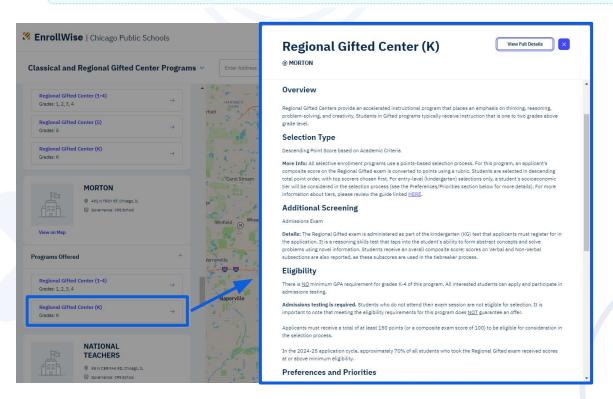
EL RGC programs are open to students applying to grades K-8 who have conversational fluency in Spanish or Polish. Students <u>MUST</u> be able to complete admissions testing (one-on-one with an examiner) in Spanish or Polish.



>>> Browse, add, & rank programs following the same steps shown for Choice programs

Browse + Add Programs to Application





Program cards include details about the admissions exam, eligibility requirements, how Tier is applied in the selection process, as well as links to the score-to-points conversion rubric and entry-grade cut scores from the previous application cycle.



>>> Schedule your test session in the 'Review & Submit' step of the application

Review Application

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

Student: Mirabel Madrigal

Student ID: 1234567

Application: 2025-26 Academic Center Programs

Applying to: 7th Grade

Application Summary

- 1. LANE TECH HS: Academic Center
- 2 TAFT HS: Academic Center
- 3. YOUNG HS: Academic Center
- 4. LINDBLOM HS: Academic Center

Event Scheduling

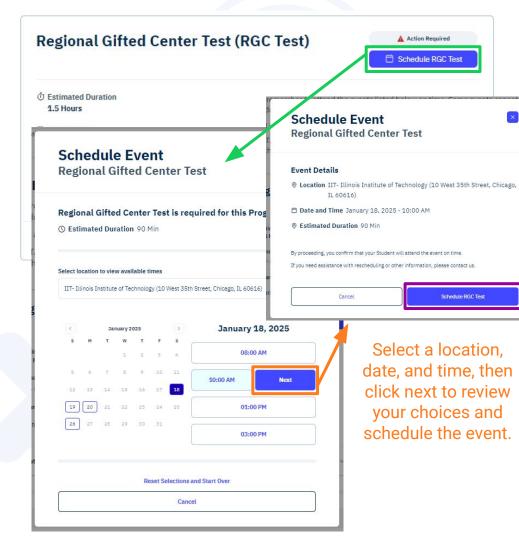
Please remember to attend the events listed below on time. Some events cannot be rescheduled.

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

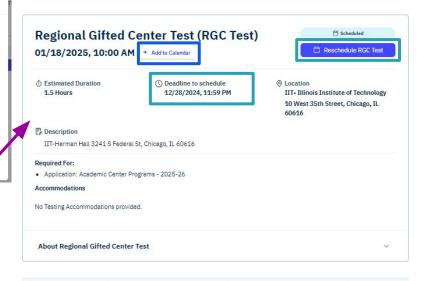
IMPORTANT: Scheduled events will be held for one hour. Please SUBMIT the application within this time to reserve your scheduled event.



You must completely submit the application within an hour of scheduling an event or the session you initially book will be CANCELED!



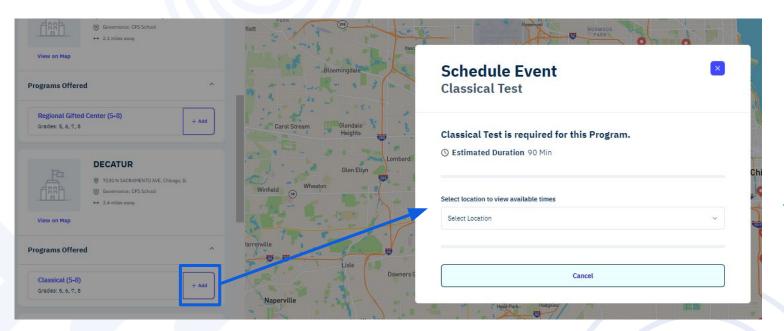
Click 'Add to Calendar' to add the event to your personal online calendar Reschedule at any time before the deadline to schedule



Submit Application within one hour of scheduling or your test session will be deleted!

Submit Application

>>> If you are applying for 1st-8th grade Classical and/or Regional Gifted Center programs, you will be prompted to schedule the corresponding test in the program selection step



your application (add, remove, and/or re-rank programs) any time prior to the application deadline of November 15 at 5:00 PM.

After selecting programs, continue through the remaining steps of the application and remember to fully submit within one hour!



GPCPS Editing a Submitted Application



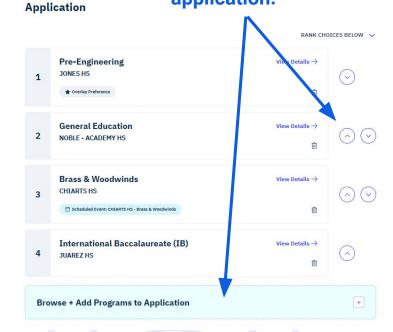




>>> Adding more programs & Re-ranking programs

From the student dashboard. 2025-26 School Year Stier4 click view on the application Applying for: 9th Grade you would like to edit. F2 GPA: 3.75 A **!** Student Has IEP This student is eligible for the application(s) below. Each application is submitted separately. Submit an application for the program you are interested in. Submitted View **Guaranteed Offer Programs Application** School Year: 2025-26 Application Open Submitted View → **Choice High School Programs Application** School Year: 2025-26 A Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test A Scheduled Event: CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds Application Open

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



Make sure to save any changes you make

Save Changes

>>> Viewing & Rescheduling an Event

9th Grade Choice High School Programs Application

School Year: 2025-26
Status: Submitted
View Priorities View Grades & Scores

Application Open

Scheduled Event: High School Admission Test

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Application

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Events

Required For:

Accommodations

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

No Testing Accommodations provided.

About CHIARTS HS - Brass & Woodwinds

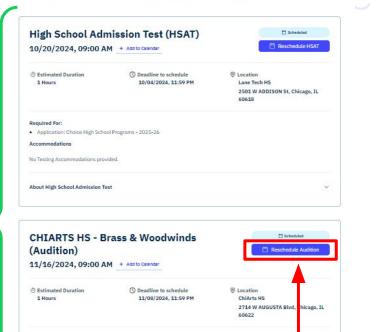
- Application Deadline: 11/15/2024

From the Student Dashboard,

click the Events tab to see

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.



Click here if the

reschedule deadline

has not passed.



>>> New Application Receipts

Application Receipt | 09/12/2024

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

Families will have access to the latest receipt.

< Back to the Application



Chicago Public Schools

Application Receipt

@ Print

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

Application Information

Application ID: 116

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Admission Process: Choice High School Programs Application School Year: 2025-26

Application Grade: 9th Grade Application Status: Submitted Submitted at: 09/12/2024, 09:10 PM Updated On: 09/12/2024, 09:26 PM

Student

Donald Duck

Student ID: 430337

Date of Birth: 11/01/2010

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









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Student Information in the Application system:







CPS Families -

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)





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

GoCPS Family Trainings

- If you would like to attend any additional sessions, please feel free to sign up!
- You can also share training information with other families



Family Training Sign Up Linked Here or SCAN the QR code above





English Sessions in White Spanish Sessions in Yellow

Applying to 9th Grade Session:

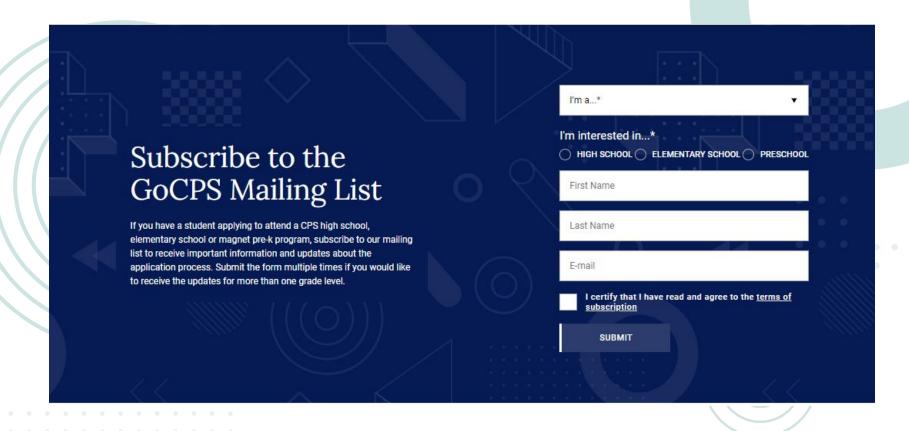
- October 1, 2024 at 10 am
- October 7, 2024 at 12 pm
- October 8, 2024 at 10 am
- October 10, 2024 at 12 pm
- October 24, 2024 at 2 pm
- October 28, 2024 at 5 pm
- October 29, 2024 at 5 pm

Applying to Grades K- 8 Session:

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



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Thank you.