

OPTIONS FOR KNOWLEDGE

High Schools and Programs

Application Deadline: December 14, 2012

PIN Request Deadline: December 7, 2012



High School Options

- Selective Enrollment High Schools (SEHS)
- Military Academies
- Magnet Schools and Programs
- International Baccalaureate High Schools
- CTE-College and Career Academies
- Other High School Programs



SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOLS

Selective Enrollment High Schools

- Designed for academically advanced students
- Offer primarily honors and AP courses
- Admissions testing required

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply to Selective Enrollment High Schools

Application Process

- One application per student
- Apply to up to six schools
- Two ways to apply:

Online at www.apply.cps.edu

OR

Submit paper application to OAE

SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOLS (SEHS)

Portfolio

Ensuring quality school choices for every student, in every community

Testing Eligibility Requirements

- Students must pre-qualify for the Selective Enrollment High Schools admissions exam, based on their 2011-2012 ISAT scores (or, if the student did not take the ISAT, on a different, accepted standardized test)
- Students must have a minimum stanine of 5 in reading comprehension and total math.
- Students with an IEP/504 Plan must have stanines that add up to at least 10.

TESTING PROCESS

What your child can
expect on the test

The Admissions Exam

- The Selective Enrollment High Schools admissions exam is approximately three hours long.
- The exam covers four subject areas: reading comprehension, vocabulary, language arts (grammar), and math word problems.
- Calculators are not allowed (unless this is specified in the accommodations on an IEP).

SELECTION PROCESS

How students are selected for
Selective Enrollment
High Schools

Selection Process

- Selection of students for Selective Enrollment High Schools is based on a 900-point scale derived from admissions test scores, ISAT scores, and classroom grades.
- Each of these three areas is worth a maximum of 300 points.

Socio-Economic Factors

- The selection processes for Selective Enrollment High Schools takes socio-economic characteristics into consideration.
- Each street address falls within one of four tiers. These tiers are used as part of the selection process.

For details on how the tiers are populated, see the Options for Knowledge guide or www.cpssoae.org.

Selection Process

- NO sibling preference.
- NO consideration for proximity.
- First 30% of seats at each school are filled by rank score ONLY.
- Remaining seats are divided equally among the four tiers.
- The top-scoring students in each tier are selected.

Applicant Pool

- Selective Enrollment High Schools do not have waiting lists.
- After students are selected, a pool of applicants remains, ranked by score.
- Students who decline offers, or who have not received an offer, remain in the applicant pool.
- If schools have seats remaining, it is possible for a student in the applicant pool to receive an offer in a subsequent round.

Principal Discretion

- Principal Discretion allows principals of Selective Enrollment High Schools to fill a designated number of seats, outside of the regular selection process, and in strict compliance with the Principal Discretion guidelines.
- The Principal Discretion process takes place in March, following the first round of regular selection. Information about the process will be posted on the Office of Access and Enrollment website, www.cpssoae.org, in February 2013.
- Principal Discretion only applies to the Selective Enrollment High Schools.
- A student does NOT have to decline an offer from a Selective Enrollment High School (or from ANY high school) in order to apply for Principal Discretion.

MILITARY ACADEMIES

Military Academies

- Offer rigorous and relevant college preparatory curriculum
- Each academy focuses on a different branch of the military
- Students must participate in an information session, where they will be asked to sign a Commitment and Understanding agreement, given a two-part assessment, and asked to write an essay.

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply to
Military Academies

Application Process

- One application per student
- Apply to up to four schools
- Two ways to apply:

Online at www.apply.cps.edu

OR

Submit paper application to OAE

Eligibility Requirements

- Students must pre-qualify for the Military Academies application process, based on their 2011-2012 ISAT scores (or, if the student did not take the ISAT, on a different, accepted standardized test)
- Students must have stanines in reading comprehension and total math that equal at least 10 (e.g., 7 in reading, 3 in math; 2 in reading, 9 in math).

SELECTION PROCESS

How students are selected for
Military Academies

Selection Process

- Eligible students must attend an Information Session. Students will be scheduled for a session and will be sent a letter informing them of the date, time, and location.
- Students are selected for seats in Military Academies based on the results of screening measures -- two assessments and a brief essay completed at the required information session -- along with their standardized test scores and final classroom grades from seventh grade.
- Students are given points based on their seventh grade final grades (100 points), 2011-2012 standardized test scores (100 points), the two-part assessment (100 points for each part), and the essay (100 points), for a maximum total of 500 points.

Applicant Pool

- Military Academies do not have waiting lists.
- After students are selected, a pool of applicants remains, ranked by score.
- Students who decline offers, or who have not received an offer, remain in the applicant pool.
- If schools have seats remaining, it is possible for a student in the applicant pool to receive an offer in a subsequent round.

MAGNET SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS



Magnet Schools and Programs

- Offer specialty programs in areas including fine and performing arts, engineering, and agricultural sciences
- Students must pre-qualify to participate in the selection process

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply to Magnet Schools and Programs

Application Process

- One application per student
- Apply to up to seven schools/programs
- Two ways to apply:

Online at www.apply.cps.edu

OR

Submit paper application to OAE

Additional Application Information

1. If you are applying to **Curie**, select the type of fine and performing arts program. If you do not select a program type, the student will not be included in the selection process.
2. If you live in **Curie's** attendance boundary, you do not have to submit an application to apply to the fine and performing arts program.
3. If you are applying to **Senn**, select your first and second choices for the specific type of fine and performing arts program of your choice. If you do not identify at least one program choice, the student will not be included in the selection process.
4. If you are applying to Von **Steuben**, select the Science Program or the Scholars Program.

Eligibility Requirements

- Students must pre-qualify to participate in the selection process for magnet schools and programs, based on their 2011-2012 ISAT scores (or, if the student did not take the ISAT, on a different, accepted standardized test)
- Students must have a minimum stanine of 5 in reading comprehension and total math.
- Students with an IEP/504 Plan must have stanines that add up to at least 10.

Eligibility Requirements – EXCEPTIONS

- Chicago HS for Agricultural Sciences: requires a minimum stanine of 5 in reading comprehension, 5 in total math, **AND** 5 in science.
- Von Steuben Science program: requires a minimum stanine of 5 in reading comprehension, 5 in total math, **AND** 5 in science.
- Von Steuben Scholars program: requires a minimum stanine of **7** in reading comprehension, **7** in total math, **AND 7** in science. In addition, applicants must submit teacher recommendations and an essay to their elementary school counselor. For additional information, see Von Steuben's website, www.vonsteuben.org. If an applicant to the Scholars Program does not qualify, he/she will be automatically included in the lottery for the Science program.

SELECTION PROCESS

How students are selected for
Magnet Schools and Programs

Selection Process

- For most magnet high schools and programs, students are selected through a computerized lottery. Siblings are accepted first. There are two exceptions:
 - Senn: Eligible students are selected through an audition and/or portfolio process. Eligible students will receive a letter regarding audition/portfolio meeting dates, no later than January 17, 2013.
 - Von Steuben Scholars Program: Eligible students are selected based on test scores, teacher recommendations, and essay.

Socio-Economic Factors

- The selection process for most magnet schools takes socio-economic characteristics into consideration.
- Each street address falls within one of four tiers. These tiers are used as part of the selection process.

For details on how the tiers are populated, see the High School Guide or www.cpssoae.org.

Waitlists

- After available seats are filled, non-selected students are placed on waitlists.
- Waitlists are managed by the school.
- As offers to selected students are declined, the seats are filled from the waitlists, according to category.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE HIGH SCHOOLS



International Baccalaureate High Schools

- Offer the Middle Years Programme for grades 9-10 or the Diploma Programme for grades 11-12.
- Students must apply while they are in eighth grade for either program.
- Students must pre-qualify for the selection process, and must participate in an information session.

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply to International Baccalaureate High Schools

Application Process

- One application per student
- Apply to up to six schools/programs
- Two ways to apply:

Online at www.apply.cps.edu

OR

Submit paper application to OAE

Eligibility Requirements

Students must pre-qualify to participate in the selection process, based on their 2011-2012 ISAT scores (or, if the student did not take the ISAT, on a different, accepted standardized test)

- Minimum stanine 5 in both reading comprehension and total math on seventh grade ISAT (or other accepted test); AND minimum 2.5 GPA in seventh grade; AND attendance at informational meeting.
- Students with an IEP/504 Plan must have stanines that add up to at least 10 AND minimum 2.5 GPA in seventh grade; AND attendance at informational meeting.

SELECTION PROCESS

How students are selected for
International Baccalaureate
High Schools

Selection Process

- Eligible applicants will be scheduled for an information session; a notification letter with the scheduled date, time and location will be mailed to the student's home by January 17, 2013.
- Students are selected based on an overall applicant score. Students are given points based on their seventh grade standardized test score and their seventh grade GPA. Each school selects a minimum cutoff score for selections and applicants meeting or exceeding this score will receive an offer.
- Students who meet the minimum application requirements, and are enrolled in the school's Middle Years Programme partner, will be automatically admitted.

Waitlists

- There are no waitlists.
- If a student is not selected for an IB High School, it is possible for them to be contacted later in the year for a second-round process.

CTE-COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMIES

CTE-College and Career Academies

- Prepare students for college and career success.
- Offer hands-on training in various industries.
- May give students opportunities to earn college credit and participate in job shadows and internships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to apply to
CTE-College and Career
Academies

Application Process

- One application per student
- Apply to up to five academies
- Two ways to apply:

Online at www.apply.cps.edu

OR

Submit paper application to OAE

Eligibility Requirements

The Lottery Academies do not have minimum eligibility requirements.

The Selective Academies require that students not be repeating 8th graders nor have been pushed from 6th grade into 8th grade.

SELECTION PROCESS

How students are selected for
CTE-College and Career
Academies

Selection Process

- Lottery Academies: select students through a computerized lottery, with preference given to students with minimum stanine scores of 5 in reading comprehension and total math (or stanines that equal 10, for students with an IEP or 504 Plan).
- Selective Academies: (Health Sciences, Law & Public Safety, Pre-Engineering, IT – Cisco and IT – Database Programming) select students based on points. Points are assigned to seventh grade final GPA and stanines. Applicants meeting or exceeding a school's cut score will receive an offer.

Applicant Pool

- After seats at each school are filled, non-selected students remain in an applicant pool. Students are ranked according to preference group and attendance area status.
- If additional seats become available, students will be selected from the applicant pool.

OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS

Other High Schools

These schools : (1) do not fit into one of the groups of high schools previously discussed (Selective Enrollment High Schools, Military Academies, Magnet Schools and Programs, IB High Schools, and CTE-College and Career Academies), **OR** (2) offer magnet, IB or CTE-CCA programs but also accept students through an open enrollment process.

Some of these schools accept the Standard High School application, and some require applicants to submit a school-specific application. See the High School Guide for information on how to apply to these schools.

COMMON INFORMATION FOR ALL SCHOOL TYPES

Online Application Process

Online site: www.apply.cps.edu

1. Request PIN (PIN will be mailed to your home address within five business days)
2. Return to online site – enter email address and password – you will then be prompted to enter PIN
3. Select school choices
4. Submit application
5. Print confirmation page (important!)
6. Receive email confirmation

Paper Application Process

Obtain paper applications from www.cpsdae.org (click “Apply” and “Application Materials”), school counselor, or OAE

- **Select** choices
- **Sign** application and mail or hand-deliver to OAE
- If email is listed, you will receive an email confirmation
- **If you enclose a** self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope, it will be returned to you as confirmation

Submitting Supportive Data

- Students who attended a CPS school in 2011-2012 DO NOT have to submit test scores, final report card grades, or IEPs. However, they DO have to submit 504 Plans, if applicable.
- Students who attended a charter school must submit final report card grades and IEP/504 Plans, if applicable.
- Students applying who attended a private, parochial or other non-CPS school, must submit test scores, final grades, and IEP/504 Plans if applicable. Students cannot be scheduled for testing until test scores are received.

Submitting Supportive Data

If student attended a private, parochial, or other non-CPS school in 2011-2012 follow these instructions:

- Paper application: Submit application to the student's current school counselor or principal. The counselor/principal will complete the required information on the application and forward it, along with student's test scores and grades, to the Office of Academic Enhancement.
- Online application: Print out the confirmation page. (This is the page that is displayed after you submit your application.) Submit a copy of the confirmation page, along with the student's test scores and grades, to the Office of Access and Enrollment, or request that the student's current school counselor/principal submit these materials to the Office of Access and Enrollment.

ONLINE VS. PAPER APPLICATION

Which one should you use?

Why use the online application?

- Applications are **processed faster**.
- Chances of parent **errors are diminished**.
- **Confirmation form can be printed** by parent after application is submitted.
- An **email confirmation is sent** to the parent after the application is received.

Notification Letters

Letters for the 2013-2014
school year
will be mailed
the week of
February 18, 2013.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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