

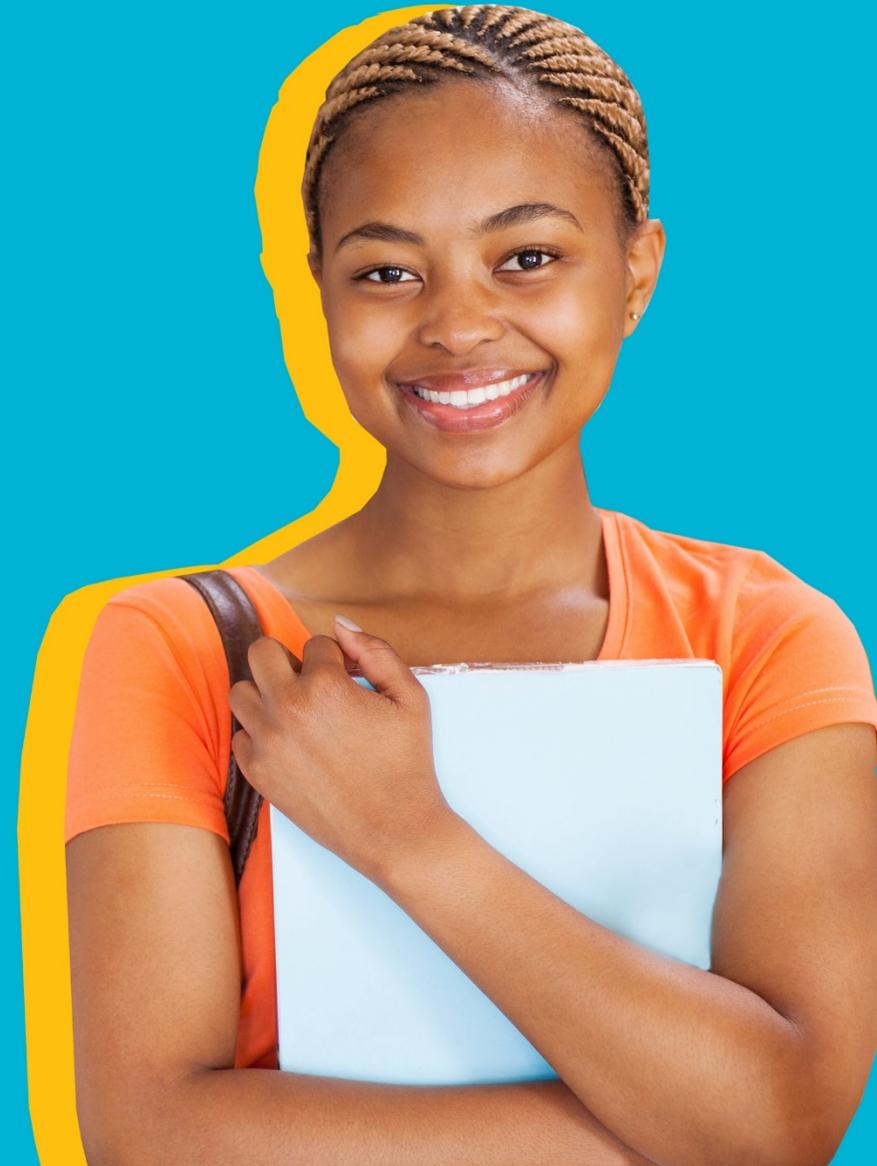


# HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

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# APPLICATION PHASES

## High School

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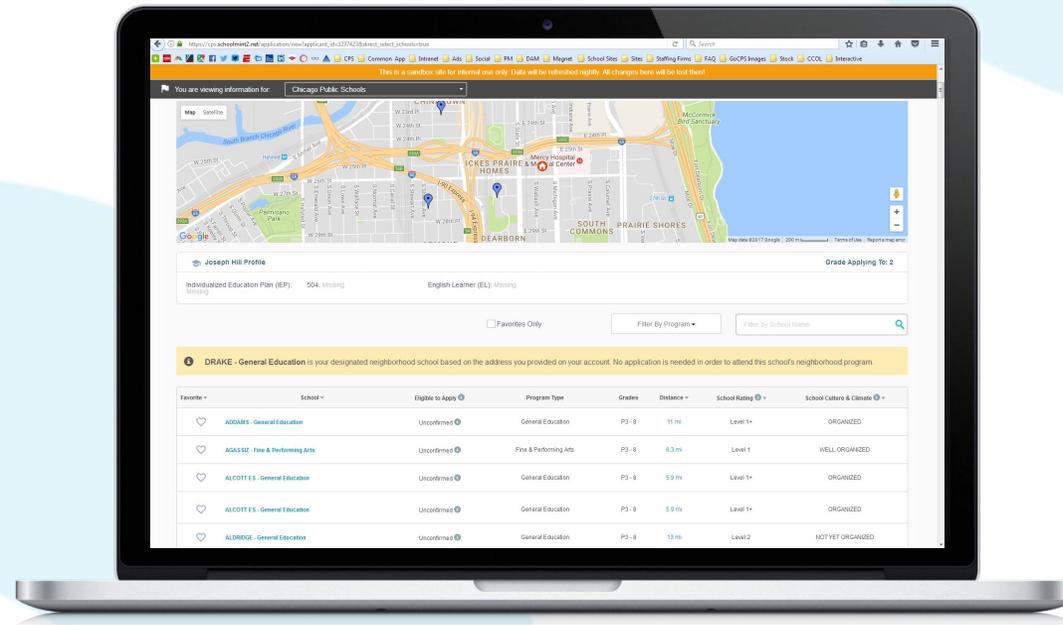
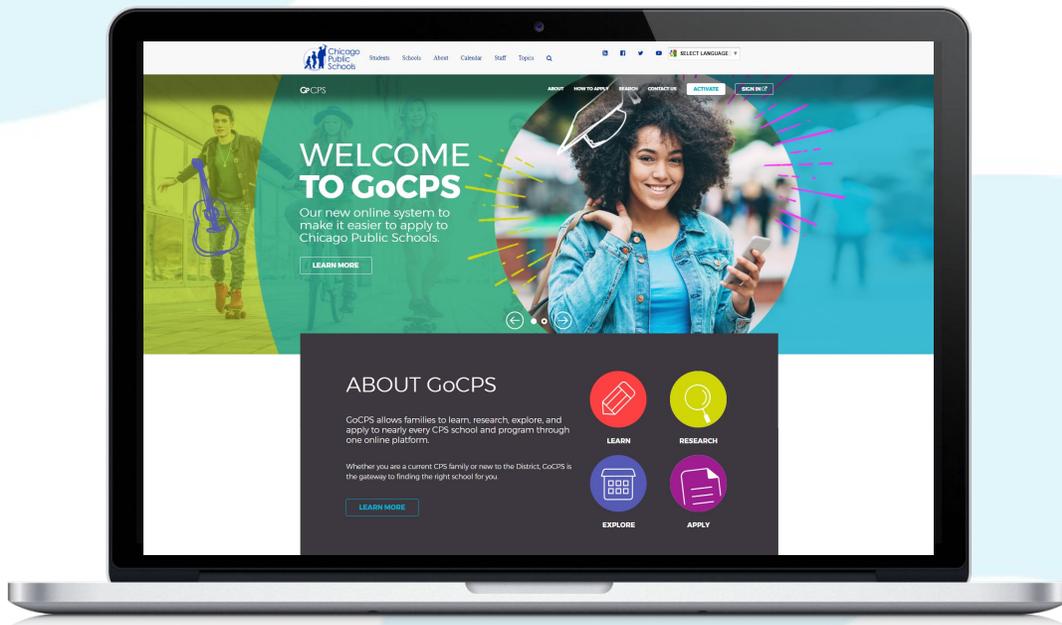
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# GoCPS

GoCPS is a platform that allows families to apply to nearly every CPS school and program using one site, one application and one deadline.





# GoCPS

Between October and December 2019, families can apply to:

## High School



- All District High Schools
- All Charter High Schools

## Elementary School



- All District Elementary Schools

*Charter elementary schools will continue to manage their own process.*

## Pre-K

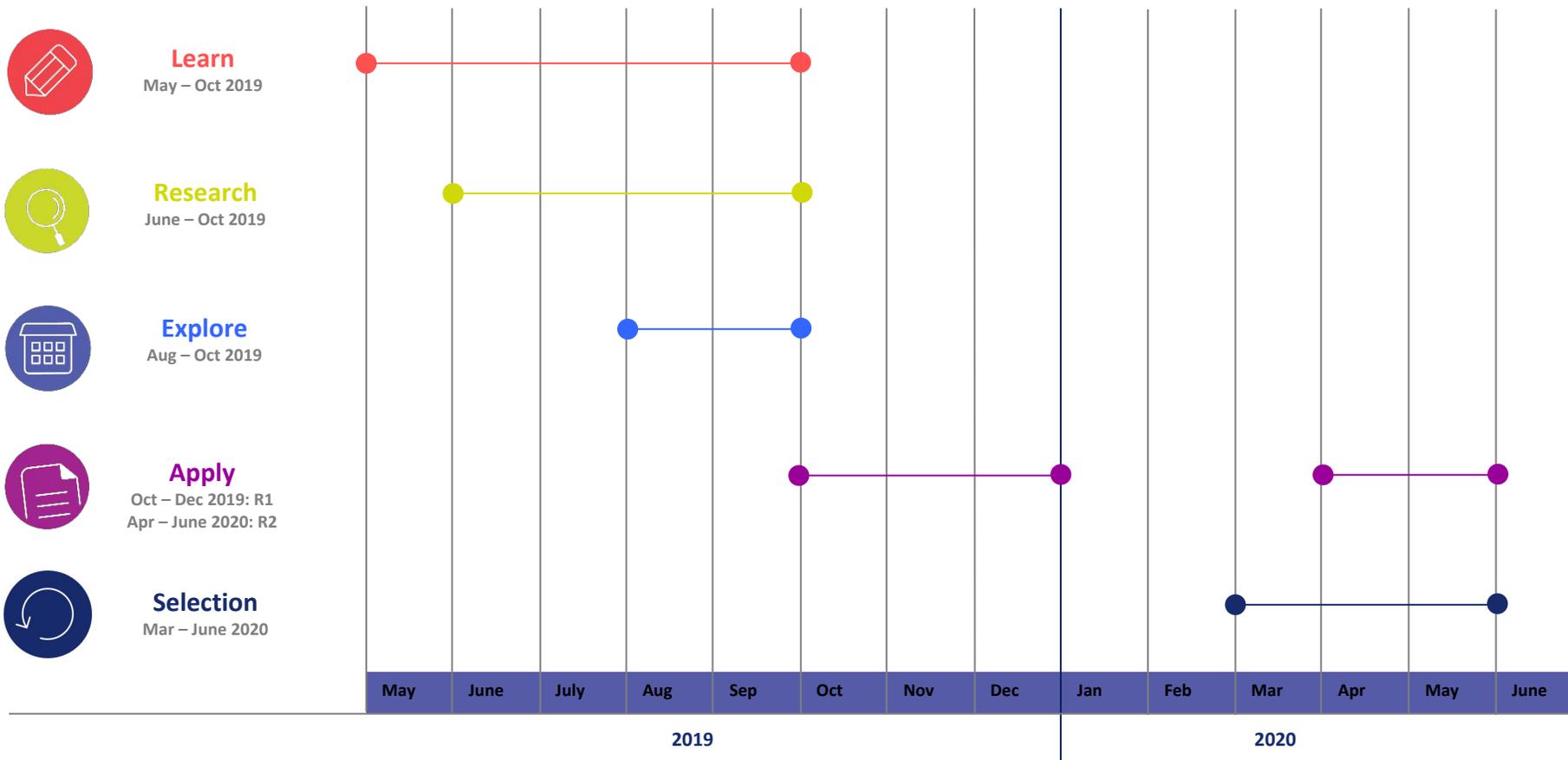


- Three Magnet Pre-K Programs

*Chicago Early Learning, the city of Chicago's pre-school application site, will manage all other pre-k programs.*

# Application Timeline

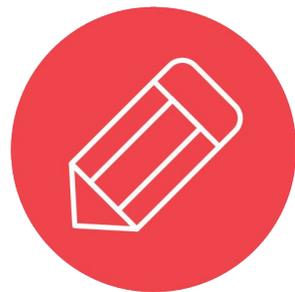
While the application period itself takes place over a few months in the fall, students will spend much of the next year preparing and making decisions about where to apply and what offers to accept.





## Important Actions in Each Phase

During the Learn phase, there are a number of important actions that applicant families will need to complete.



### Learn

May – Oct 2019

- Subscribe to GoCPS mailing list.
- Get detailed information and explanations about all CPS application processes.
- Track important dates and events related to applications, testing, and enrollment.
- Access informative videos, brochures, news, and community engagement material.
- Answer important questions using Frequently Asked Questions.
- Contact support from the Office of Access and Enrollment.



## Important Actions in Each Phase

During the Research phase, there are a number of important actions that applicant families will need to complete.



### Research

June – Oct 2019

- Find CPS schools and programs using multiple search and display options.
- Find your neighborhood school using your computer or mobile phone's geo-location.
- View school profiles with detailed background, contact, performance, program, and admissions data.
- Select and compare up to four different schools side by side.
- View map overlays of attendance, geographic, and political boundaries.



## Important Actions in Each Phase

During the Explore phase, there are a number of important actions that applicant families will need to complete.



### Explore

Aug – Oct 2019

- Activate an account and create a family profile.
- Review a list of schools and programs the student is eligible to apply to.
- Learn about which schools are the best fit for their student.
- Access statistics and success data about CPS as a district.
- Read detailed descriptions and information about school and program types.



## Important Actions in Each Phase

During the Apply phase, there are a number of important actions that applicant families will need to complete.



### Apply

Oct – Dec 2019: Round 1 / Apr – June 2020: Round 2

- Attend open house events.
- Select and rank the schools and programs the student will apply to.
- Complete application.
- Schedule admissions screenings, if required.
- Attend the session(s).



## Important Actions in Each Phase

During the Selection phase, there are a number of important actions that applicant families will need to complete.



### Selection

Mar – June 2020

- Receive Round 1 results and accept or decline offers.
- Receive Round 1 waitlist offers, if available, and accept or decline them.
- Participate in Round 2 or other subsequent application period, if offered.
- Receive Round 2 results and accept or decline offers.
- Receive Round 2 waitlist offers, if available, and accept or decline them.

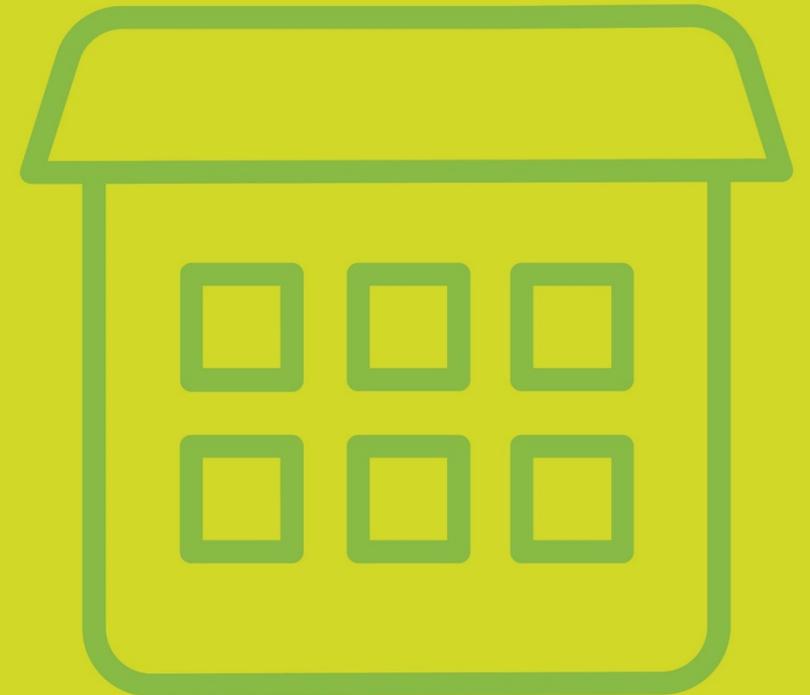


# APPLYING TO HIGH SCHOOL

## Basic Concepts

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# School & Program Types

Every Chicago address has one designated neighborhood high school.

The screenshot shows the GoCPS search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for LEARN, SEARCH, EXPLORE, APPLY, SELECTION, DATES & EVENTS, CONTACT US, and SIGN IN. Below this is a search bar containing the address "900 W 47th St, Chicago, IL 60609, USA". To the right of the search bar are filters for "2 miles", "Grade & Rating", "Program Type", and "Program Group". Below the search bar, a dropdown menu indicates "Tier 1" and "Neighborhood schools for this address are displayed with their corresponding grade levels. All data vis...".

The main content area is a table of schools. The table has columns for School, Grade, Rating, Students, and GoCPS. The schools listed are:

| School   | Grade   | Rating   | Students | GoCPS                              |
|--|---------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Neighborhood School for K-8</b><br><b>SHERMAN</b><br>1000 W 52nd St<br>Chicago, Illinois 60609<br>773-535-1757      | PK, K-8 | Level 2+ | 267      | Elementary School, excluding Pre-K |
| <b>Neighborhood School for 9-12</b><br><b>TILDEN HS</b><br>4747 S Union Ave<br>Chicago, Illinois 60609<br>773-535-1625 | 9-12    | Level 2  | 237      | Yes                                |
| <b>ACE TECH HS</b><br><b>CLOSED SY 2018-19</b><br>5410 S State St<br>Chicago, Illinois 60609<br>773-548-8705           | 9-12    | Level 2  | 288      | No                                 |

To the right of the table is a map showing the location of the search address and the schools. A red box highlights the area around Tilden HS, and a blue box highlights the Tilden HS information popup on the map. The popup shows "TILDEN HS", "4747 S UNION AVE", "Chicago, IL 60609", "(773)535-1625", and a "DIRECTIONS" link.

You can find your neighborhood school by entering your address in the Search function of GoCPS.

<https://go.cps.edu/search>



## School & Program Types

Students are guaranteed a seat in the general education program of their neighborhood school and they **do not have to apply to attend.**



**Neighborhood  
School**



**General Education Program  
Guaranteed Seat**

## School & Program Types

There are hundreds of high school program options that were created to meet the academic and career interests of students. These programs are divided into two major categories:



### Choice Programs

Academic program options at the following types of schools:

- Neighborhood Schools
  - Magnet Schools
  - CTE Schools
  - Military Schools
  - International Baccalaureate Schools
  - Charter Schools
- &
- CTE Program at Westinghouse
  - CTE Program at Jones
  - CTE Program at Hancock
  - CTE Program at South Shore
  - IB Program at South Shore



### Selective Enrollment Programs

Academic program options at one of the 11 selective enrollment schools:

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



# School & Program Types

As part of the application process, families can:



1.) Select up to 20 Choice programs and up to 6 Selective Enrollment programs.

2.) Rank these programs in their true order of preference, with the most desired program ranked first and the least desired program ranked last.

3.) Receive a single best offer to the highest-ranked Choice and/or Selective Enrollment programs for which they are qualified and that has available seats.

## Choice Programs



\*Select up to 20

## Choice Programs



Rank these programs in order of preference

## Choice Programs



Receive a single best offer, at most

## Selective Enrollment Programs



\*Select up to 6

*\*If the student is eligible*

## Selective Enrollment Programs



Rank these programs in order of preference

## Selective Enrollment Programs



Receive a single best offer, at most



**NEXT STEPS**  
**Subscribe &**  
**Activation Code Letters**



# Launching the 2020-21 Application Cycle

Before the end of the school year, we will launch two important activities to kick off the 2020-21 application cycle.

**SUBSCRIBE FOR SY 2020-21**

If you have a student applying to attend a CPS high school, elementary school or magnet pre-k program in 2020-21, subscribe to our mailing list to receive important information and updates about the application process.

I'm a...\*

I'm interested in...\*

- High School for 2020-21
- Elementary School for 2020-21
- Preschool for 2020-21

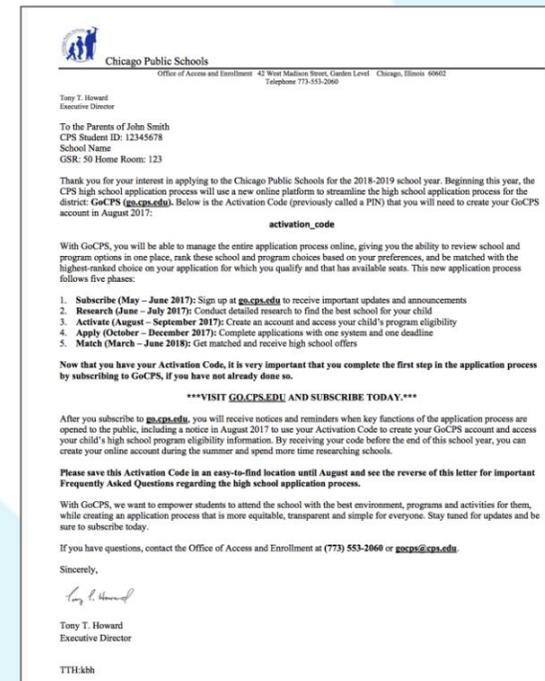
First Name\* Last Name\*

E-mail\*

I certify that I have read and agree to the [terms of subscription](#)

SUBMIT

We will open the new mailing list subscribe form for all 2020-21 grade levels.



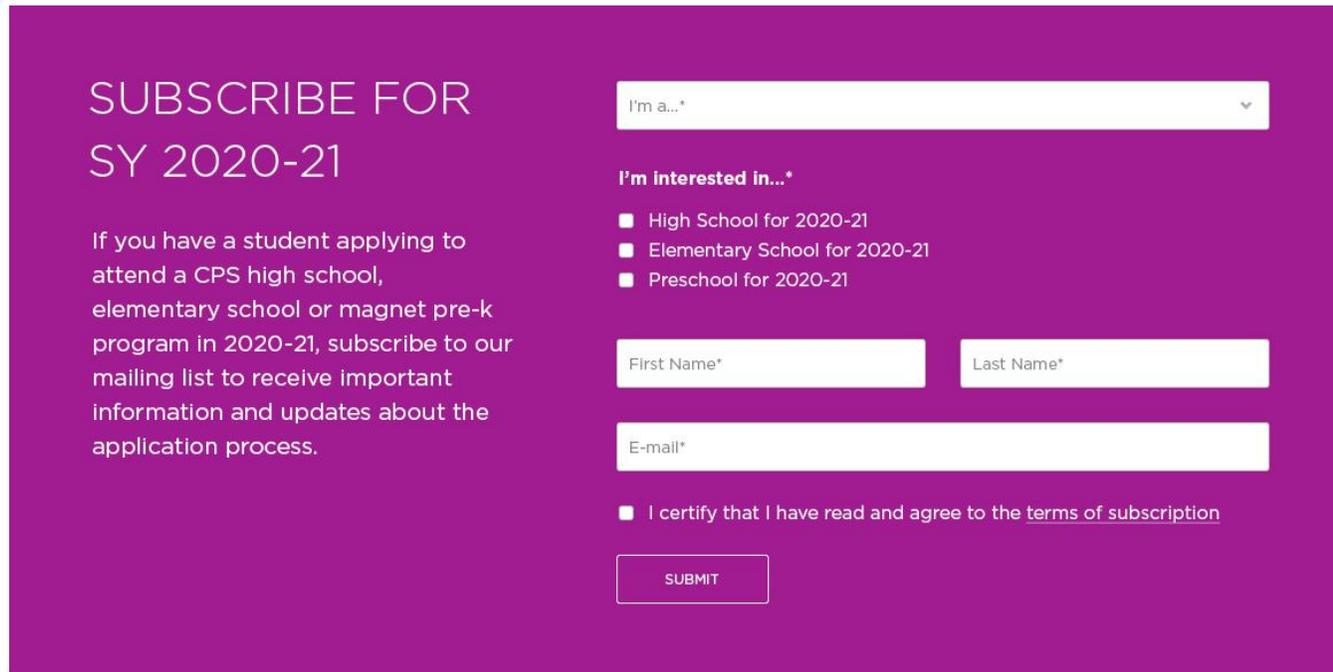
We will issue Activation Code letters to 7<sup>th</sup> grade families by the end of May that they will use to create GoCPS accounts in August 2019.



## Subscribe

The first important activity is to subscribe to the GoCPS mailing list so you can begin receiving important updates and announcements about the 2020-21 application process.

<https://go.cps.edu/contact>



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SUBMIT

**It is very important that families subscribe using the contact information where they can be reached during the summer while school is out.**



## Subscribe

Parents/guardians should make sure to sign up so they can be involved in and directly informed about their child's application process.

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## Subscribe

CPS students that are 13 years of age or older should subscribe using a personal email address or their parent/guardian's email address.

**They should not subscribe using their @cps.edu account, which we already have on file and will automatically send messages to. If the student is under 13 years of age, only their parent/guardian should subscribe.**

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# Activation Code Letters

For high school applicants only, Activation Codes are used to authenticate students and make sure the correct student data is added to a family's account when it is created. In August 2019, we will open GoCPS for families to activate their accounts using these codes, which will create their application profile and allow them to see a list of programs they are eligible to apply to.

Please enter your Activation Code.

Students applying to 9th grade who were enrolled in a Chicago public, charter or contract school in the 2016-2017 school year should have received an Activation Code from their school.

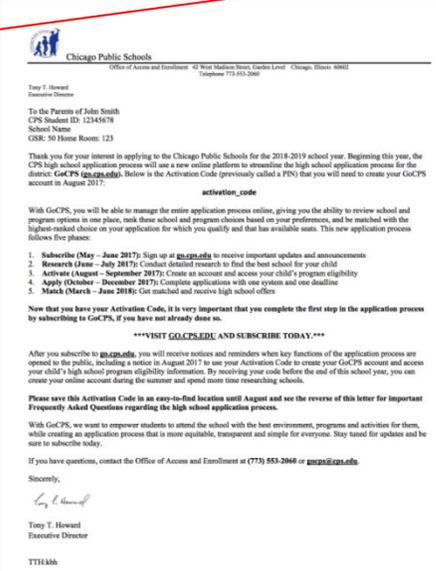
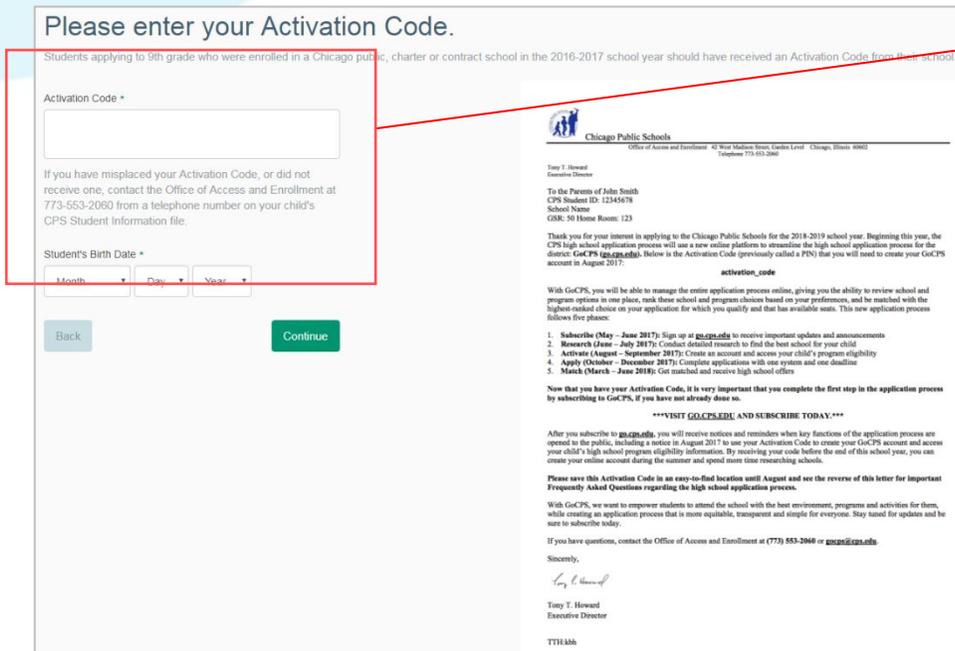
Activation Code \*

If you have misplaced your Activation Code, or did not receive one, contact the Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060 from a telephone number on your child's CPS Student Information file.

Student's Birth Date \*

Month: Day: Year:

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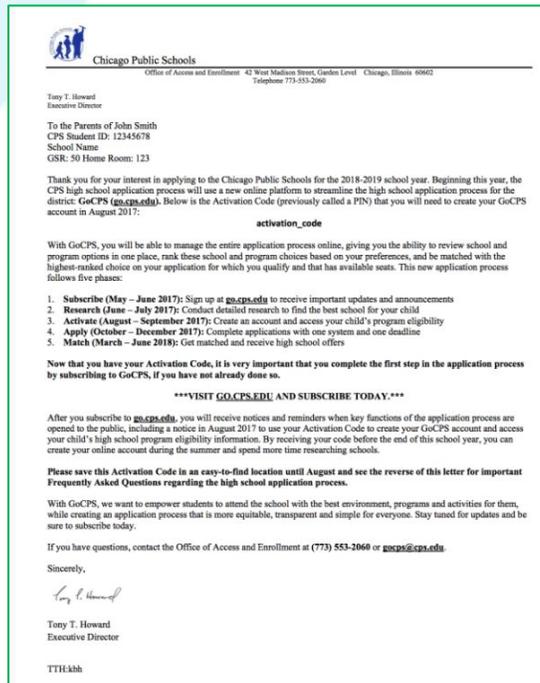
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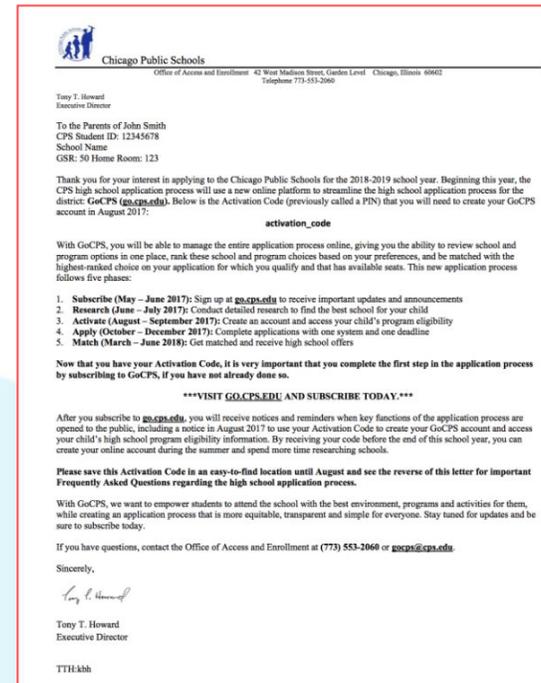
Before the end of the school year, current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive one of two letters:

## Activation Code Letter



If the student **has never been activated** in a GoCPS application account, they will receive a letter containing an Activation Code.

## No Activation Code Letter



If the student **already has a GoCPS application account**, they will receive a letter stating that no Activation Code is needed for the student to apply.

# Activation Code Letters

Students should take these letters home to their parents and store in them in a SAFE PLACE until August 2019 when Account Activation and Program Eligibility information becomes available in GoCPS.

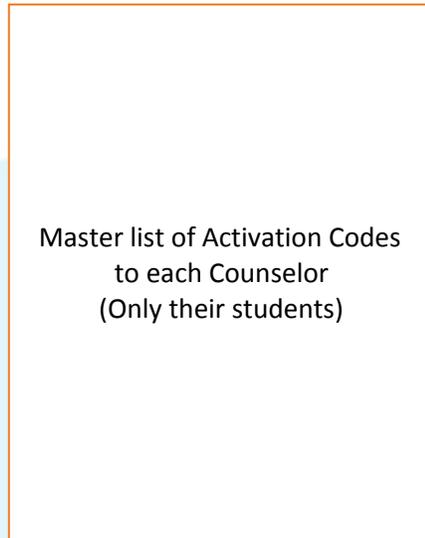
We will re-distribute these letters in September 2019.

May 2019



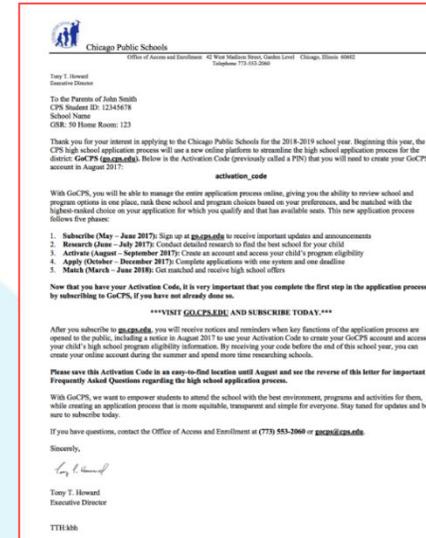
First mailing to counselors to deliver to students

June 2019



Master list of codes per school

September 2019



Second mailing to counselors to deliver to students



## Retrieving Activation Codes

If a family misplaces their Activation Code, it can be retrieved through the following processes:

Contact the school counselor.

**OR**

Call the Office of Access and Enrollment at

**773-553-2060**

from a number on the student's CPS Student Information file.



**HOW IT WORKS**  
**QUESTIONS**

**OFFICE OF ACCESS AND ENROLLMENT**



**773-553-2060**



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