Step 1: Consider your child & your family. Begin your search for the best fit by determining the expectations you have of each school and go from there.

Step 2: Gather information about schools.

Step 3: Consider your talents and interests.

Step 4: Select and rank up to 5 schools in the portal.

High School Selection Process

Choosing the RIGHT high school is the most important decision you can make to springboard your way to college or a career after graduation.

Entering one of CMSD’s high schools as a freshman means a Say Yes tuition scholarship to college or trade school awaits you if you stay with CMSD through graduation.

LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS
- Attend a CMSD Virtual High School Choice Fair or information session.
- Attend parent choice events sponsored by your school.
- Talk to your child’s teachers to get input on schools you are considering.
- Visit ChooseCMSD.org and school websites to learn more about school options.
- Research which schools offer career-tech programs, early college options and other academic options.

“VISIT” SCHOOLS YOU ARE CONSIDERING
- Attend virtual open house events and informational sessions.
- Ask about what sports, clubs and other activities each school offers.
- Consider transportation and how your child will get to school. Take a ride on the RTA with your child so that your are comfortable with the route.

APPLY
- Complete your application in the school choice portal by the deadline.
- Select up to 5 choices.
- Be sure to mark your choices in the order of preference.

ACCEPT
- Log back into the school choice portal and ACCEPT your school choice by the deadline.
- You may DECLINE a choice if you would like to accept another school on your list.
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DREAM JOBS
When you imagine going to work every day, what kind of place excites you most—a rainforest, science lab, medical facility, automotive center, robotics lab, newspaper, airport, restaurant, theatre or other job site

JOYFUL LEARNING
What subjects come easy to you – what learning excites you and makes you want to excel in or master?

SKILLS & INTERESTS
What skills and abilities do you have now that will help you succeed in coursework and training for your dream job?

SPECIAL SUPPORTS
What services or accommodations would you like to continue receiving or seek while in high school?

MAKE A THOUGHTFUL CHOICE!
1. Explore the descriptions of each school option in this Choice Book.
2. List the high schools that match your school and career interests.

MY TOP FIVE SCHOOL CHOICES
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

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