School Choice Road Map

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For CMSD 8th Grade Families

LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS

- Attend a CMSD 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.
- Research which schools offer career-tech programs, early college options and other academic options.

VISIT SCHOOLS YOU ARE CONSIDERING

- Attend in-person or virtual open houses and information 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 you are comfortable with the route.

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 18

Submitting an application by this date increases your chances of getting an assignment at your highest ranked school.

- 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.

High School Selection Process

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Consider your child	Gather	Consider	Select and
& your family.	information	your	rank up to
Begin your search	about	child's	5 schools in
for the best fit	schools.	strengths	the portal.
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Choosing the RIGHT high school is the most important decision you can make to springboard your child 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 a trade school awaits if your child stays with CMSD and lives in the City of Cleveland or the District through graduation.



Call **216.838.3675** to speak with an enrollment specialist.

