

School Choice Road Map

For CMSD 8th Graders



High School Selection Process

LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS

- Attend the CMSD High School Choice Fair and encourage your parent or caregiver to attend one of the evening high school choice events.
- Attend school choice events sponsored by your school.
- Talk to your teachers to get their input on the schools you are considering.
- Research which schools offer career-tech programs, early college options and other academic options and support services that best meet your interests and needs.

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 you will get to school. Talk to your parent or caregiver about this and think about taking a ride on the RTA with your parent or caregiver 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.

- Work with your parent or caregiver to 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

- Have your parent or caregiver log back into the school choice portal and ACCEPT your school choice.
- Your parent or caregiver may DECLINE a choice if you would like to accept another school choice on your list.

Step 1

Begin your search for the best fit for you by determining what you need and want in a high school and go from there.

Step 2

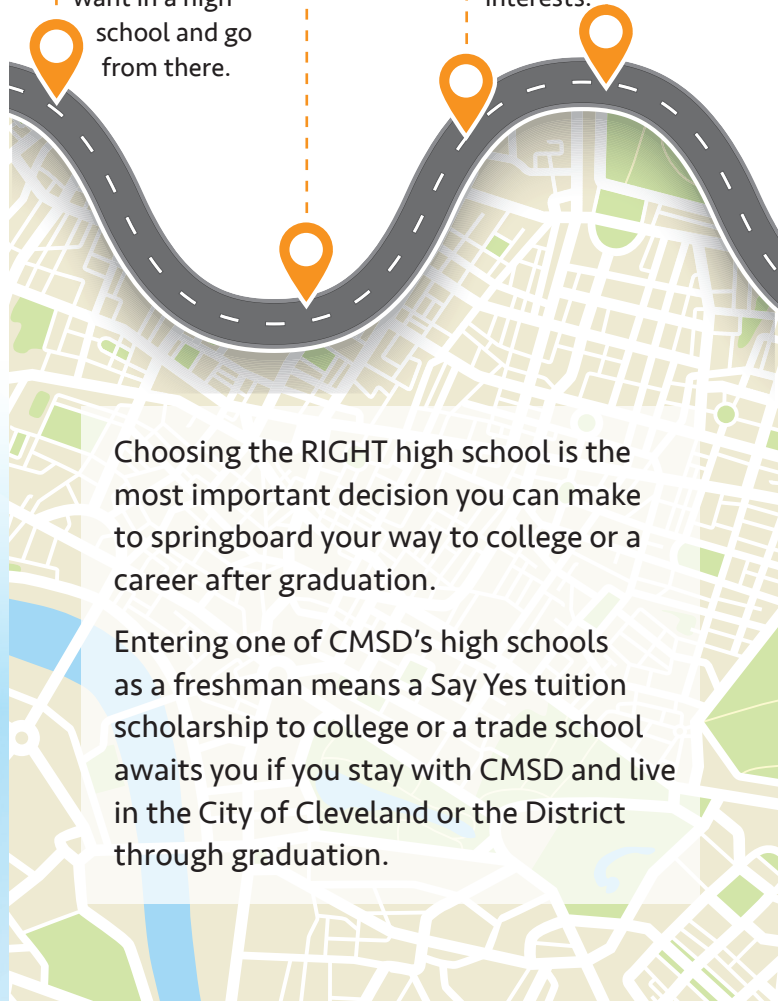
Gather information about schools.

Step 3

Consider your strengths and interests.

Step 4

Select and rank up to 5 schools in the portal.



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 a trade school awaits you if you stay with CMSD and live in the City of Cleveland or the District through graduation.



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



CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR ME

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, media company, 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 it?

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 the Choice Book.
2. List the high schools that match your school and career interests.

MY TOP FIVE SCHOOL CHOICES

Narrow your list to the top five schools you want to visit.

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