

**For Applying to  
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#### 2024-25 Application Cycle Timeline for Non-CPS Students

GoCPS Application Opens	Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Deadline to Register for HSAT	Friday, October 6, 2023
HSAT Dates for Non-CPS Students	Saturday, October 14, 2023 Sunday, October 15, 2023 Saturday, October 21, 2023
GoCPS Application Closes	Thursday, November 9, 2023
Re-Rank Deadline	Wednesday, November 22, 2023

#### Application Dates:

Families will be able to begin applying to CPS programs through GoCPS on September 13, 2023 at 10 am. Non-CPS 8th grade students will need to register for the HSAT within the application in order to be placed on the testing roster for their selected date. They will need to **fully** submit the application in order for HSAT registration to go through; completing the event registration step without submitting the application is not sufficient. After submission, families will be able to edit the application any time prior to the application deadline of November 9th, 2023.

Non-CPS HSAT dates will be on October 14, October 15, and October 21, 2023. A student must register for the HSAT by October 2 if they would like to take the exam on October 14 or 15. A student will need to register by October 6 if they would like to take the HSAT on October 21. Students who miss these deadlines will still get a chance to test but will not get scores back before the re-rank deadline. Those that do not register by October 6th will be assigned a test date by the Office of Access and Enrollment. **Families will be able to submit new applications, change program selections and rankings, and edit other application information until November 9, 2023 at 5 pm.**

#### New Re-Ranking Deadline:

We anticipate that HSAT scores will be released after the November 9, 2023 application deadline. Because of this, we are allowing families to log back in after they receive their HSAT scores and re-rank any programs through November 22, 2023 at 5 pm. Families will only be

able to re-rank; they will not be able to add or delete programs, nor will they be able to create or submit a new application if they missed the November 9th deadline. We encourage families to always rank programs in their true order of preference.



### HSAT Updates:

Additionally, the HSAT is being updated for this coming year. Here are the changes:

- The HSAT exam time will be approximately 60 minutes.
- There will be two exam sections: Reading and Math.
- The HSAT will be available in 6 different languages: English, Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Polish, and Urdu. Students will need to designate which language they would like to take the exam in within the application.



### Family Trainings:

Our office will also be offering family training sessions that cater to both current CPS families and non-CPS families. We will walk through the application process for both high school and elementary applicants and host a live Q&A where we will answer families' questions in real time. Please share the below sign up link with your families so that they may attend one of our training sessions if they are looking to apply this fall. We will offer the trainings in both English and Spanish.

[Sign Up for a GoCPS Family Training Here!](#)



If you have families who are interested in applying to CPS programs and want to stay up-to-date, we encourage you to share our GoCPS family mailing list sign up form with families.

[Share the GoCPS Family Mailing List Sign Up With Families!](#)

\*This information is on Miss Blecka's Website: [www.jblecka207.weebly.com](http://www.jblecka207.weebly.com)  
Direct link to GoCPS: [www.cps.edu/gocps/about-gocps/contact/](http://www.cps.edu/gocps/about-gocps/contact/)

### 8th Grade HSAT Info Email:

We recently sent out an email to all of our CPS 8th grade families and anyone who is signed up for our mailing list. We encourage you to share a copy of this email with your 8th grade families. You can find the link to the email below.

[Email to Share With 8th Grade Families!](#)

Copy of Email:

### Dear Rising 8th-Grade Families,

Prior to the start of the new school year, we want to provide you with helpful information and key updates for the GoCPS high school application process and the High School Admissions Test (HSAT).

The GoCPS application will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and all CPS eighth graders – District and charter – will take the HSAT in school on Wednesday, October 11. Registration is not required, as the test will be administered to all CPS eighth graders.



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Students who do not attend CPS and are interested in applying to a CPS high school will take the HSAT at either Lane Tech High School or Lindblom High School on October 14,

15, or 21, 2023. Students who do not attend CPS will need to register for testing through the GoCPS application when it opens on September 13, 2023. The deadline to register for the test on October 14 or 15 is October 2, and the deadline to register for the test on October 21 is October 6.

In order to provide more equitable access to all CPS programs, we are pleased to announce that next school year's HSAT will be offered in English, Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Polish, and Urdu. This will open more doors of opportunity for our English Learner students. The test length has also been shortened to 60 minutes, responding to concerns that the test was overly burdensome. The content areas for the test are reading and math.

With these changes to the HSAT, the high school admissions scoring rubrics are under revision and will be available by the time the GoCPS application opens on September 13, 2023.

Families must submit GoCPS applications for the 2024-25 school year by Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 5 pm. Families are encouraged to apply to a range of options and rank those options in order of preference. HSAT scores will be released in early to mid-November, so they may not be available for these initial rankings. The GoCPS application will remain open for re-ranking ONLY until November 22, 2023 at 5 pm. Families may return to their previously submitted GoCPS applications during this period to re-rank their school choices based on their HSAT scores. However, no new school choices can be added or removed from an existing application, and no new GoCPS applications will be accepted after the deadline of November 9, 2023 at 5 pm.

We will communicate additional details about the GoCPS application process by September 1, 2023. If you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact [gocps@cps.edu](mailto:gocps@cps.edu). For questions about the HSAT, please contact [assessment@cps.edu](mailto:assessment@cps.edu).

Sincerely,

The Office of Access and Enrollment

