

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Are students able to select which high school they attend?

Yes. A component of the district's "Bright Futures" Strategic Plan is school choice, which allows students entering high schools an opportunity to choose from twelve high school academy options based on their career and college interests.

Research has shown that when students follow a specific path of interest they become more engaged in their learning and are more likely to stay in school. We are extremely pleased that all of our school district's high schools are now choice schools. This means every 8th grade or newly entering student can select from 12 school theme options, at any district high school, which best suits the student's particular area of interest.

### 2. How exactly does a lottery work?

Students select three programs in order of preference. Where possible, students receive their first choice. However, where student demand for a program exceeds availability, a computerized random selection lottery process determines student placement. Students who do not receive their first choice are considered for their second choice. Placing students in the second choice school may again require lottery processing. These students remain on the wait list for their first choice school in order of computer selection.

### 3. What does it mean if a student is placed on the waiting list?

The waitlist refers to the number that was drawn at the time of the lottery. As seats become available, the next person on the list will be contacted. Failure to respond will result in loss of placement.

### 4. How do I apply to Rosa Parks and/or International High School?

Rosa Parks and International require a separate application. See your Guidance Counselor for applications. Applications for Rosa Parks applicants delivered to Rosa Parks HS. Applications for the International HS International Baccalaureate (IB) Program be delivered to International HS c/o Catherine Forfia.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality & Tourism (CAHTS)

CAHTS has two pathways aligned with the thematic focus of the school: Professional Chef/Kitchen and Marketing for Hospitality.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Culinary Arts, Hospitality & Tourism
- Marketing

### School of Government & Public Administration (GoPA)

Highlighted by their Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program, GoPA underscores the importance of government and civics throughout their cohort of classes.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Government & Public Administration
- Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

### School of Information Technology (SoIT)

At SoIT, students are challenged to explore the field of computer software and hardware, highlighted by their Career and Technical Education program of Network Security.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Information Technology (Network Security)
- Technology

### Academy of Health Science (HARP)

Students with a strong science background can enroll in one of HARP's two Career and Technical Education programs: Patient Care Assistant and Dental Assisting.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Health Science

### Academy of Earth and Space Science (PANTHER)

Framed in the context of Earth and Space Science, students at PANTHER enroll in a cohort of courses that emphasize fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Earth & Space Science
- Technology

### Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

Combines the elements of high school, college and professional world. Students will be given the opportunity to earn an associates degree by the time they graduate.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Technology
- Mathematics

### Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts

RPHS focuses on the fine and performing arts, inclusive of the following programs for which students may audition: Art, Dance, Drama, instrumental Music/Piano/Vocal, Theatre, and Communication Arts.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Fine & Performing Arts

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### School of Architecture and Construction Trades (ACT)

At ACT, students are able to enroll in courses which focus on construction, pre-construction & design, as well as the Project Lead the Way engineering program.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Architecture & Construction Trades
- Engineering
- Technology

### School of Business, Technology, Marketing & Finance (BTMF)

BTMF offers students an array of options, including two registered Career and Technical Education programs.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Business
- Logistics
- Marketing

### School of Education and Training (SET)

At SET, students are enrolled in one of two thematic pathways: Childcare and Teacher Training; both require well-rounded emphasis on cross-curricular academics.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Childcare
- Teaching & Education

### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Highlighting the academic disciplines of STEM, this school offers its students four pathways: Engineering, Technology, Forensics and Environment Science.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Engineering & Environmental Science
- Mathematics

### Garrett Morgan Academy (GMA)

Garrett Morgan Academy for Engineering and Technology offers students a rigorous engineering curriculum, introducing students to basic engineering concepts through advanced offerings courses and applied learning opportunities.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Engineering

### International High School

In addition to offering its students a cohort of global studies seminars, IHS is also the site of the prestigious International Baccalaureate program, which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

#### Thematic Area(s) of Study:

- Global Studies
- International Mindedness

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DATES

- **November 19, 2018**  
Applications available at schools
  
- **December 14, 2018**  
Completed applications due to guidance counselor
  
- **December 20th & 21st, 2018**  
Applications due to the Office of Central Registration (except Rosa Parks & International High School applications)  
  
Applications for Rosa Parks are to be delivered to Rosa Parks HS  
  
Applications for the International HS International Baccalaureate (IB) Program are to be delivered to International HS c/o Catherine Forfia
  
- **Week of January 21st, 2019**  
Lottery conducted by Office of Central Registration
  
- **Week of February 18th, 2019**  
School placement notices distributed

## OPEN HOUSE DATES

- November 19, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*Eastside High School Campus 150 Park Ave.*
- EHS-CAHTS
  - EHS-GOPA
  - EHS-SOIT
- November 20, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*JFK Educational Complex 61-127 Preakness Ave.*
- JFK-ACT
  - JFK-BTMF
  - JFK-SET
  - JFK-STEM
- November 27, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*5 Colt Street*
- HARP Academy
- December 3, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*I.H.S - GMA Complex 200 Grand Street*
- International High School
  - Garrett Morgan Academy
- December 5, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*201 Memorial Drive*
- PANTHER Academy
- December 5, 2018**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*413 12th Ave.*
- Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts



## HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE PROCESS 2019 - 2020

## Frequently Asked Questions

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