

## 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 to the notification will result in loss of placement.

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

International HS International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, P-TECH and Rosa Parks require a separate application; see your Guidance Counselor for application information. Applications for these schools are to be delivered to their respective school sites by their respective due dates.

## 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:

- Network Systems
- Computer Science

### 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
- Health and Related Professions

### 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:

- Dance
- Vocal & Instrumental Music
- Communication Arts/Fine & Commercial 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:

- Marketing
- Banking and Accounting
- Global Logistics & Supply Chain Management

### 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:

- Education and Training
- Human Services

### 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 & Computer Science
- Forensics
- Environmental Field Studies

### 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: An IB World 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DATES

- ◆ **November 14, 2019**  
Applications are available at the schools
  
- ◆ **December 13, 2019**  
Completed applications are due to the guidance counselor
  
- ◆ **December 19 & 20, 2019**  
Applications are due to the Office of Central Registration (except for International High School, P-TECH and Rosa Parks High School applications)
  - Applications for International Baccalaureate World High School are to be delivered to International HS c/o Catherine Forfia
  - Applications for P-TECH are to be delivered to P-TECH @ PANTHER
  - Applications for Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts are to be delivered to Rosa Parks HS
  
- ◆ **Week of January 27, 2020**  
Lottery conducted by the Office of Central Registration
  
- ◆ **Week of March 2, 2020**  
School placement notices are distributed

## OPEN HOUSE DATES

- November 4, 2019**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*Eastside High School Campus 150 Park Ave.*
- EHS-CAHTS
  - EHS-GOPA
  - EHS-SOIT
- November 12, 2019**  
**4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**  
*201 Memorial Drive*
- P-TECH @ PANTHER
- November 13, 2019**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*JFK Educational Complex 61-127 Preakness Ave.*
- JFK-ACT
  - JFK-BTMF
  - JFK-SET
  - JFK-STEM
- November 14, 2019**  
**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**  
*413 12th Ave.*
- Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts
- November 18, 2019**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
*I.H.S - GMA Complex 200 Grand Street*
- International Baccalaureate World High School
  - Garrett Morgan Academy
- November 19, 2019**  
**4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**  
*5 Colt Street*
- Academy of Health Science (HARP)



## HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY CHOICE PROCESS 2020 - 2021

## Frequently Asked Questions

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