



Managing Your Offers

Last Friday, March 30th, we released Round 1 high school application results. Now that you know your application status, what should you do?

Accept or Decline an Offer

If you received an offer(s) in the first round, you can either accept or decline the offer(s). If you decline your offer(s), there is no guarantee that you will receive any other seats other than your neighborhood school. Note that you can accept an offer and still apply for programs in Round 2 as well as remain on any waitlists that you are on.

Round 1 Waitlists

Applicants were waitlisted for any Non-Selective Enrollment programs for which they were eligible and that they ranked higher than the program from which they received an offer (if applicable). Beginning April 18th, schools can start filling any remaining seats by offering them to waitlisted students, in the order of the waitlist. In your GoCPS account, you can expand the Non-Selective Enrollment section of the View Results page to see if you are on a waitlist. You will also be able to see what waitlist category you are in and what your waitlist number is in that category. If a seat becomes available for a program where you are waitlisted, and your waitlist number is reached, the school will contact you to extend an offer. You will have 48 hours to accept or decline a waitlist offer.

Principal Discretion

The Principal Discretion Process allows principals of Selective Enrollment High Schools to fill a small percentage of seats, outside of the regular selection process, based on information provided through application packages submitted by students. Applicants to ninth grade can apply to a Selective Enrollment school through the Principal Discretion process if they took the Selective Enrollment admissions exam and applied to a Selective Enrollment school in Round 1. These students can apply if they did not receive a Selective Enrollment offer, or if they received a Selective Enrollment offer but would like to be considered for a different Selective Enrollment school. Students do not need to decline a first round offer in order to participate in the Principal Discretion process. To learn more about the Principal Discretion process, please review this [handbook](#) and [FAQs](#).

Round 2 Applications

The Round 2 application process will open on April 30, 2018. During Round 2, students will be able to apply to Non-Selective Enrollment or Selective Enrollment programs that still have available seats. (Note that students must meet any minimum eligibility requirements.) **However, it is very important for families to understand that if you accepted a Round 1 offer but apply in Round 2 and receive an offer, your Round 1 offer will automatically be forfeited.** Because of this, participation in Round 2 is only recommended for families that: (1) did not apply in Round 1 or moved to Chicago after Round 1, (2) did

not receive a Round 1 offer but see programs in Round 2 that they want to attend more than their neighborhood school, or (3) received and accepted a Round 1 offer but see programs in Round 2 that they want to attend **more** than the Round 1 offer that they accepted.

Application Timeline

March 30, 2018

Round 1 Offers Posted

April 13, 2018

Round 1 – Accept/Decline Deadline

April 18, 2018

Round 1 Waitlist Process Opens

48 Hrs after Offer Posts

Waitlist Accept/Decline Deadline

April 30, 2018

Round 2 Application Process Opens

May 4, 2018

Round 2 Application Deadline

June 1, 2018

Round 2 Application Results Released

June 8, 2018

Round 2 – Accept/Decline Deadline

June 13, 2018

Round 2 Waitlist Process Opens

48 Hrs after Offer Posts

Waitlist Accept/Decline Deadline

High School Offer Highlights

We are excited to report that in our first year of GoCPS:

- 93 percent of all 8th graders applied,
- 92 percent of these applicants received an offer from at least one of their choices, and
- 81 percent of these applicants received an offer from one of their top three choices.

Web Browsers

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Need Help?

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email gocps@cps.edu.