

# HISD SCHOOL CHOICE GUIDEBOOK

Your guide to HISD Magnet and Choice Programs for grades PreK-12

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HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS. ONE APPLICATION.



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## MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSAP) SCHOOL INFORMATION

### 2013 MSAP Schools

**Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/AcademyAtRyan](http://www.HoustonISD.org/AcademyAtRyan)  
Magnet Theme: Medical and Health Professions  
Grade Levels: 6-8  
Address: 2610 Elgin St., Houston, TX 77004  
Phone: 713-942-1932

**The Energy Institute High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/Energy](http://www.HoustonISD.org/Energy)  
Magnet Theme: Energy  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 3501 Southmore Blvd., Houston, TX 77004  
Phone: 713-802-4620

**Furr High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/FurrHigh](http://www.HoustonISD.org/FurrHigh)  
Magnet Theme: Green Energy  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 500 Mercury Dr., Houston, TX 77013  
Phone: 713-675-1118

**Kashmere High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/13579](http://www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/13579)  
Magnet Theme: Chemical and Process Technology  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 6900 Wileyvale, Houston, TX 77028  
Phone: 713-636-6400

**MC Williams Middle School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/12044](http://www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/12044)  
Magnet Theme: Engineering  
Grade Levels: 6-8  
Address: 6100 Knoxx St., Houston, TX 77091  
Phone: 713-696-2600

**South Early College High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/3519](http://www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/3519)  
Magnet Theme: Advanced Technology  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 1930 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77051  
Phone: 713-732-3623

### 2017 MSAP Schools

**Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy at Rusk**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/RuskSchool](http://www.HoustonISD.org/RuskSchool)  
Magnet Theme: Biotechnology  
Grade Levels: 6-8  
Address: 2805 Garrow, Houston, TX 77003  
Phone: 713-226-4543

**Booker T. Washington High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/WashingtonHS](http://www.HoustonISD.org/WashingtonHS)  
Magnet Theme: Aerospace and Engineering Professions  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 4204 Yale St., Houston, TX 77018  
Phone: 713-696-6600

**Davila Elementary School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/DavilaES](http://www.HoustonISD.org/DavilaES)  
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine  
Grade Levels: K-5  
Address: 7610 Dahlia, Houston, TX 77012  
Phone: 713-924-1851

**Deady Middle School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/DeadyMS](http://www.HoustonISD.org/DeadyMS)  
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine  
Grade Levels: 6-8  
Address: 2500 Broadway St., Houston, TX 77012  
Phone: 713-845-7411

**Milby High School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/Milby](http://www.HoustonISD.org/Milby)  
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine  
Grade Levels: 9-12  
Address: 1601 Broadway St., Houston, TX 77012  
Phone: 713-928-7401

**Wesley Elementary School**  
Website: [www.HoustonISD.org/WesleyES](http://www.HoustonISD.org/WesleyES)  
Magnet Theme: Aerospace and Engineering Professions  
Grade Levels: K-5  
Address: 800 Dillard, Houston, TX 77091  
Phone: 713-696-2860



## A MESSAGE FROM MILLARD HOUSE II

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Houston Independent School District School Choice programs offer endless opportunities for all students. They can attend our excellent neighborhood schools, or have the option to enroll in career academies, health and science magnet schools, high school preparatory academies, international schools, language-immersion schools, and many more options.

HISD has a robust portfolio of 128 magnet programs at 119 schools, with programs like dual language, single-gender preparatory, and STEM. This means about 40 percent of our schools have a magnet program. In the 2021-2022 school year over 53,000 students were served through the magnet programs. HISD continues to exemplify what it means to be a district of choice.

With equity at the center of everything we do at HISD, we strive to make our programs accessible to all students regardless of socioeconomic status or location. With over 15 themes, which include aviation, college prep, medical, careers, fine arts, Montessori and STEM, students are prepared for a successful college and career experiences in a rapidly-evolving, competitive world.

I am honored and thrilled to be a part of Houston Independent School District, and I cannot wait to work together—with all of you—to create a bright future for our students. I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year, one that is safe, healthy, and productive. Together, we can do this!

In this booklet, you will find useful and detailed information about the programs HISD offers. My hope is that this information assists you in finding the perfect school for your scholar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. I. House II'.

Millard House II  
HISD Superintendent



## CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION



Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs provide courses in diverse career concentrations to prepare students for a vast range of professional and occupational workforce opportunities. A number of programs prepare students for vocational certifications, while others offer dual credit courses that provide a chance to earn college credit while in high school. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/CareerReadiness>

### CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Austin HS
- Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy at Rusk
- Baylor College Of Medicine Academy At Ryan
- DeBakey HS for Health Professions
- Heights HS
- HS for Law and Justice
- Houston MTSC
- Lamar HS
- Northside HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Washington HS
- Worthing HS
- Yates HS

### CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHOICE PROGRAMS

#### Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- North Forest HS
- Sharpstown HS
- Washington HS
- Worthing HS

#### Architecture & Construction

- Houston MSTC
- Jones Academy
- Milby HS
- North Forest HS
- Scarborough HS
- Washington HS
- Wisdom HS





## CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHOICE PROGRAMS (continued)

### Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications

- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MTSC
- Kashmere HS
- Lamar HS
- Northside HS
- Sharpstown HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Yates HS

### Business, Marketing, & Finance

- Austin HS
- Bellaire HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MTSC
- Kashmere HS
- Lamar HS
- Scarborough HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westside HS
- Wisdom HS
- Yates HS

### Education & Training

- Austin HS
- Scarborough HS
- Wheatley HS
- Wisdom HS
- Worthing HS

### Health Science

- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MTSC
- Jones Academy
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS
- Sharpstown HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS

### Hospitality & Tourism

- Lamar HS
- Milby HS
- Northside HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Worthing HS

### Human Services

- Bellaire HS
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS

### Information Technology

- Austin HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MTSC
- Madison HS
- North Forest HS
- Northside HS
- Waltrip HS
- Washington HS
- Westbury HS
- Wheatley HS
- Worthing HS

### Law and Public Service

- Chavez HS
- Houston MTSC
- North Forest HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Wisdom HS

### Manufacturing

- Austin HS
- Heights HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Wisdom HS

### STEM

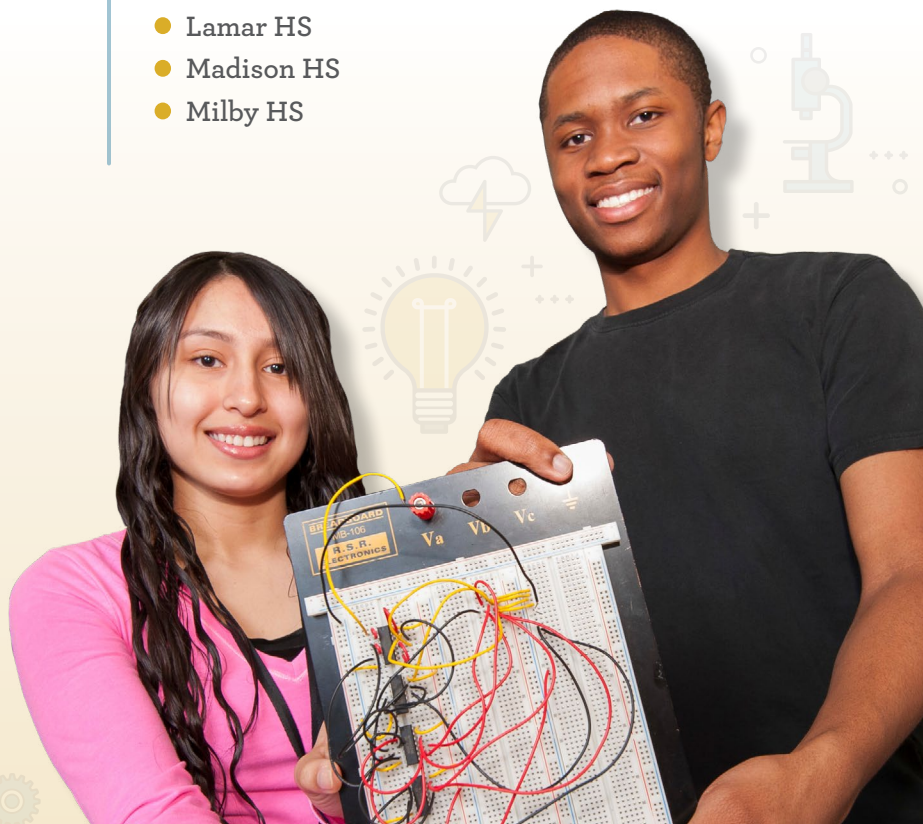
- Austin HS
- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Houston MTSC
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS

- Northside HS
- Waltrip HS
- Washington HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS
- Wisdom HS

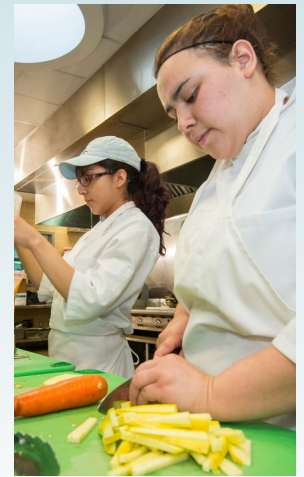
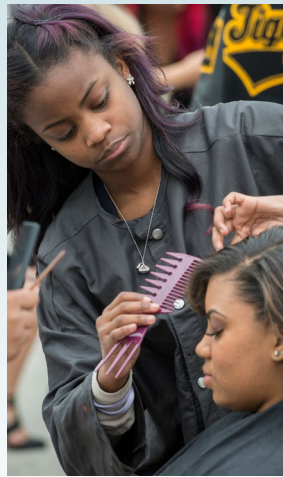
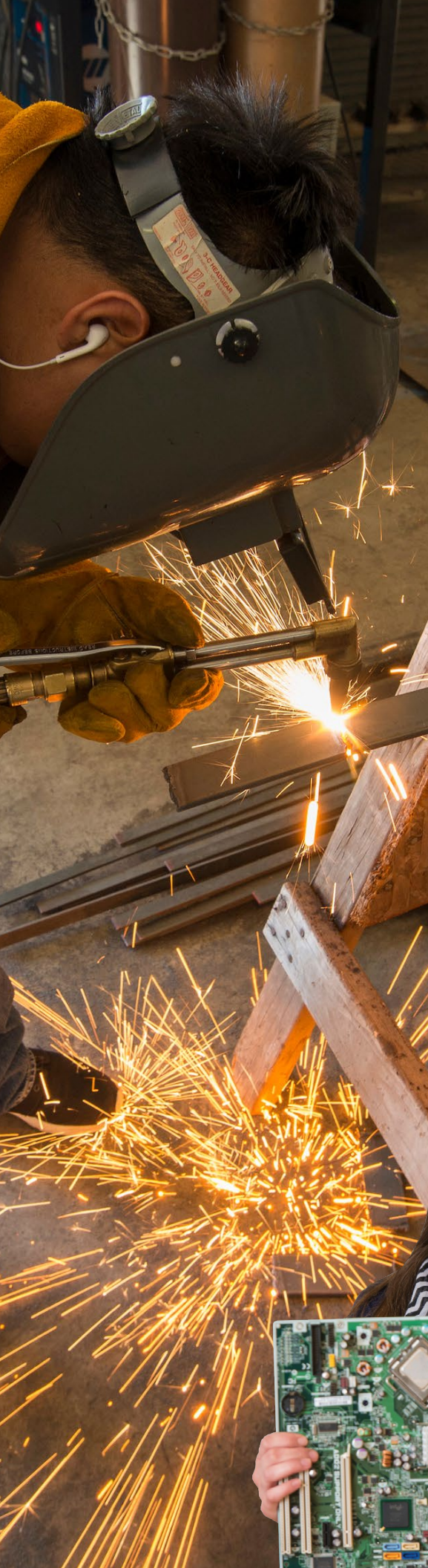
### Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

- Austin HS
- Bellaire HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MTSC
- Madison HS
- North Forest HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westbury HS
- Wheatley HS
- Yates HS

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## CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION **CHOICE PROGRAMS** (continued)

### BARBARA JORDAN CAREER CENTER

**B**arbara Jordan Career Center is an innovative approach to career education in Houston ISD, with expansive and well-equipped classroom facilities on a campus dedicated entirely to career preparation. Students at Furr High School, Heights High School, Houston Math, Technology, and Science Center High School, Kashmere High School, North Forest High School, Northside High School, Washington High School, Wheatley High School, and Yates High School are eligible to take career classes at Barbara Jordan Career Center either in the morning or the afternoon. Students take their academic classes and stay involved in all extracurricular activities at their home campus. Transportation to the career center is provided.

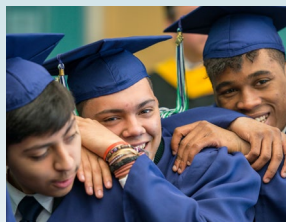
Barbara Jordan offers classes in the following career pathways: Architectural Design, Automotive, Business Management, Construction Management and Inspection, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Government and Public Relations, Healthcare Diagnostics, Refining and Chemical Processes, Teaching and Training, and Welding.







## SINGLE-GENDER COLLEGE PREP



**S**ingle-Gender College Preparatory programs prepare students in grades 6-12 for higher education and life with rigorous academics and opportunities to develop leadership, critical thinking, and decision-making skills. With a focus on pre-AP and AP courses and exposure to the demands of college and career, students have a strong foundation for future success throughout the school community.

### SINGLE-GENDER COLLEGE PREP MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Mickey Leland College Prep Academy
- Young Women's College Prep Academy



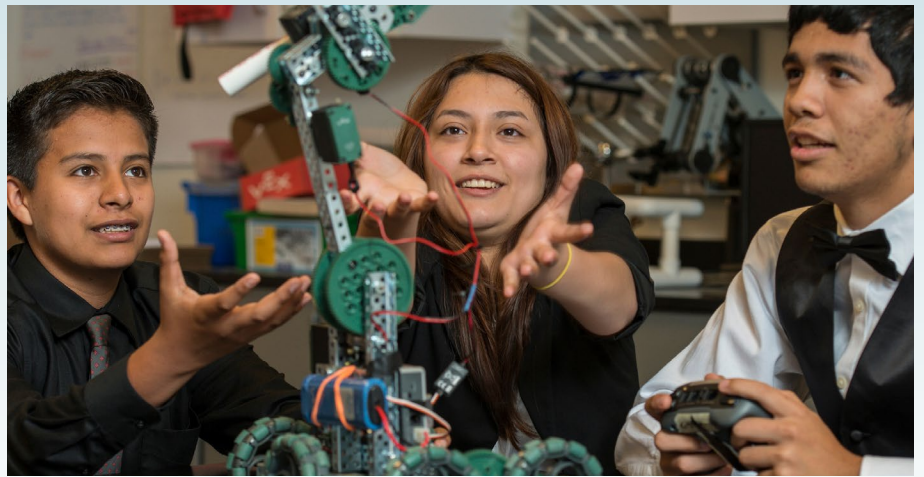
## CAREER EARLY COLLEGE



**C**areer Early College High Schools give students the opportunity to earn an Associate's degree and valuable industry certifications in high-demand career fields while in high school through a collaboration with Houston Community College. Career Early College programs are specifically tailored to meet the current and future needs of Houston's thriving industries, which include the fields of medicine, shipping, and manufacturing.

### CAREER EARLY COLLEGE MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Jones Academy
- Long Academy
- Westside HS



**A**cademic Early College High Schools provide students the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate degree or up to two years of college credit through a collaboration with Houston Community College – tuition free. The Academic Early College model provides a personalized environment that blends high school and college in a rigorous yet supportive environment that provides academic and social support services to ensure student success.

#### ACADEMIC EARLY COLLEGE **MAGNET PROGRAMS**

- Challenge Early College HS
- East Early College HS
- Houston Academy For International Studies
- North Houston Early College HS
- South Early College HS

#### ACADEMIC EARLY COLLEGE **CHOICE PROGRAMS**

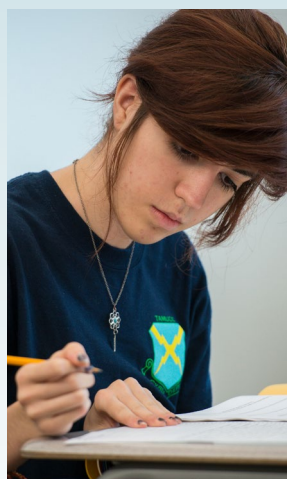
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Worthing HS



**ACADEMIC  
EARLY COLLEGE**



# VANGUARD



**H**ISD's Vanguard magnet programs serve students who have been identified as gifted and talented in intellectual ability or creativity. Vanguard curricula is both accelerated and continually rigorous. Students study interdisciplinary units that emphasize higher-level thinking, problem solving, and creativity. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/GT>

## VANGUARD MAGNET PROGRAMS

### Elementary Schools

- Askew ES
- Carrillo ES
- DeZavala ES
- Herod ES
- Oak Forest ES
- River Oaks ES
- Roosevelt ES
- Travis ES
- TH Rogers School K-8
- Windsor Village ES

### ES/Middle School

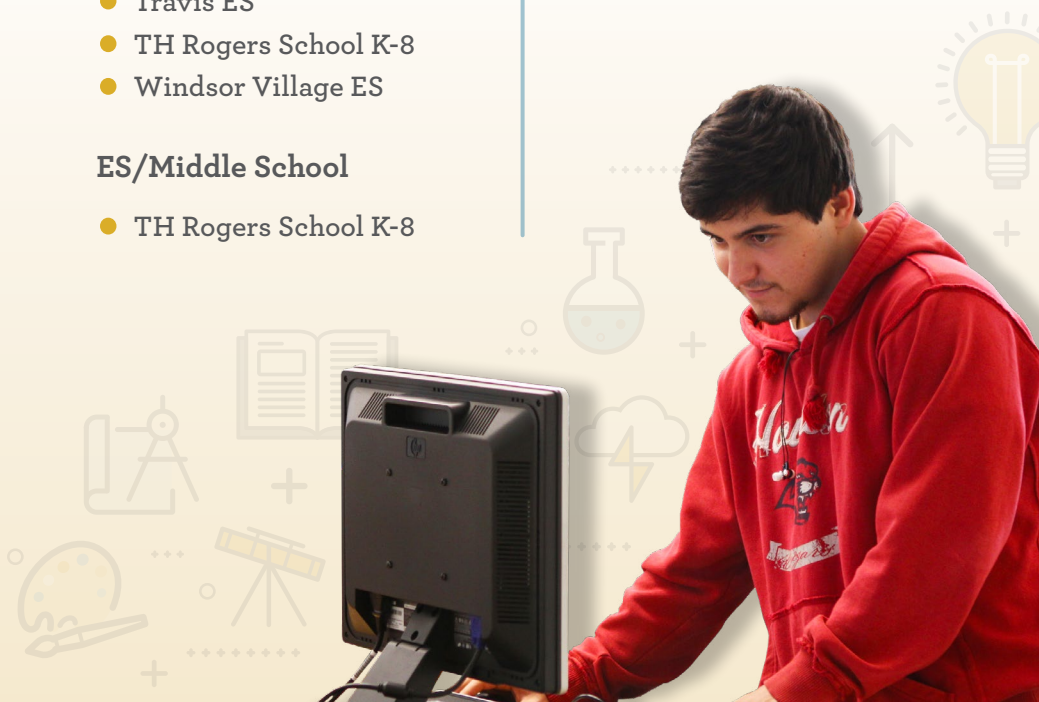
- TH Rogers School K-8

### Middle Schools

- Black MS
- Burbank MS
- Hamilton MS
- Lanier MS

### High School

- Carnegie Vanguard HS







## FINE ARTS



**F**ine arts programs allow students to explore their creative nature through specialized instruction in music, visual arts, theater, dance, writing, and more. Young artists work together to produce high-quality performances, publications, and exhibitions that reflect their understanding of the arts, develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, and enhance their self-esteem. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/FineArts>

### FINE ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

#### Elementary Schools

- Atherton ES
- Bell ES
- Bruce ES
- Burbank ES
- Burrus ES
- Codwell ES
- Cook Jr ES
- Crespo ES
- Crockett ES
- Garden Villas ES
- Kashmere Gardens ES
- Longfellow ES
- Lovett ES
- Macgregor ES
- Parker ES
- Patterson ES
- Poe ES
- Scroggins ES

#### ES/Middle School

- Gregory-Lincoln Education Center

#### Middle Schools

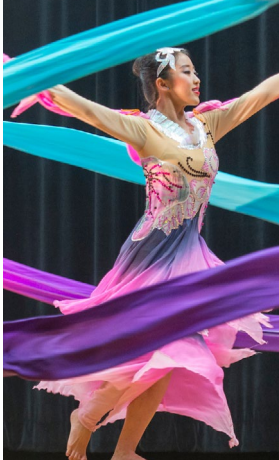
- Fleming MS
- Key MS
- Lawson MS
- Marshall MS
- Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts MS
- Ortiz MS
- Pershing MS
- Welch MS

#### High Schools

- Kashmere HS
- Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
- Westbury HS



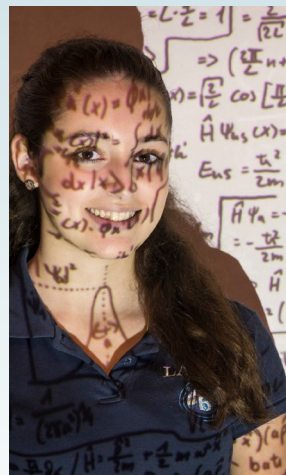








## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools offer challenging educational programs that focus on problem-solving and independent critical thinking skills to help students learn, work, and live comfortably and productively as global citizens. IB schools operate through a nonprofit international foundation that authorizes IB status through an extensive process including teacher training, an IB-team visit, curriculum review, and interviews throughout the local community. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/IB>

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Durham ES
- Fondren MS

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CHOICE PROGRAMS

#### Elementary Schools

- Briargrove ES
- Durham ES
- Foster ES
- Harvard ES
- Herrera ES
- Northline ES
- Patterson ES
- Poe ES
- River Oaks ES
- Roberts ES
- Rodriguez ES
- St. George Place PK-5
- Twain ES

#### ES/Middle School

- Briarmeadow K-8

#### Middle Schools

- Fondren MS
- Hogg MS
- Ortiz MS
- Tanglewood MS

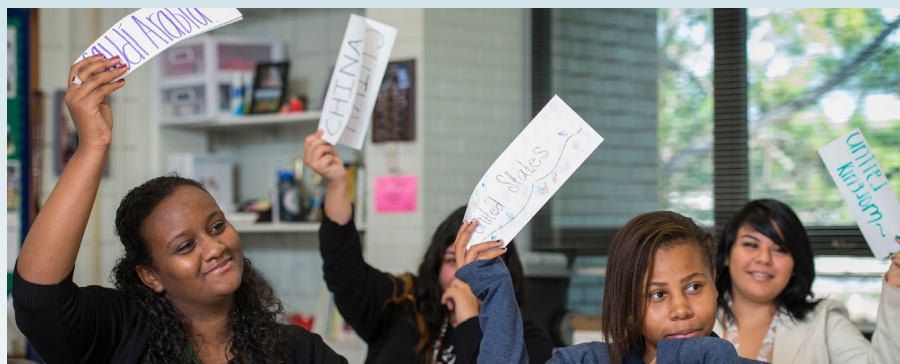
#### High Schools

- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Heights HS
- Houston MSTC HS
- Lamar HS
- Worthing HS
- Yates HS





# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



The International Studies program allows students to learn about varied cultures, learn to speak different languages, and learn to use technologies important in our global society. Students learn the communication skills necessary to succeed in our rapidly-changing world. Students have various opportunities to learn about Houston's many cultures and study abroad. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/SharpstownMS>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET PROGRAM

- Sharpstown International School (Grades 6-12)



HISD's Montessori schools emphasize highly personalized learning for each child to develop his or her own interests and full potential. Every classroom is equipped with special materials designed to work with the whole student to develop social skills, emotional growth, physical coordination, and cognition. Class communities emphasize independent, purposeful work, and collaborative explorations.

## MONTESSORI MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Baker Montessori
- Blackshear ES
- Garden Oaks Montessori

## MONTESSORI CHOICE PROGRAM

- Waltrip HS

# MONTESSORI



## STEM/STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) schools prepare students for the most in-demand 21st century jobs that help fuel our local economy and our nation's growth. Elementary and middle school STEM programs offer a broad spectrum of STEM activities such as robotics, environmental science, health science, and engineering. The STEM high school portfolio provides an array of industry-specific disciplines that prepare students to enter a pipeline of talent for medical, energy, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professions.

### STEM MAGNET PROGRAMS

#### Elementary Schools

- Berry ES
- Cornelius ES
- Davila ES
- Elrod ES
- Hartsfield ES
- Harvard ES
- Herrera ES
- Lantrip ES
- Lockhart ES
- Pugh ES
- Red ES
- Ross ES
- Shadowbriar ES
- Sinclair ES
- Valley West ES
- Wainwright ES
- Wesley ES
- Whidby ES

#### ES/Middle School

- Rice School/  
La Escuela Rice K-8

#### Middle Schools

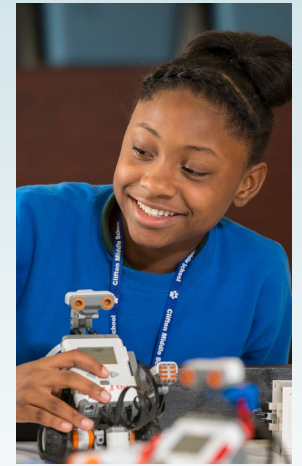
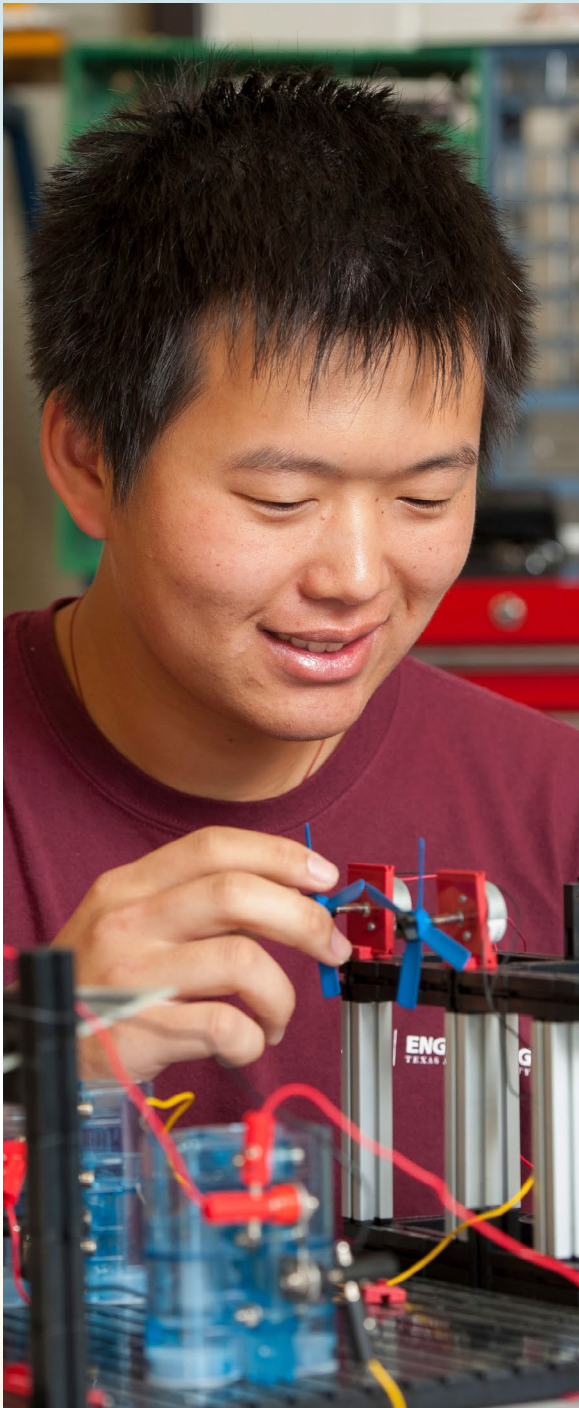
- Clifton MS
- Deady MS
- Fondren MS
- Fonville MS
- Hartman MS
- Hogg MS
- Long Academy
- Revere MS
- Stevenson MS
- Williams MS

#### High Schools

- Chavez HS
- Energy Institute HS
- Furr HS
- Heights HS
- Kashmere HS
- Milby HS
- Waltrip HS







Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programs integrate art into the STEM curriculum by drawing on design principles and encouraging creative solutions. These programs aim to teach students to think critically and have an engineering or design approach toward real-world problems while building on their math and science base.

## STEAM MAGNET PROGRAMS

### Elementary Schools

- Shadowbriar ES
- Stevens ES

### High Schools

- Madison HS
- Westside HS







## DUAL LANGUAGE

Dual language programs promote instruction in two languages as equally important, giving English speakers the gift of bilingualism and allowing English-as-a-second language students to retain their own language while mastering English. HISD uses a model of a minimum of 50% to a maximum of 80% of daily instruction in the non-English language. For more information, visit <https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/189833>

### DUAL LANGUAGE MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Helms ES
- Wharton K-8 Dual Language Academy

### DUAL LANGUAGE CHOICE PROGRAMS

#### Early Childhood Center

- Lorenzo ECC

#### Elementary Schools

- Ashford ES
- Briscoe ES
- Browning ES
- Burnet ES
- Condit ES
- Coop ES
- Daily ES
- DeAnda ES
- Durham ES
- Durkee ES
- Elrod ES
- Emerson ES
- Fondren ES
- Gregg ES
- Golfcrest ES
- Herod ES
- Herrera ES
- Hobby ES
- Law ES
- Love ES
- Mading ES
- Martinez C ES
- Memorial ES
- Patterson ES
- Pugh ES
- Roosevelt ES

- Rucker ES
- Scarborough ES
- Shearn ES
- Smith K ES
- Twain ES
- Wainwright ES
- Whidby ES
- White M ES

#### Middle Schools

- Black MS
- Burbank MS
- Hamilton MS
- Hartman MS
- Meyerland MS

#### High School

- Scarborough HS







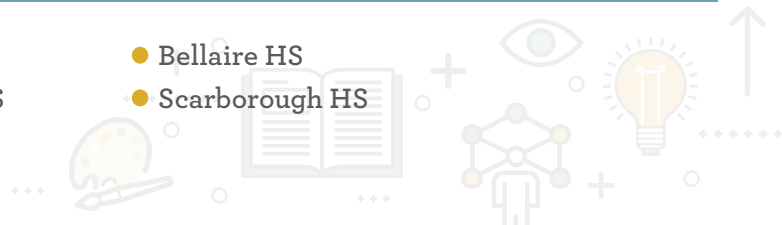
## LANGUAGE SCHOOLS



The foreign languages and cultures program allow students to learn and grow in languages other than English. Students will have access to a variety of languages that they can study.

### LANGUAGE MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Kolter ES
- Pin Oak MS
- Bellaire HS
- Scarborough HS



## LANGUAGE IMMERSION



Language Immersion schools instruct students in the specialty language of the school for half the instructional day and in English for the other half. This balanced approach employs rigorous academic standards in core subjects while providing biliteracy and bilingualism. Currently, HISD offers Immersion Language programs in Arabic, French, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish.

### LANGUAGE IMMERSION MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Arabic Immersion Magnet School
- Helms ES Dual Language Magnet School
- Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet PK-8

### LANGUAGE IMMERSION CHOICE PROGRAM

- Mark White ES French Immersion Program





## PRE-K OPTIONS

**H**ISD has 155 elementary campuses with Pre-K that provide nurturing environments for young learners to reach their highest potential, as well as 8 Early Childhood Centers (ECC) which cater specifically to our youngest learners. Early childhood education offers our youngest learners strong foundations built on solid concepts, as well as individual and group discovery.

HISD residents may attend any neighborhood school for prekindergarten.

To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten program, a child must:

- Be three or four years of age on or before September 1 of a given school year.
- Live within the boundaries of the Houston Independent School District

AND meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Child is homeless
- Child unable to speak or understand English as determined by the Home Language Survey
- Child is economically disadvantaged
- Child of an active-duty member of the U.S. military or one who has been killed, injured, or missing in action while on active duty
- Child is or has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code
- Child meets any eligibility criteria for Head Start
- Child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer as defined in Section 3106.002, a firefighter as defined in Section 3106.003, or an emergency medical first responder as defined in Section 3106.004

HISD offers prekindergarten on a tuition basis to students who do not meet the eligibility requirements to attend prekindergarten for free. Tuition-based students can only be enrolled into an HISD prekindergarten program once all eligible students have been enrolled. Tuition-based enrollment begins after **April 20, 2023**.

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

#### Early Childhood Centers

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ● Bellfort ECC .....PK - K | ● Mistral ECC ..... PK - K |
| ● Farias ECC .....PK       | ● Neff ECC ..... PK - 2    |
| ● Fonwood ECC.....PK - K   |                            |
| ● Halpin ECC .....PK - K   |                            |
| ● King ECC..... PK - K     |                            |
| ● Lorenzo ECC ..... PK - K |                            |







## PRE-K MAGNET OPTIONS

Prekindergarten students can apply for magnet programs in the areas of Dual Language, Language Immersion, and Montessori. Students can learn English and a foreign language simultaneously in the focus areas of Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic. In addition to language Pre-K programs, HISD offers a Montessori program that emphasizes a highly personalized learning plan for each child to develop his/her own interests and full potential. Pre-K Magnet transfers function as a traditional magnet transfer and do not expire when the child enters Kindergarten through the final Magnet grade level served by the program. The transfer maintains its validity as long as the student participates in the Magnet program they are enrolled.



### PRE-KINDERGARTEN MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Arabic Immersion Magnet School  
Language Immersion .....Pre-K 4
- Baker Montessori • Montessori .....Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4
- Blackshear ES • Montessori .....Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4
- Garden Oaks Montessori • Montessori .....Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4
- Helms ES • Dual Language .....Pre-K 4
- Mandarin Immersion Magnet School  
Language Immersion .....Pre-K 4
- Wharton Dual Language Academy  
Dual Language .....Pre-K 4



## SPECIAL EDUCATION



A student qualifies for a transfer if the student requires a special education program not available at the zoned campus. The campus ARD/IEP committee will determine which instructional and related services are required and recommends appropriate locations for services based on the IEP currently in effect and space availability.





## BOUNDARY OPTIONS

## Boundary Option Schools

## EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE CONTRACT CAMPUSES

- Energized for Excellence - ECC
- Energized for Excellence - ES
- Energized for Excellence - MS
- Energized for STEM - Southeast HS
- Energized for STEM - Southwest MS
- Liberty HS
- Mount Carmel Academy
- Texas Connections Academy







## MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS AND CHOICE OPTIONS

### Grandparent Affidavit

The Grandparent In District transfer is only for students with Parent/Guardians living outside HISD's boundaries and a grandparent who lives within the boundaries of HISD. The grandparent must provide a substantial amount of after-school care for the student. The transfer is to the grandparent's zoned school.

### Hardship

Valid reasons include:

- Requested school is near the parent's place of employment,
- Requested school is within proximity or at the location for after school care,
- A sibling of the applicant is currently attending the requested school, or
- An extenuating circumstance exists that prevents enrollment at zoned campus.

This option is not available for all campuses.

### Homeless

To the extent feasible, the district will attempt to keep a homeless child in the "school of origin," except when doing so is contrary to the needs of the child's parent or guardian. The district shall serve homeless children according to their best interests. "School of origin" refers to the school the child attended when they became homeless or the school in which the child was last enrolled or zoned campus.

### Public Education Grant

Students who are enrolled in schools that have received an Improvement Required rating by the Texas Education Agency in both Student Achievement domain and the School Progress domain will be placed on the 2022-2023 PEG list. Schools with space available as determined by the Area Schools Office may accept PEG transfers. The Area Schools Office will advise the Office of School Choice annually if out-of-district PEG transfers will be accepted.

### School-Based Employee

A student with an HISD parent or guardian may qualify to transfer to the parent/guardian's school work location if the receiving school has space available to accept the student.

### Special Education

A student qualifies for a transfer if the student requires a special education program not available at the zoned campus. K-12 siblings of a student under a special education transfer may also qualify to transfer to that student's transfer school. The campus ARD/IEP committee will determine which instructional and related services are required and recommends appropriate locations for services based on the IEP currently in effect and space availability.





## HOW TO APPLY TO A SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

The 2023-2024 HISD school choice application will be offered online or through a paper application. Applying takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The online application can be accessed by visiting <https://www.HoustonISD.org/SC>. The paper application can be found at <http://ChooseHISD.org>. Before starting, gather documents and information, such as your child's HISD student I.D. Number, for reference.

### School Choice Rankings

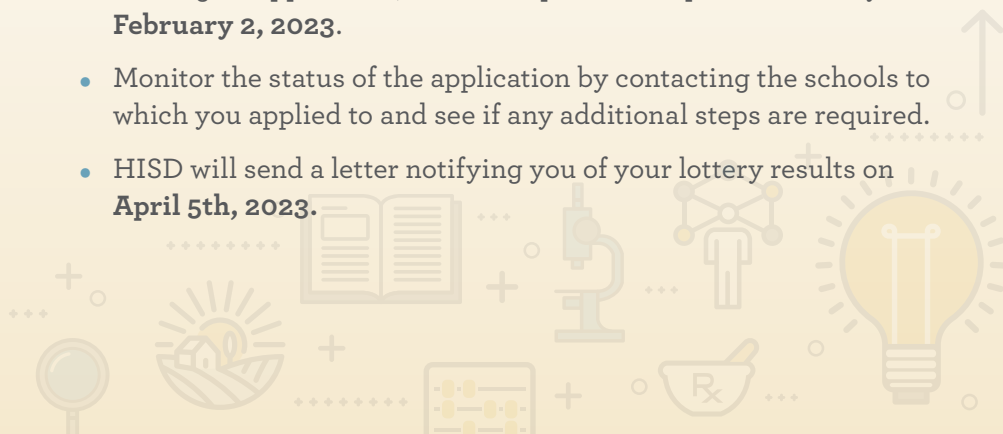
When applying to HISD schools, parents may submit a maximum of 10 applications. For example, a parent or guardian can apply to 4 Magnet and 6 Program Choice transfers or 1 Magnet and 9 Program Choice transfers.

### Online Application Tips

- Go to <http://ChooseHISD.org> to start an online application.
- Create a login using an email that you check frequently.
- Search schools and programs, you want to apply to.
- Fill out the application and electronically sign and submit it.
- You may select any combination of Magnet and Choice programs, as long as the total is no more than 10.
- Parents can log back into their account to complete or update the application at any time.
- Monitor the status of your application online by viewing application updates through your account. Login using the email address provided when you created your account.
- Login to check the status of the lottery results on **April 5th, 2023**.

### Paper Application Tips

- Download the paper application by visiting <http://ChooseHISD.org>.
- Hand-deliver or mail a completed paper application and required documents to your first ranked school option or to Hattie Mae White Education Support Center, Office of School Choice 4400 West 18th Street Houston, TX 77092. If submitting an application in person, it must be received by **February 2, 2023**. If you are mailing an application, the envelope must be post-marked by **February 2, 2023**.
- Monitor the status of the application by contacting the schools to which you applied to and see if any additional steps are required.
- HISD will send a letter notifying you of your lottery results on **April 5th, 2023**.







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