



TMS! Live Event

How To Apply To High School





GT Testing

- Hard deadline to register for the test is Nov. 6, 2020
- Register on PowerSchool
- Test date/time will be set based on number of students testing





DISCLAIMER

- Entrance to any high school program is **PENDING PROMOTION** to the next grade level





Application Phases

- *Phase 1:*
Sept. 19, 2020 to **Nov. 6, 2020**
(deadline is **midnight**)
- *Phase 2:*
Nov. 7, 2020 to Feb. 26, 2020





School Choice Fairs

- All virtual this year
- Learn about available programs
- Get guidance on applying
- Access here: <https://houstonisd.org/schoolchoicefair>





School Choice Fairs

- Oct. 17, 2020 – 9am to 12pm
- Oct. 31, 2020 – 9am to 12pm
- Access here: <https://houstonisd.org/schoolchoicefair>





School Choice Fairs

- Oct. 20, 2020 – 9am to 10am
- Private Tanglewood event
- Access to 31 high schools
- Posting info and links to LivingTree, and giving to students in Homeroom on Monday





How To Apply Online

- Go to HISDchoice.com
- Create a login using an email you check frequently
- Search schools and programs
- Fill out application
- Electronically sign and **submit**





How To Apply Online

- Apply to a maximum of 10 programs
- Apply to a maximum of 5 *magnet* programs
- Update application at any time until the deadline (Nov. 6, 2020 at midnight)





How To Apply On Paper

- Go to www.choosehisd.org
- Download application
- Fill out application
- Follow directions to submit





The Lottery

- This is a Lottery (not merit-based)
- All qualified candidates are equal
- Results posted online by midnight on **Jan. 28, 2021** (results also sent by U.S. mail)





The Lottery

- Deadline to accept your seat is Feb. 10, 2021
- Must provide proof of residency and signed Magnet Agreement by the deadline





Ranking Your Choices

- **RANKING MATTERS**
- System ranks schools in the order you apply
- Families need to change their ranking choices





Ranking Your Choices

- Families can change their ranking up to midnight on Nov. 6, 2020
- Ranking order has no effect on the Lottery
- Think carefully about your ranking





Ranking Your Choices

- All schools ranked lower than an accepted school will be dropped





Ranking Example 1

Rank:	School:	What Happened in Lottery:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Wait List	Wait List
Rank 2	School B	Not Qualified	Not Qualified
Rank 3	School C	Accepted	Accepted
Rank 4	School D	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 5	School E	Wait Listed	** Dropped **





Ranking Example 2

Rank:	School:	What Happened in Lottery:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Accepted	Accepted
Rank 2	School B	Not Qualified	** Dropped **
Rank 3	School C	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 4	School D	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 5	School E	Wait Listed	** Dropped **





Ranking Example 3

Rank:	School:	What Happened in Lottery:	What Parents See:
Rank 1	School A	Not Qualified	Not Qualified
Rank 2	School B	Accepted	Accepted
Rank 3	School C	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 4	School D	Accepted	** Dropped **
Rank 5	School E	Wait Listed	** Dropped **





Types of High Schools

- Career and Technology (CATE)
- Early College
- Fine Arts
- Futures Academy
- Language Immersion





Types of High Schools

- Single Gender
- STEAM
- STEM
- Vanguard





Types of High Schools

- International Baccalaureate
 - Middle Years Programme
 - Diploma Programme
 - Career-Related Programme
- Cannot transfer to an IB school if you are zoned to one





Boundary Option Transfer

- If you are zoned to Wisdom you can apply to Westside and Lamar
- Based on home address and available space
- Lottery will apply if applications exceed available space





Space Available Transfer

- Option of transferring to a school designated as having extra space
- Transportation is NOT available





Need Help?

- *How To Video:*

<https://vimeo.com/366813114>





Need Help?

- Office of School Choice
Student Transfers Department
- 713-556-6734
- SchoolChoice@HoustonISD.org
- www.HoustonISD.org/magnet





Q&A





Thank You!

