



School Choice

How to Guide



HISD | Counseling & Student Services
EMPOWERING STUDENTS. PROMOTING SUCCESS.

Why High School Choice?

The Mission

The Office of School Choice provides access to unique educational opportunities for families within the Houston ISD boundaries and beyond. With the focus on equity and efficiency at the center of all processes and procedures, School Choice strives to support and educate families on the HISD's educational options and how to access them.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/177890>

What School Should I Apply Into?

What are Career, Technology, Education (CTE) Programs?

- Students can earn a performance acknowledgement on their high school diploma for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or licensure.
- <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/182220>

Detailed List of Programs by School

High School List is the second PDF

2023-2024 HISD School Choice
Grades 9-12 Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/197019>

Sharpstown High School

- Your student is zoned to Sharpstown High School. You DO NOT need to apply into Sharpstown High School.
- Sharpstown International IS NOT Sharpstown High School.
- Your student will have to let their 9th grade counselor know when they register for their classes that they want to be in the CTE program.

CTE Programs at Sharpstown High School on Next Slide

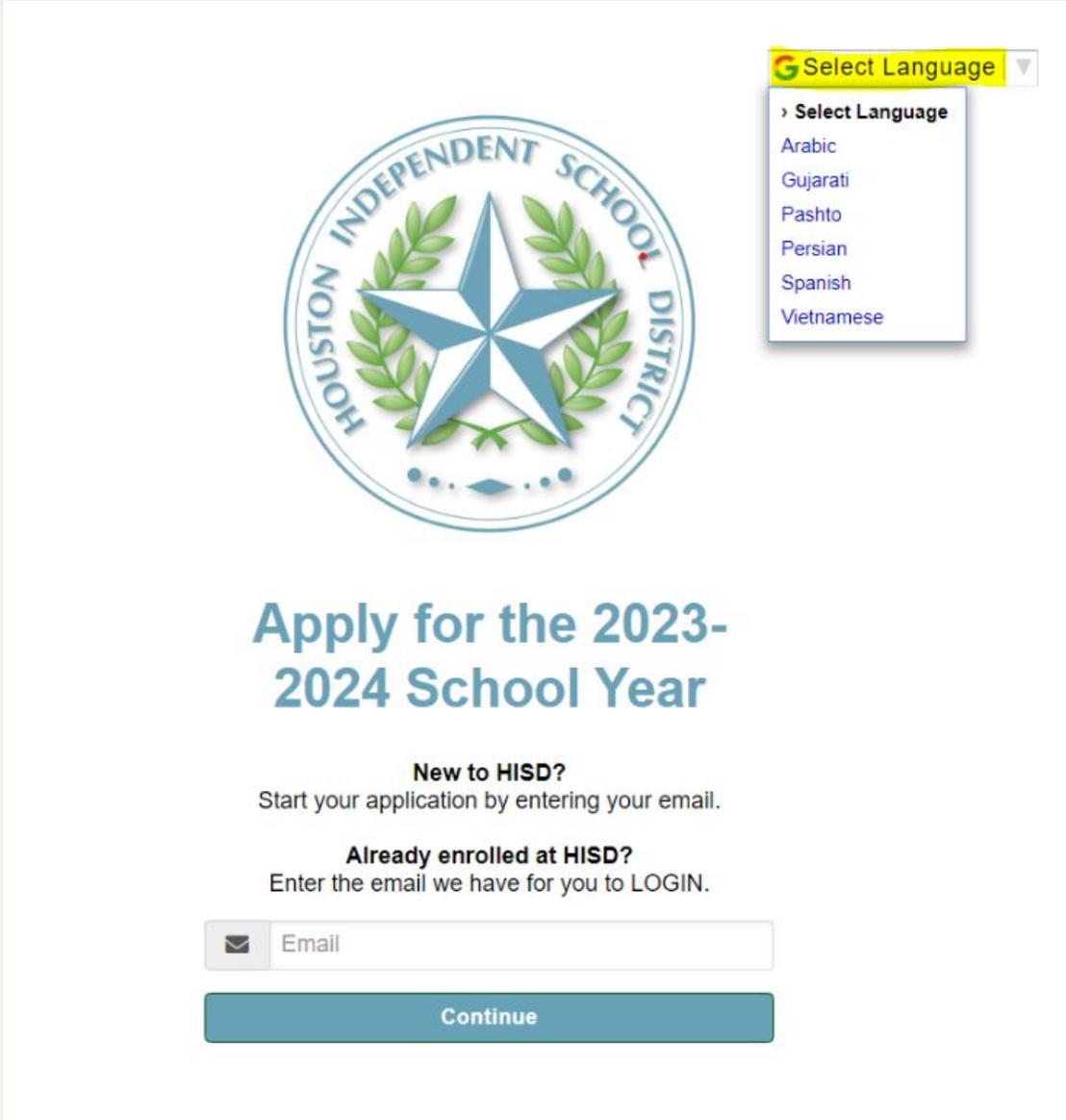
CTE Programs at Sharpstown High School

School Name	Program Type	Grade Span	Eligibility Requirements
Sharpstown High School	General Education	Gr. 9-12	Applicants must have a qualifying application matrix score to be eligible. At this school, you must have an application matrix score equal or greater to 80
Sharpstown High School: CTE: Design & Multimedia Arts	Careers (CTE)	Gr. 9-10	Applicants must live in HISD's boundary and have a qualifying application matrix score. At this school, you must have an application matrix score equal or greater to 80
Sharpstown High School: CTE: Design & Multimedia Arts	Careers (CTE)	Gr. 11-12	Applicants must have a qualifying application matrix score, already be enrolled in the CTE pathway, and live in HISD's boundary to be eligible. At this school, you must have an application matrix score equal or greater to 80
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School Choice Application

+ Visit <https://choosehisd.my.site.com/Apply/SiteLanding>

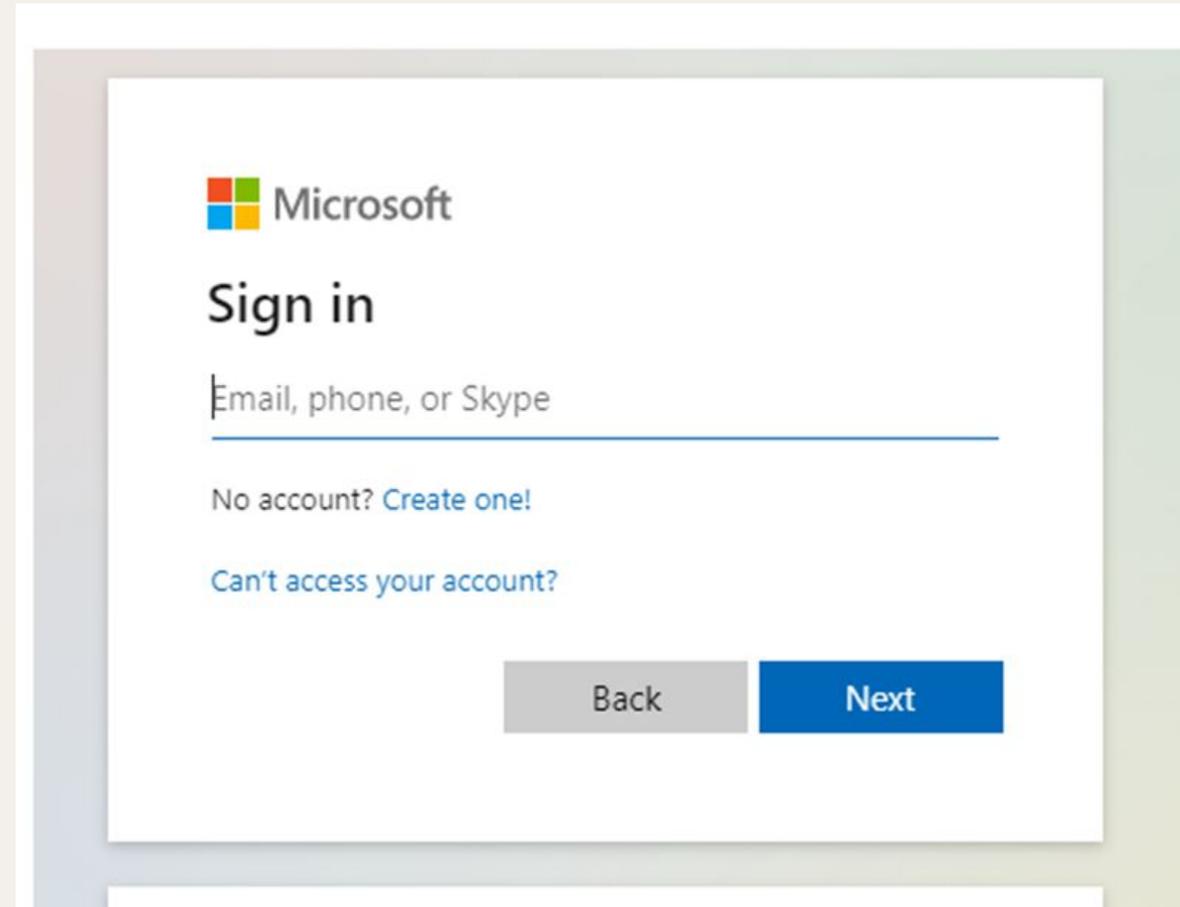
+ The email inputted will be used to complete your registration. Make sure that you can access this email.



The screenshot shows the landing page for the 2023-2024 school year application. At the top right, there is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu with options: Arabic, Gujarati, Pashto, Persian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The central logo is the HISD seal, which includes a five-pointed star and the text 'HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'. Below the logo, the main heading reads 'Apply for the 2023-2024 School Year'. Underneath, there are two sections: 'New to HISD?' with the instruction 'Start your application by entering your email.' and 'Already enrolled at HISD?' with the instruction 'Enter the email we have for you to LOGIN.'. At the bottom, there is an email input field with a mail icon and the placeholder text 'Email', and a blue 'Continue' button.

How to access your Student Email

- + go to link <http://office365.houstonisd.org>
- + Type full login sxxxxx@online.houstonisd.org
- + Password is the password the student us to log into their school laptop



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+ This screen is for parent's information

Create Account

Please create your account by filling out the information below.

First Name **Last Name** **Email**

Primary Phone Number

I certify that I am the guardian of the children I add to this account and give permission to store demographic and personally identifiable information on my student(s).

I agree to the Terms of Service.

I'm not a robot  [Privacy](#) [Terms](#)

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+ When complete, you will see this message

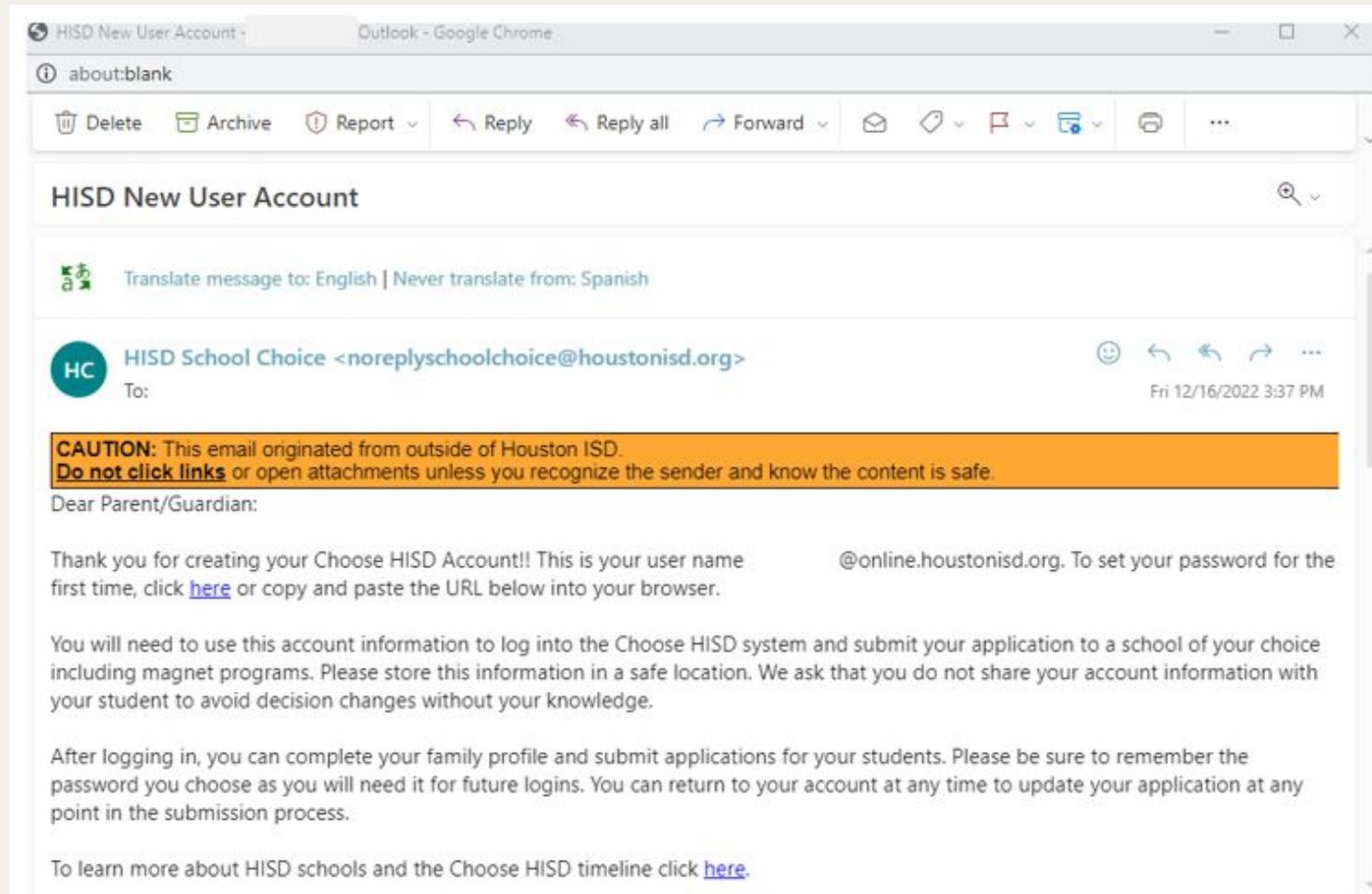
+ Do not click anything when you see this box...**Go to Next Slide**

Success:

Your account has been created successfully.
You should receive an email shortly with your username.
Please check your spam folder.

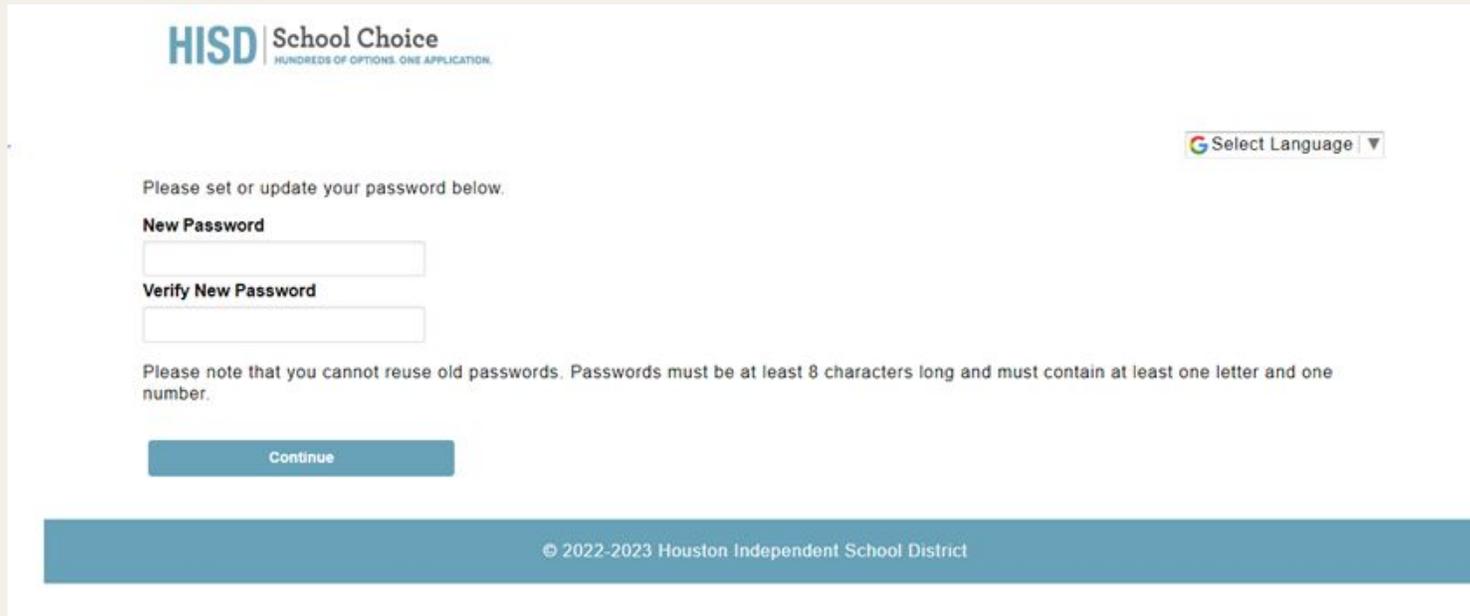
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- + Go to your email and find email titled "HISD New User Account" and click the "[here](#)" link



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+ Create new password for login



The screenshot shows a web page for HISD School Choice. At the top left is the logo "HISD | School Choice" with the tagline "HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS. ONE APPLICATION." below it. On the top right, there is a "Select Language" dropdown menu with a Google Assistant icon. The main content area contains the instruction "Please set or update your password below." followed by two input fields: "New Password" and "Verify New Password". Below these fields is a note: "Please note that you cannot reuse old passwords. Passwords must be at least 8 characters long and must contain at least one letter and one number." At the bottom of the form is a blue "Continue" button. A footer bar at the very bottom of the page contains the text "© 2022-2023 Houston Independent School District".

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HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS. ONE APPLICATION.

Select Language ▼

Please set or update your password below.

New Password

Verify New Password

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Continue

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- + Complete Family Profile to continue with your parent's information

Family Profile

Use this page to share your family information. You can update this Family Profile whenever information changes.

First Name <input type="text"/>	Last Name <input type="text"/>	Primary Phone Number <input type="text"/>
Are you a guardian of a current student? <input type="text" value="--None--"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am experiencing homelessness 	
Address <input type="text"/>	Apt # <input type="text"/>	
City <input type="text"/>	State <input type="text" value="TX"/>	Zip Code <input type="text"/>

Do any of your students have a legal guardian who is an HISD Employee?

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+ Now "Add Student"

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HISD School Choice
HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS. ONE APPLICATION.

HOME UPDATE FAMILY PROFILE NEXT STEPS LOGOUT

Select Language

Welcome to School Choice. Thank you for choosing HISD!

To apply to an HISD School Choice program for 2023-2024 school year, please click on the "take action" button for your student below.
If you have students new to HISD or who attend HISD and are not listed below, click the "Add Student" button.
You can update your Family Profile with address and contact information at any time by clicking the link above.

My Students Add Student

To add your student(s) to your account, please click the "Add Student" button.

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+ Fill in student information

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HOME UPDATE FAMILY PROFILE NEXT STEPS LOGOUT

Select Language

Add an Existing Student

Complete the following information if your student currently attends a school within HISD. You will need your student's ID number.

You can find your student's Student ID number by logging into HISD Connect Parent Portal, on your student's report card, or by contacting your student's current campus for assistance. If your student is not currently attending a school in HISD, please return to the previous page and click "Add New Student".

Student First Name	<input type="text"/>	Student Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Student Date of Birth	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	Student Gender	<input type="text" value="--None--"/>
		Student Id	<input type="text"/>

Back Submit

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+ "Add an Existing Student"

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HOME UPDATE FAMILY PROFILE NEXT STEPS LOGOUT

Select Language

Add A Student

If your student is new to HISD and is not currently enrolled in an HISD school, click "Add a New Student".

If your student is currently attending a school in HISD, click "Add an Existing Student". You will need your student's ID number. You can find your student's Student ID number by logging into HISD Connect Parent Portal, on your student's report card, or by contacting your student's current campus for assistance.

Add a New Student

Add an Existing Student

Back

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- + Click "Take Action", verify your student's information and apply for 2023-2024 year

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My Students

Take Action
2023-2024 Applications PK-12 Phase 1 ✗ Not Started
Current School Sugar Grove Academy

Add Student

Take Action

Verify or edit the applicant's grade & date of birth information below and then select the application you are attempting to start or edit. If your student is a current HISD student and the grade level information is not correct, please contact your child's current school. If you wish to apply for a School Choice program for the 2023-2024 school year, select "I want to apply for the 2023-2024 school year" below.

Student Name:
Student Date of Birth:
Student Current Grade:
Student Future Grade:

I want to apply for a seat for the current school year.
 I want to apply for the 2023-2024 school year

Back Continue

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- + All notifications regarding school acceptance will be emailed.
Please select "My phone can receive texts"

Progress 0%

Contact Information for

This information for Ana will be used to notify you regarding this individual application.

If you would like to update your preferred method of contact for this application at a later time, you may log back into this portal, edit this student's application, change Method(s) of Contact, and click continue to save any changes. Applications are editable up until the date the application window closes.

Email

Cell Phone Number

Method(s) of Contact

My phone can receive texts ⓘ

Add Contact Information for an additional guardian?

I am experiencing homelessness ⓘ

Street#/ Street Name

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Progress 10%

Additional Student Information

If your student is new to HISD, please complete the information below. The information asked is only used to ensure accurate eligibility for School Choice programs. If your student is a current HISD student and the information is incorrect, please contact your student's campus of enrollment.

If the student is a current student and the information below is incorrect, please contact SchoolChoice@houstonisd.org or call 713-556-6734.

Student Demographic Information

Student Ethnicity

Student Race

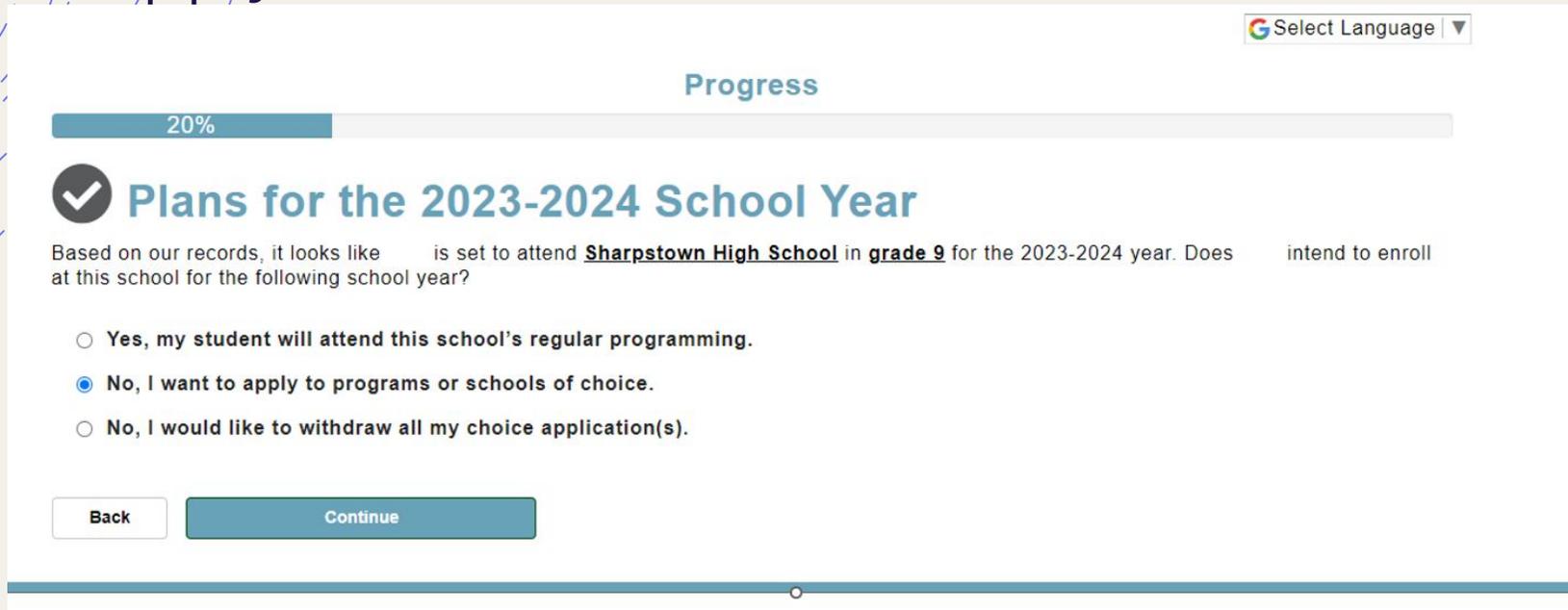
Student has an IEP or IFSP

Student has 504 Plan

Transportation: HISD will provide school bus transportation to campus if you are accepted.

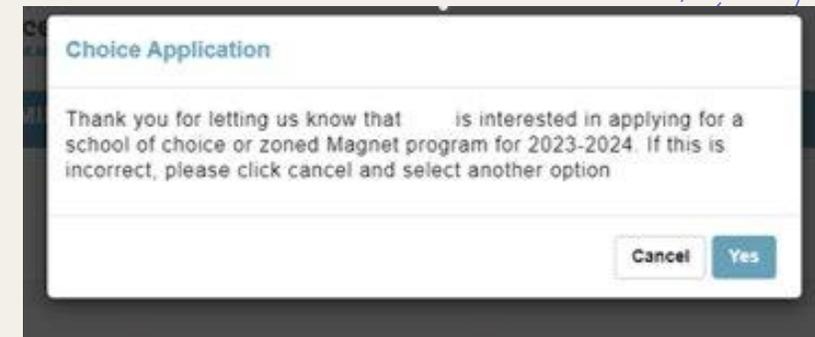
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+ To apply for a magnet program, select the second option "No, I want to apply...."



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Progress" with a 20% completion bar. The main heading is "Plans for the 2023-2024 School Year" with a checkmark icon. Below the heading, there is a question: "Based on our records, it looks like [redacted] is set to attend **Sharpstown High School** in **grade 9** for the 2023-2024 year. Does [redacted] intend to enroll at this school for the following school year?" There are three radio button options: "Yes, my student will attend this school's regular programming.", "No, I want to apply to programs or schools of choice." (which is selected), and "No, I would like to withdraw all my choice application(s)". At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Continue" buttons.

+ This is the next image



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Choice Application". The text inside reads: "Thank you for letting us know that [redacted] is interested in applying for a school of choice or zoned Magnet program for 2023-2024. If this is incorrect, please click cancel and select another option". At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Yes" buttons.

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+ Select up to 10 schools that interest your student

+ Selected school will move into grey box

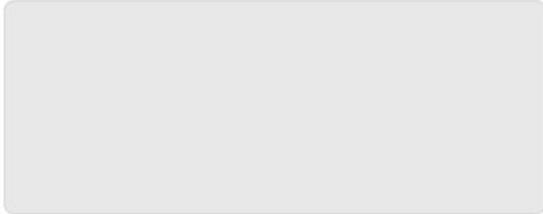
Select Your School(s)

On this page, you will select the schools that your student is interested in attending.

Enrollment Application

- Below are all the schools and programs that is eligible to apply to.
- Using the list below, please select up to 10 programs would like to attend for the 2023-2024 school year.
- If your child is planning to attend his/her zoned campus, you do not need to submit an application.
- Please visit www.houstonisd.org/enroll for next steps.

Schools Selected



Search by School Name

Select	School Name	Info	Grades	Program Type	Dist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharpstown International: International Studies	i	9-12	Language Magnet	0.39 mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energized for STEM Academy HS	i		General Education	1.85 mi

My School Information

Zone School: **Sharpstown High School**

My Current School: **Sugar Grove Academy**

If an in-district student does not receive a seat at any of the schools selected, they are still eligible to attend their previously enrolled or zone campus depending on the student's grade level.

40%

Select Your School(s)

On this page, you will select the schools that your student is interested in attending.

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- Below are all the schools and programs that is eligible to apply to.
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- If your child is planning to attend his/her zoned campus, you do not need to submit an application.
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Schools Selected

- Challenge Early College HS: Early College
- Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)

Search by School Name

Select	School Name	Info	Grades	Program Type	Dist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharpstown International: International Studies	i	9-12	Language Magnet	0.39 mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energized for STEM Academy HS	i		General Education	1.85 mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Academy: P-TECH	i	9-12	Medical Careers Magnet	2.49 mi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Academy: Pharmacy Technology	i	9-12	Medical Careers Magnet	2.49 mi

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+ List schools in the order of most interest

+ If a sibling attends school of interest please identify special priority

This screenshot shows the 'Rank Your Selections' page. At the top right, there is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu. Below it is a progress bar labeled 'Progress' which is 60% complete. The main heading is 'Rank Your Selections' with a sub-heading 'Please rank your selected schools/programs in order of preference. (Rank 1 being the highest preference)'. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Please Select Your Number 1 Ranked School' with two radio button options: 'Challenge Early College HS: Early College' and 'Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) - Creative Writing'. Below these options is a text input field labeled 'Current Ranking Order:' and a 'Back' button. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2022-2023 Houston Independent School District'.

This screenshot shows the 'Special Priorities' page. At the top right, there is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu. Below it is a progress bar labeled 'Progress' which is 80% complete. The main heading is 'Special Priorities' with a sub-heading 'Many HISD schools grant applicants a different priority for students who have siblings attending to the same school. For each program selected, please indicate if your student has this priority.' There are two sections, each with a radio button option: 'Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)' and 'Challenge Early College HS'. Both sections have the option 'My student has a sibling attending the same school.' Below these sections are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2022-2023 Houston Independent School District'.

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+ Confirm all contact information

Progress
100%

Application Summary for

Print

Student & Parent/Guardian Information

Student Name	
Email	
Cell Phone Number	
Method(s) of Contact	
My phone can receive texts	
Add Second Contact	
Secondary Contact Email	
Secondary Contact Phone	
Secondary Contact Confirm	
I am experiencing homelessness	
Street#/ Street Name	
Apartment #	
City	

+ If you have next steps, a golden banner will appear.
You must complete next steps to complete your application.

HOME UPDATE FAMILY PROFILE NEXT STEPS LOGOUT

Success:
Thank you for submitting an application! An email confirmation will be sent to you with further information.

You are not finished. Please complete the applicable next steps for your child(ren) on the [Next Steps](#) tab.

Select Language

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My Students Add Student

Take Action Next Steps

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Select Language | ▼

Next Steps

Please complete all of the next steps for your student(s) listed below. Once the required next steps are complete for a given student and program, you will see the "Wait for Results" message along with the release date for your student's results.

For Gifted and Talented Testing and Parent Recommendations, a student only needs to schedule one testing appointment and submit one Parent Recommendation. The appointment and recommendation will then be reflected on all Gifted and Talented programs selected.



2023-2024 School Year - Grade 9

Rank 1: Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) - Creative Writing

Status: Processing

Application Type: Phase 1

Next Steps

 [Schedule Appointment](#)

Rank 2: Challenge Early College HS: Early College

Status: Eligible

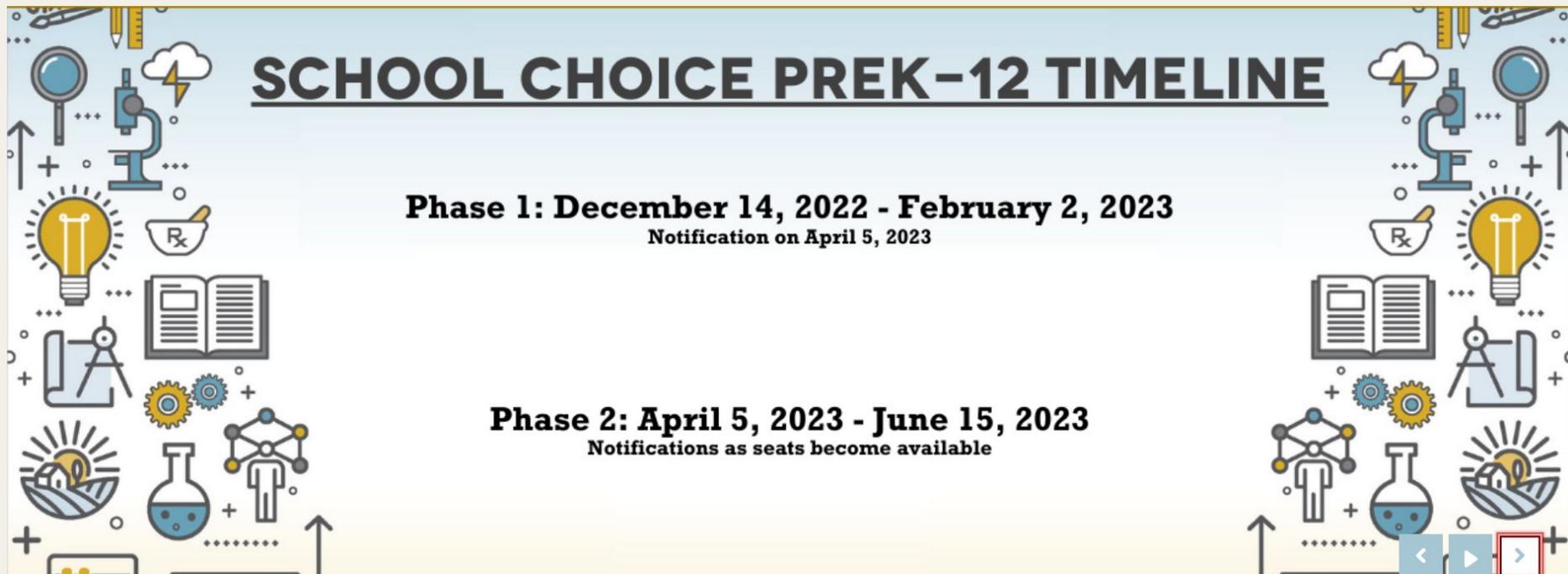
Application Type: Phase 1

Next Steps

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- + If you have any questions, feel free to call the School Choice office at 713-556-6734.
- + Acceptance will be announced on April 5, 2023.

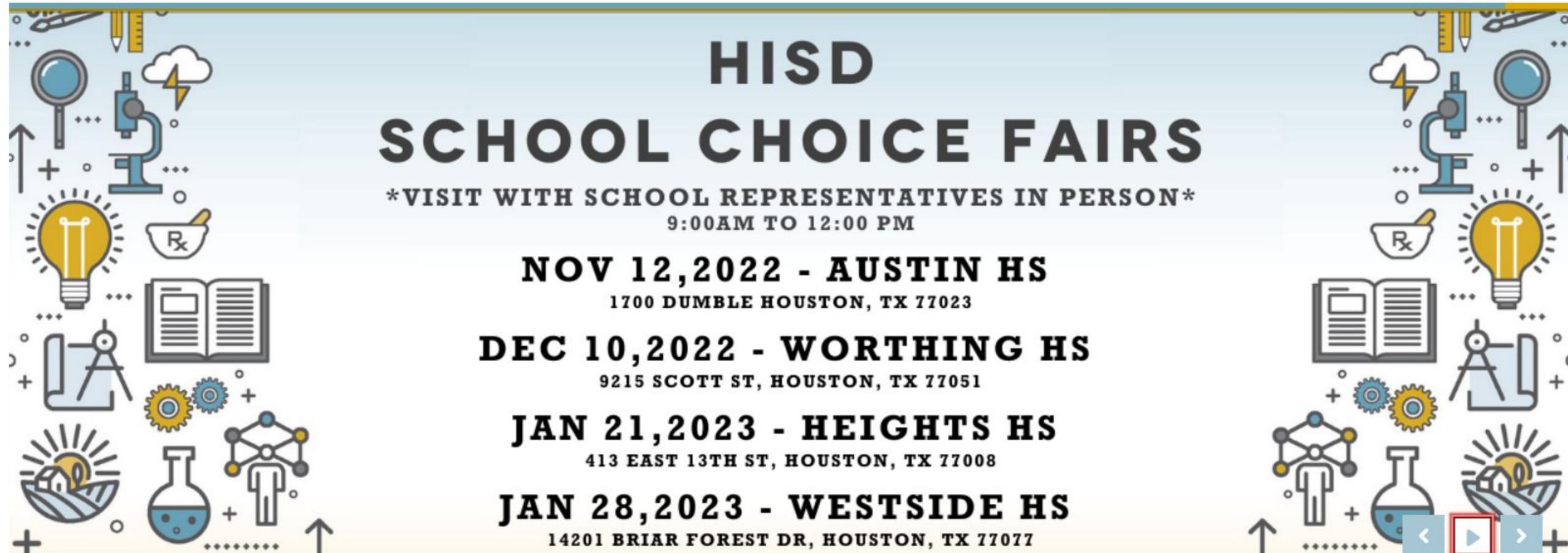


SCHOOL CHOICE PREK-12 TIMELINE

Phase 1: December 14, 2022 - February 2, 2023
Notification on April 5, 2023

Phase 2: April 5, 2023 - June 15, 2023
Notifications as seats become available

The graphic features a light blue background with a white gradient at the bottom. It is decorated with various educational icons such as a microscope, lightbulb, book, gears, and chemical flasks. A navigation bar at the bottom right includes arrows and a red square icon.



HISD SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS

VISIT WITH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES IN PERSON
9:00AM TO 12:00 PM

NOV 12, 2022 - AUSTIN HS

1700 DUMBLE HOUSTON, TX 77023

DEC 10, 2022 - WORTHING HS

9215 SCOTT ST, HOUSTON, TX 77051

JAN 21, 2023 - HEIGHTS HS

413 EAST 13TH ST, HOUSTON, TX 77008

JAN 28, 2023 - WESTSIDE HS

14201 BRIAR FOREST DR, HOUSTON, TX 77077

School Choice - School Tours

MAGNET THURSDAY TOURS

All magnet campuses will offer face-to-face tours on the following days:

November 17, 2022

December 1, 2022

December 8, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 12, 2023

January 19, 2023

January 26, 2023

Elementary and K-8 campuses will offer tours at 9:00 AM

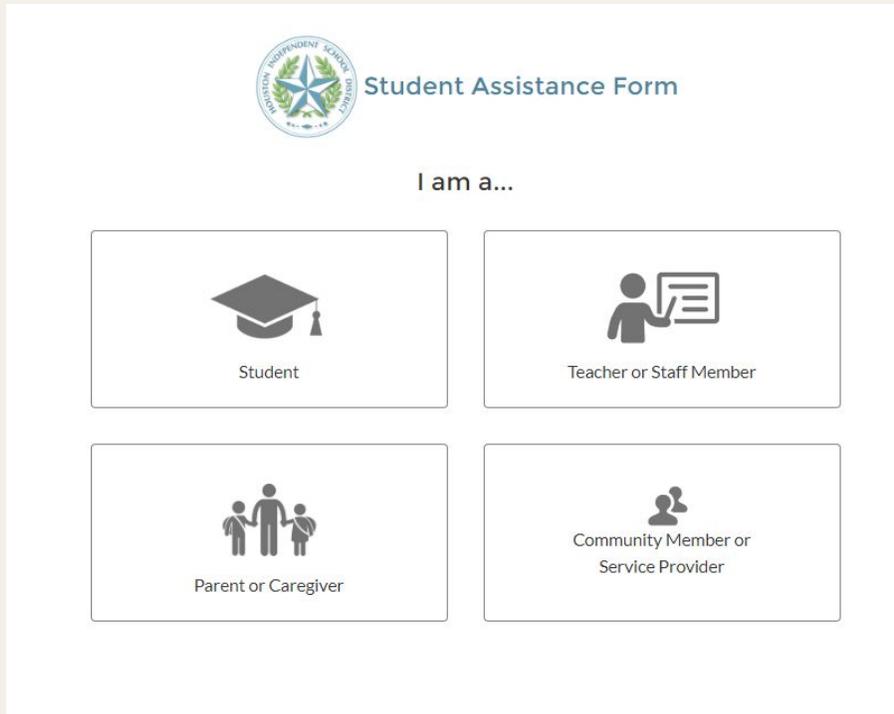
Secondary campuses will offer tours at 1:00 PM

+ To schedule tours call the campuses you are interested in visiting directly.

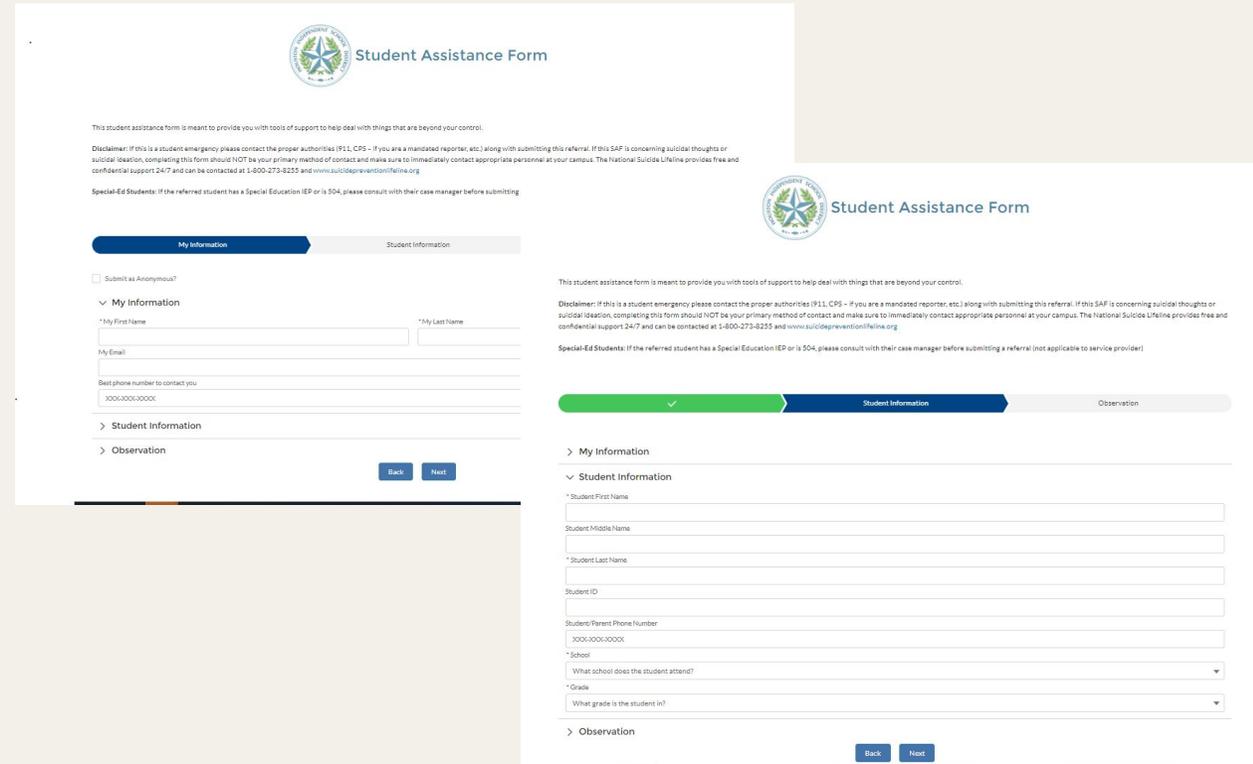
Need assistance? Submit a SAF!

+ Go to houstonisdsaf.com

+ Provide contact information on the next slides



The screenshot shows the landing page of the Student Assistance Form. At the top left is the Houston Independent School District logo. The title 'Student Assistance Form' is centered. Below the title is the text 'I am a...'. There are four large rectangular buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid, each with an icon and a label: 'Student' (graduation cap icon), 'Teacher or Staff Member' (person at a board icon), 'Parent or Caregiver' (family icon), and 'Community Member or Service Provider' (two people icon).



The top screenshot shows the 'My Information' section of the form. It includes a 'Submit as Anonymous?' checkbox, a 'My Information' dropdown menu, and input fields for 'My First Name', 'My Last Name', 'My Email', and 'Best phone number to contact you'. There are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons at the bottom.

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Student Information' section. It includes a 'Student Information' dropdown menu and input fields for 'Student First Name', 'Student Middle Name', 'Student Last Name', 'Student ID', 'Student/Parent Phone Number', 'School', 'What school does the student attend?', 'Grade', and 'What grade is the student in?'. There are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons at the bottom.

Submitting SAF cont...

- + Select "Academic Need"
- + For details, write in "School Choice"

The screenshot shows a web form for submitting a Student Assistance Form (SAF). At the top, there is a progress bar with three segments: the first two are green with checkmarks, and the third is blue and labeled 'Observation'. Below the progress bar, there are three expandable sections: 'My Information', 'Student Information', and 'Observation'. The 'Observation' section is expanded and contains the following content:

*** This SAF is for a**

- Basic Need (food, housing, clothing, transportation)
- Emotional and/or Mental Health Need (sadness, stress, grief, anxiety)
- Academic Need (grades, schedules, STAAR, college)
- Other (school supplies, attendance, services, legal support, etc)

Use the space below to provide more information about the need(s). You can use these questions to help guide you.

- What have you noticed?
- How long has it been going on?
- Is there any other relevant information that can help the staff member support your student/family with this need?

*** Details**

[A large text input field for providing details]

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Submit'.

If you have any other needs, please select all boxes that apply.
SGA Wraparound Specialist Ms. Alva can contact you!