



Over the years, we've heard from families about the importance of having a choice in selecting which high school provides the best match for their child's needs. We've also heard that applying to high school can be frustrating and confusing. So this year, Chicago Public Schools has completely revamped its high school application process for students that will be freshman in the 2018-19 school year with the launch of [GoCPS](https://go.cps.edu), a new website where students and families will be able to:

- Review school and program options in one place
- Rank these school and program choices based on their preferences
- Be matched with your highest possible choice for high school with available seats

The new application process will feature five key phases, the first of which, "Subscribe," launched this week.

1. **Subscribe (May – June 2017):** Sign up to receive important updates and announcements
2. **Research (June – July 2017):** Conduct detailed research to find the best school for your child
3. **Activate (August – September 2017):** Create an account and access your student's eligibility
4. **Apply (October – December 2017):** Complete applications with one system and one deadline
5. **Match (January – June 2018):** Get matched and receive high school offers

Each month, CPS is planning to open access to the new features listed in the dates above. This will lead up to August 2017, when families will be able to begin using the application functions of the site and October 2017 when high school applications will become available.

But before then, there's still a lot to do, so current seventh grade families are encouraged to visit [Go.CPS.edu](https://go.cps.edu) as soon as possible to start reading about the new application process and to subscribe to the GoCPS mailing list. This will allow them to receive important instructions, announcements and advance notifications that are critical to completing the application process.

With GoCPS, Chicago Public Schools wants to empower all students to attend the school with the best environment, programs and activities for them while creating an application process that is more equitable, transparent and simple for everyone. Stay tuned for more updates to come.



For our 7th grade families, high school application season for school year 2018-19 is quickly approaching. There are a lot of things to prepare before then, but the most important among them is to complete the first step in the application process by visiting [Go.CPS.edu](https://go.cps.edu) and subscribing to the mailing list today.

By completing this important first step, you will:

- Receive instructions and announcements that are critical to completing your application.
- Get reminders about key application milestones like account activation and high school program eligibility access.
- Be among the first to know when new application system features are released to the public.
- Get alerts about recruitment and open house event dates.

Our entire high school application process has been updated to make things simpler for you. So visit [GoCPS](https://go.cps.edu) to [subscribe](#) and start exploring CPS high schools today.

If you have additional questions, please contact Chicago Public Schools at:

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