Online Magnet Application Process

Round 1: October – December*

Parent or guardian (district residents only) submits online application, selecting up to five magnet schools in order of choice.

December*

Applications processed.

Computer-generated random number assigned to each online application.

Seats assigned until spaces fill up, starting with lowest numbers.

Waiting lists created as spaces fill up.

Applicants to magnet programs with entrance requirements also placed on waiting lists (pending confirmation that requirements are met).

January*

Parents notified by mail of student’s magnet school placement (accepted or on waiting list).

Round 2: January – February*
Round 3: March – April*

Parent or guardian (district residents only) submits an online application, selecting up to five magnet schools in order of preference. Round 2 and 3 are for new applications only (not submitted in Round 1).

Applications are processed after each round ends.

Computer-generated random number assigned to each online application.

Computer checks for school space to determine if seats have opened within magnet schools.

Students placed in open seats based on random assigned number and parental preferences.

Parents notified by mail of student’s magnet school placement (accepted or on waiting list).

If seats in higher-choice magnet schools have opened, parents are notified by mail of changes to a student’s magnet school placement.

* Months are subject to change per calendar school year. Visit cps-k12.org/enroll/application-calendar for the official dates.