
CHISD CHOICE PROGRAMS

**CHOOSE
YOUR
SEAT**



CEDAR HILL ISD

Choice Programs Guide

2022-2023



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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Cedar Hill ISD Families,

Cedar Hill Independent School District has many options and pathways to serve scholars' academic interests. We are proud to share the Choose Your Seat Program handbook, so that our scholars and their families can choose the program that best fits them.

We have the academically accelerated Collegiate Pathway, which starts in Pre-K at Collegiate Prep Elementary and goes through middle school (Collegiate Academy) and graduation (College High School).

Collegiate scholars attend Dallas College-Cedar Valley during their final two years of high school and earn their diploma and Associate's Degree at the same time!

The Early College Academy (ECA) Program at Cedar Hill High School (CHHS) offers the same path to an Associate's Degree, but scholars will take their college level courses at CHHS.

Bray Elementary has a Fine Arts Program where scholars experience a more in-depth curriculum in Music, Art and more.

Lake Ridge Elementary has the district's only Montessori Program, which runs through fifth grade. In the Montessori program, scholars gain independence through a self-paced curriculum.

We hope you take advantage of these wonderful programs that were initiated to instill academic excellence for our scholars. The deadline to apply for the 2023-24 school year is January 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

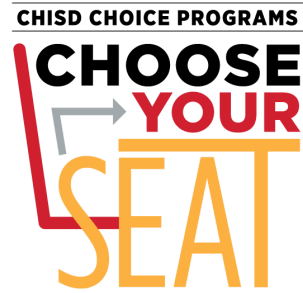


Dr. Gerald B. Hudson, Superintendent
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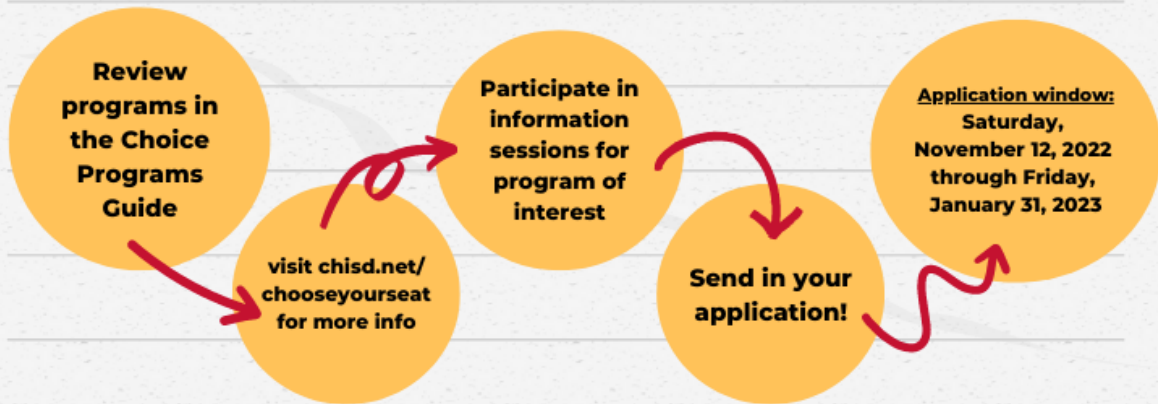
EXPLORATION

CHOICES TO FIT THE EDUCATION TO YOUR CHILD



Cedar Hill ISD (CHISD) is proud to provide various innovative educational options for families through its Choice Programs. We know that one size does not fit all. STEM, arts and culture, and real-world career experiences - our Choice Programs provide options to help align your child’s education to their interests and the ways they learn best. Choice Programs are uniquely themed concepts implemented at select schools throughout the school district. These programs are tailored to meet the diverse needs of scholars while challenging them to grow personally and excel academically. All scholars have an opportunity to participate in a Choice Program based on seat availability. We encourage you to exercise your power of choice with CHISD by exploring all of the programs available to scholars and selecting the program that best matches your child’s interests and future goals. Requirements involving uniform policy are stated in the district’s [dress code](#) policy.

INTERESTED IN CHISD CHOICE PROGRAMS?



APPLICATION

1. Visit <https://choice.net/chooseyourseat> to access the Schoolmint application portal.
2. If you have previously applied for CHISD Choice programs through Schoolmint, login to your account. If you have not previously applied for CHISD Choice programs through Schoolmint, create a parent account on the Login Dashboard.
3. You may submit multiple applications for multiple family members under your account.
4. You may submit an application for more than one Choice Program, but will only be able to accept a seat at one school.
5. You will receive emails from Schoolmint to notify you of the status of your application, but you can also opt for text messages as well. Please use an email that you frequently use and ensure that you check your spam mail for updates. Read those emails carefully as additional information may be required.
6. Access to your Schoolmint Application on February 3, 2023, for notification of application status.

SCHOLAR ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

CURRENT SCHOLARS

Scholars currently enrolled in a Choice Program will remain assigned to that program unless they no longer wish to remain in the program or if they are not invited to return due to “good standing” requirements.

Parents who no longer wish for their child to remain in the program of Choice must indicate their intent by logging on to their Schoolmint Account and completing the intent to return form or withdrawing their scholar from the program.

“GOOD STANDING”

All Choice Program scholars are required to meet certain academic and behavior standards in order to remain in “good standing” with CHISD Choice Programs. Failure to meet these criteria may result in probationary status. Students will be evaluated prior to winter break and again at the end of the school year to determine eligibility for re-enrollment into the program for the upcoming school year. If a student successfully completes all components of the individual support plan and achieves “good standing”, they will be invited to re-enroll for the upcoming school year.

REQUIRED DISTRICT ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Upon accepting your child’s seat assignment, the final step in the choice process is to complete the enrollment process at the district level at chisd.net/enrollment. You will be contacted by the district when the enrollment period opens. If you have questions regarding the status of your enrollment application, contact the Enrollment Office at registrationhelp@chisd.net. If you have questions regarding the status of your child’s choice application or placement, please log on to your Schoolmint account or contact the Innovation Department at choice@chisd.net.

No student or employee in CHISD District shall, on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, marital status, or handicapping condition be denied the benefits of, or be student to discrimination under, any education program or activity.

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APPLICATION PERIOD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023

DATE	EVENT	EVENT SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 12, 2022	Applications Open	Applications are available online through the district website- www.chisd.net/chooseyourseat
December 1, 2022 - December 15, 2022	Intent to Return	Must complete through your Schoolmint account www.chisd.net/chooseyourseat
January 9-13, 2023	Academic and Behavioral Standing Notifications	Principal notifications sent
December (1 meeting) - January (2 meetings)	<u>Interest Meetings</u> PreK and Elementary Programs Middle Schools Programs High Schools Programs	On-site interest meetings for the program of choice.
January 31, 2023	Interview/Observation Deadline	Select choice program: Montessori @ Lake Ridge
January 31, 2023	Application Deadline	Applications Due
February 3, 2023	Lottery Notification	District notifies parents of acceptance
February 10, 2023	Acceptance Confirmation	Parent/Scholar acceptance dates
February 20-24, 2023	Information Meeting	Mandatory Accepted Parent/Scholar Meeting Meeting dates and locations will be listed at chisd.net/chooseyourseat
Prior to April 11, 2023	Academic and Behavioral Standing Notifications	Campus notification of scholars in probationary standing
TBD	District Enrollment Opens	Mandatory CHISD enrollment in Skyward required for full admission

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHOICE PROGRAMS

WHY PRE-KINDERGARTEN?

Enrolling your scholar in early childhood education is one of the best decisions you can make! Ninety percent of the brain is developed by the age of five. Cedar Hill ISD PreK and kindergarten focus on readiness skills in all academic areas as well as the important social, emotional, and problem-solving skills they will need for success in school.

CHISD PreK programs include:

- State-of-the-Art classrooms
- Technology-rich classrooms
- Social Emotional Learning
- Library Services
- Parent classes and parent education classes
- Certified nurses and counselors
- Rigorous curriculum focused on kindergarten readiness skills and the PK guidelines
- Hands-on lessons in STEM, literacy and more!

CHOICE PRE-K PROGRAMS



Fine Arts @ Bray Elementary
Montessori @ Lake Ridge Elementary
AVID @ Collegiate Prep Elementary


HOW TO APPLY

Tuition Based Prek & Kinder Choice Program Application -


Three CHISD elementary campuses offer tuition-based prekindergarten and kindergarten programs. Pre-K 4 tuition costs \$450 per month (\$225 for current CHISD employees) or free for those who qualify. Between November and January, families have an opportunity to apply to one of the three tuition-based prek or kindergarten choice programs.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS


SCHOOL	THEME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
 <p>BRAY ELEMENTARY Grade Levels: PreK4 - 5th grade</p> <p>Principal: Dr. Amanda McCarther</p> <p>218 N. Broad St. Cedar Hill, TX 75104 972-291-4231</p> <p>Helpful Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Website • Transportation • Student meals • FAQs 	<p>Fine Arts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops their passion for art, music, and dance • Receive rigorous academic instruction in vocal motion, honors choice, orchestra, band/percussion, piano and visual arts • Flourish is a small school setting. <p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lottery system is used for scholars applying to the program. <p>Is this the right fit for your scholar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child is creative and self-disciplined. • Your child enjoys showcasing his or her talents. • Your child has an interest in art-infused classes that incorporate self-control, discipline, focus, and tolerance.
 <p>COLLEGIATE PREPARATORY ELEMENTARY Grade Levels: PreK4 - 5th grade</p> <p>Principal: Dr. Xavier Lewis</p> <p>975 Pickard Drive Cedar Hill, TS 75104 972-293-4502</p> <p>Helpful Links:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn at an accelerated pace and build their leadership skills through programs such as Gifted and Talented, classroom ambassadors and AVID. • AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is implemented at every grade level. Scholars acquire academic traits that prepare them for success in later grades, including organization, study skills, and communication. • This program is part of the district's Collegiate Pathway (Collegiate Prep, Collegiate Academy Middle School and Collegiate High School) graduate with an associate degree.

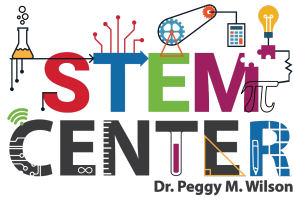
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Website • Transportation • Student meals • FAQs 		<p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance for grades 2nd-5th is based on MAP assessment and grades from the previous year. <p>Is this the right fit for your scholar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child seeks an enriching course of study. • Your child learns at an accelerated pace. • Your child naturally strives for excellence and high achievement.
 <p>LAKE RIDGE ELEMENTARY Grade Levels: PreK3 - 5th grade</p> <p>Principal: Dr. Emily Washington</p> <p>1020 Lake Ridge Parkway Cedar Hill, TX 75104 972-293-4501</p> <p>Helpful Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Website • Transportation • Student meals • FAQs 	<p>Montessori</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-age classrooms encourage learning based on a child’s natural development. • Scholars learn at their own pace by choosing their own path with materials and experiences. • Scholars learn in a family-oriented, community-based environment with a caring staff. <p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families must provide the required documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Birth certificate ○ Early Childhood/Primary Program Recommendation Form • Parents must attend one (1) scheduled parent informational session. • Parents/scholars must complete a mandatory interview with school faculty.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL	THEME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
 <p>COLLEGIATE ACADEMY Grade Levels: 6th - 8th grades</p> <p>Principal: John Edmun</p> <p>1515 W. Beltline Rd. Cedar Hill, TX 75104 469-272-2021</p> <p>Helpful Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Website • Transportation • Student meals • FAQs 	<p>Magnet</p> <p>Associate Principal: Dr. Coletha Johnson</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80%+ GPA • 70%+ NWEA • Most recent report card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect to take courses at an accelerated pace • Under a Magnet program model. You can learn more about the change here. • AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is implemented at every grade level. Scholars acquire academic traits that prepare them for success in later grades, including organization, study skills, and communication. • This program is part of the district's Collegiate Pathway (Collegiate Prep, Collegiate Academy Middle School, and Collegiate High School) graduate with an associate degree. <p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If more than 125 scholars apply and qualify all scholars who are eligible will be randomly assigned a number. The first 125 scholars will be the Class of 2022 cohort and the remaining scholars will be placed on the waitlist. • For Collegiate Academy, all scholars will move to the next grade level if they meet the basic requirements of attendance, discipline, and grades. • All new scholars must meet the Magnet Criteria to be placed on the waitlist before admission to the program. <p>Is this the right fit for your scholar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child seeks an enriching course of study that enables him or her to combine high school and college courses in order to earn an associate degree in high school <p>Your child naturally strives for excellence and high achievement.</p>

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL	THEME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
 <p>CEDAR HILL COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Grade Levels: 9th - 12th grades</p> <p>Principal: John Edmun</p> <p>1515 W. Beltline Rd. Cedar Hill, TX 75104 469-272-2021</p> <p>Helpful Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Website • Transportation • Student meals • FAQs 	<p>Magnet</p> <p>Assistant Principal: Wyndii Dunn</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80%+ GPA • 70%+ NWEA • Most recent report card <p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All scholars will move to the next grade level if they meet the basic requirements of attendance, discipline, and grades. • New scholars must meet acceptance criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on accelerated instruction with pre-advanced placement, advanced placement and dual credit-courses to prepare for post-secondary education • Beginning in ninth grade, scholars can earn up to 60 hours of college credit or an associates degree from Dallas College. For their 11th and 12th grade years, scholars attend classes at Cedar Valley college full-time and are immersed in the college experience. • Under a Magnet program model. You can learn more about the change here. • AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is implemented at every grade level. Scholars acquire academic traits that prepare them for success in later grades, including organization, study skills, and communication. • This program is part of the district's Collegiate Pathway (Collegiate Prep, Collegiate Academy Middle School and Collegiate High School) graduate with an associate degree. <p>Associates Degree Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates of Arts Degree AA - Graduate with up to 60+ college credit hours and an associate of arts degree that may be transferable to any public university in the State of Texas <p>Is this the right fit for your scholar?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child seeks an enriching course of study that enables him or her to combine high school and college courses in order to earn an associate degree in high school • Your child naturally strives for excellence and high achievement.



**PEGGY M. WILSON
STEM CENTER**

Principal: John Edmun
and Tyshayla Whittaker

Collegiate High School
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*AM and PM shuttle
transportation provided
to and from “home”
campus (Cedar Hill High
School)

**Career and Technical
Programs of Study**

- Bio-Medical
Science
- Education &
Training
- Engineering
- Information
Technology

- Promotes high school graduation and a post-secondary industry-based certification
- Provides a career pathway focus and opportunities to earn college credit
- Offers work-based learning opportunities and College/career readiness skills
- Bio-Medical Science -
 - Scholars use the same tools used in hospitals to explore physical therapy, veterinary science blood transfusions and more
- Education and Training
 - Encourages a passion for helping others
 - Exploring the careers of teacher, principal, curriculum specialist, or superintendent
 - Study human growth and development with hands-on experience
- Engineering (STEM)
 - Vast careers for future problem solvers and critical thinkers
 - Pathway for continuing education after graduation



**CEDAR HILL HIGH
SCHOOL**

Grade Levels: 9th - 12th
grades

Principal: Tyshayla
Whittaker

**Early College
Academy**

Associate Principal:
Dr. Trevena Nelson

Benchmarks for
acceptance criteria:

- Benchmark 1--
Target
Population
- Benchmark 2--
Partnership
Agreement
- Benchmark 3--
Campus/IHE
Meetings

- Earn an associate's degree
- Offers the advantages of a comprehensive high school
- Specifically targets and serves scholars who might not otherwise attend college. The TEA Early College High School Blueprint—which guides the designation process—includes six benchmarks.
- Benchmark includes a set of design elements, activities, and products. More information on the ECHS Blueprint can be found on the relevant pages of the TEA website.

<p>1 Longhorn Blvd. Cedar Hill, TX 75104 469-272-2000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Benchmark 4-- Curriculum and Support</u>• <u>Benchmark 5-- Academic Rigor and Readiness</u>• <u>Benchmark 6-- School Design</u>	
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