

# 2024-25 PreK-12 School Selection Guide

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# STEPS TO CHOOSING A SCHOOL



### Consider

Consider schools that have services you need and if bus transportation is available from your home or daycare address. Review how community and magnet programs continue from elementary to middle to high schools.



### Review

Visit spps.org/apply and enter your home address in the School Finder to confirm your Area and Community School Zone, then review your school choice options.



### Visit

An open house or school tour is a perfect opportunity to learn more about schools that interest you. Go to spps.org/openhouses for dates and times of each school's winter open house.



### **Prioritize**

List up to two schools on your application. Your school choices are considered in the order you list them. Students who are not accepted at their first choice school will be placed on the school's waiting list. Please note that due to several factors, students may not be accepted at either of their school choices.

### **Apply**

Apply online at spps.org/apply, complete and mail the application in this guide or visit the Student Placement Center at 2102 University Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55114. Applications must be received or postmarked by February 9, 2024, for priority consideration. Families who apply by the priority application deadline will be notified of acceptance, or placement on a waiting list, in March.

### Who Should Apply?

### An application is required if:

- · Your child is currently enrolled in SPPS and requests a different school
- · Your child is new to Saint Paul Public Schools

### Applications are typically not required for students who are:

- · Continuing at their current school or magnet program to the next grade level
- Currently enrolled residents of St. Paul who are entering kindergarten, grade 6 or 9, and are following their school's enrollment pathway. To view school enrollment pathways, review the school charts later in this guide.

# SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION



See the map on page 8 or go to School Finder at spps.org/apply to see which schools serve your Area. Please note that community schools, regional magnet schools and district magnet schools have different Areas for transportation.

### **Transportation Guidelines**

Transportation may be available for students who live in St. Paul. Eligible students are assigned to a bus stop based on their home or daycare address.

**Grades PreK-5:** School bus transportation is available for students who live more than one-half mile from the school. This includes PreK-5th grade students who attend PreK-8 schools.

Grades 6-12: School bus or Metro Transit transportation is available for students who live more than one mile from the school. This includes 6-8th grade students who attend 6-12 and PreK-8 schools.

Special Education: An Individualized Education Program (IEP) must identify each student's transportation needs. Parents can talk with their child's IEP team for additional information about transportation. The student's IEP team will determine the student's individualized need for special education transportation for the provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Specialized transportation will be decided on a case-by-case basis and the District will provide out-ofarea transportation to a student receiving special education services when it is necessary for that student to receive a FAPE. If a student's IEP team determines transportation outside of the assigned Area is not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE, and a FAPE is available to the student within their assigned Area, the District will apply its general transportation guidelines and provide transportation only to schools within the student's assigned Area. If a parent chooses to enroll their student in a school outside the student's assigned Area, despite the availability of FAPE in the student's assigned Area, the District will not provide transportation to that school, unless the IEP team determines that out-of-area transportation is necessary for FAPE.

Please note: If you apply to a school outside your Area, Community School Zone or designated magnet Area, you will need to sign a transportation waiver acknowledging that bus transportation is not available and that you will transport your child to and from school (unless your student qualifies for out-of-area transportation in their IEP). Call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760 for more information.



### **Metro Transit**

Students in grades 9-12 at Creative Arts Secondary, Gateway to College, Gordon Parks High School and Johnson High School use Metro Transit instead of school buses to get to and from school.

Students receive their free Metro Transit Student Pass the first week of school. The Student Pass is a prepaid card that gives students unlimited rides on city buses and light rail to get to and from school. Students can also use the pass to get to jobs, after-school activities and on weekends. Visit spps.org/metrotransit or call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 (option 2) for more information on routes and schedules.



### **Download the Bus Status App**

The Bus Status app provides up-to-date bus information for SPPS families and students. Download the new Bus Status app for free at the Apple App Store or via Google Play.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

### **Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)**

Saint Paul Public Schools offers full-day Pre-K programs at most of our elementary schools and early childhood hubs. Children who are 4 years old by September 1, 2024, and live in St. Paul are eligible for Pre-K.

Children are accepted into the Pre-K program based on available space. Priority admission is based on whether students are English Learners; are eligible for certain educational benefits; or receive Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services. For more information, visit **spps.org/prek** or call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

SPPS is continuing to partner with Head Start to offer additional Pre-K seats at identified sites. Students/families eligible for Head Start are encouraged to contact the Student Placement Center for more information.

### **Nature Discovery Pre-Kindergarten**

Nature Discovery Pre-Kindergarten offers half-day, fee-based Pre-K classes with extended day and after-school childcare options through Discovery Club. The program is located at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Fee assistance is available for qualifying families. Licensed teachers provide a curriculum that focuses on learning in a nature-based setting as well as bringing nature into the classroom. Nature Discovery Pre-K is open to children that turn 4 years old by September 1, 2024. Find more information and register for the program at spps.org/natureprek.

### **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)**

Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education offers parent and early childhood education from birth to kindergarten. Classes take place at seven locations throughout St. Paul. All classes have three components: parent and child together time, parent time, and child time. For more information, visit **spps.org/ecfe** or call 651-793-5410.

### **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**

The Birth to Three Early Intervention program provides year-round services at no cost to families. An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed based on parent priorities for their child's development. Services occur within the natural routines of the home, at Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) or a child care center. For information, visit **spps.org/ecse** or call 651-744-5661.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services for 3- to 4-year-old children are provided in SPPS Pre-K classrooms (age 4), in SPPS ECSE classrooms, in community daycare or preschool sites, at Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Head Start or at home. For more information, visit spps.org/ecse or call 651-744-8094.

### **Early Admission to Kindergarten**

Students whose fifth birthday falls between September 2 and December 31, 2024, may apply for an early admission to kindergarten assessment through the Student Placement Center. The deadline for applications is February 9, 2024. Students recommended for early admission to kindergarten will be enrolled based on available space, and only after all other students who are eligible for kindergarten are placed. Families are also encouraged to apply for full-day Pre-Kindergarten in addition to applying for Early Admission to Kindergarten. For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

### **Early Childhood Hubs**

Early Childhood Hub East and Early Childhood Hub West are regional magnet programs that provide a variety of services at each location, including Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Pre-Kindergarten and community partnerships such as early childhood mental health.

The teachers and staff at the Early Childhood Hubs are focused on supporting children from birth to age 5 by offering a wide array of child-focused services to meet the unique needs of every child and family. The programs also offer opportunities for families to connect with other parents of young children and learn more about your child's development.

Review the school charts on page 12 and visit **spps.org/ech** for more information about the Early Childhood Hubs.

### **Early Childhood Screening**

Early Childhood Screening helps identify the health and developmental needs of young children before they enter kindergarten. The screening is required by Minnesota law for entrance into kindergarten in public schools. Screenings are free and available to children who are 3-5 years old. Priority is given to children who live in St. Paul. For more information, visit spps.org/studentwellness or call 651-632-3746.

# **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMS**

### **English Learner (EL) Programs**

Saint Paul Public Schools provides English language development and education for students whose home language is not English (approximately 30 percent of SPPS students).

- **Eligibility:** During the enrollment process, information is gathered about a student's language background. Students are assessed to determine whether they qualify for English Learner (EL) services using state-determined criteria.
- Instruction: Students who qualify will receive instruction focused on increasing a student's English language skills.
  Learning is achieved through collaborative teaching and teaching core subjects (math, science, language arts and social studies) in English. Students receive supplementary EL services to ensure that they are able to understand the core content instruction. Student progress can be measured based on the student's performance on the ACCESS 2.0\* standardized assessment.
- Exit: Every year, student progress is measured to determine English language proficiency. When students meet state academic standards, they may exit the program.

\*ACCESS 2.0 (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State) is a test to determine the progress and exit from EL services for students who currently receive EL instruction. For more information, visit **spps.org/mll** or call 651-767-8320.

### Language Academy

Children new to the U.S. who need to develop English language proficiency skills have the option to receive Language Academy services specifically designed for newcomer students at participating schools. Students in grades 1-12 receive intensive academic support from English Learner (EL) teachers who work together with general education teachers to ensure ELs are able to access core curriculum and standards while taking into account their language support needs. For more information, visit **spps.org/mll** or call 651-767-8320.

# **NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS**

Non-traditional schools are available for students who need or desire a learning environment different from traditional schools. Flexible hours, alternative teaching methods and opportunities for college credit can help students make progress toward graduation. Please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760 for more information.

	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	School Specialty
AGAPE (Adolescent Girls and Parenting Education) High School 651-744-7970   spps.org/agape	9-12	1037 University Ave. W.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	For pregnant and/or parenting teen mothers
Evening High School 651-744-1210   spps.org/ehs	12	1212 University Ave. W.	4:15- 7:15 p.m.	Credit recovery for 11th and 12th graders
Gateway to College 651-403-4222   spps.org/gateway	Ages 16-21	235 Marshall Ave.	8 a.m 3 p.m.	For 16+ students to earn their high school diploma and college credits at the same time
Gordon Parks High School 651-744-1212   spps.org/gordonparks	11-12	1212 University Ave. W.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Alternative learning program that offers flexible programming and media-infused courses
Guadalupe Alternative Programs 651-262-5801   gapschool.org	7-12	381 Robie St. E.	8 a.m 4 p.m.	Alternative learning program
<b>LEAP High School</b> 651-228-7706   spps.org/leap	Ages 14-22	740 York Ave	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	For English learners new to the United States

# **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Every child eligible for special education services will have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). An IEP team, which includes parents, focuses on helping each student develop the academic, functional and social skills they need to become as independent as possible. Saint Paul Public Schools provides the full continuum of services for students who receive special education services, including specialized programming for students who need a higher level of service.

If you have questions about your child's special education, health-related or accessibility needs, please contact the Office of Specialized Services at 651-767-8321. You may also contact the principal at your school of choice to learn more about special education services in that school.

### **Special Education Services**

All schools have special education and related services for students who spend most of their day in general education. Students with Federal Setting I and II services on their IEP have access to the following special education services in every elementary, middle and high school:

- Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- Visually Impaired (VI)
- Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD)
- · Speech and Language Services (SL)
- Other Health Disability (OHD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Physical Impairment (PI)
- Developmental Delay (Elementary) (DD)

### Related Services Include:

- · School Social Work (SSW)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- · Developmental Adaptive Physical Education (DAPE)
- · Nursing services
- · Orientation and mobility services to help students adapt to their school and community environment
- · Work experience services; transition instruction for life after school and assistance for job training opportunities (high schools only)
- Audiology

### **Specialized Programs**

Students with more significant needs in the areas of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Developmental Cognitive Disabilities (DCD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD) may require services through a specialized program for part of the school day. Specialized classrooms may include a combination of students eligible for ASD or DCD. If the Individual Education Program (IEP) plan specifies a student needs a Federal Setting III for academic and behavioral support, the child will be assigned to a school in their Area that offers these services. Specialized instruction programs based on individual intensive student needs are available in each Area. See school charts starting on page 12. Parents can work with their child's IEP team to learn more about appropriate school choices.

### **Special Education Sites**

Our dedicated special education programs provide support and services for students with needs that may not be met in traditional school settings. Students are referred to these programs through their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

	Grades	Address	Start and End Times
Bridge View School 651-293-8640   spps.org/bridgeview	K-12	350 Colborne St.	9:30 a.m4 p.m.
Focus Beyond 651-293-5997   spps.org/focusbeyond	Ages 18-21	340 Colborne St.	9:30 a.m4 p.m.
Journeys Secondary 651-744-1900   spps.org/journeys	9-12	90 S. Western Ave.	9:30 a.m4 p.m.
RiverEast Elementary and Secondary 651-744-2567   spps.org/rivereast	K-12	1055 Mackubin St.	9:30 a.m4 p.m.

# **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE** AND ACTIVITIES

### **Community Education**

Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education provides afterschool, evening, weekend and Non-school day programs for youth in grades PreK-5. Programs are offered with a sliding fee or at no cost and are held in schools across St. Paul. Programs are safe, supportive, engaging and culturally responsive, and include a wide variety of subjects such as: foreign languages, dance, LEGO engineering, theater, art and more. For more information, visit spps.org/ce\_youth.

### **Discovery Club**

Discovery Club is a fee-based child care program that supports learning and development before and/or after school, on non-school days and during summer. The program is available to currently enrolled PreK-5th grade students either at their school or at a Discovery Club Hub school. Registration opens for new families in April and is first come first serve. For more information, a list of fees and to register, visit spps.org/discoveryclub or call 651-632-3793.

### **Extended Day for Learning (EDL)**

The Extended Day for Learning (EDL) program provides students with a combination of academic support and learning activities outside of regular school hours for one hour and 45 minutes, two to four days per week. This free program offers snacks and/or a meal to sites that meet after school. Bus transportation is provided at some schools to eligible students, per availability. For more information, visit spps.org/alted or call 651-744-8020.

### **Flipside**

Flipside is a free after-school program that provides middle school students with academic support and enrichment activities. The program is held Monday-Thursday at middle schools across the district. A snack/dinner is provided. School bus transportation is available to students two evenings a week; days differ depending on location and are subject to transportation guidelines. For more information, visit spps.org/flipside.

### **Freedom School Express**

Freedom School Express After-School Leadership Program features culturally responsive lessons, books and enriching group projects that empower scholars to believe they will achieve, gain skills to make it real, and anticipate they will graduate to something great! This free after-school program is held at Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet, and Hazel Park Preparatory Academy two days per week. A snack/dinner is provided and school bus transportation is available (within transportation guidelines). For more information, visit **spps.org/fsx** or call 651-744-6342.

### **Interscholastic Athletics**

Interscholastic athletic opportunities are available for students in grades 6-12 and vary by school. Every student will learn about leadership, teamwork, commitment to achieving goals, building character, competition and school pride. Students must be academically and medically cleared to be eligible to participate. For more information about eligibility, specific programs and activities at your child's school, contact your school's athletic director or visit spps.org/sports.

### **Adapted Athletics**

Students in grades 7-12 with physical or cognitive disabilities are encouraged to compete in adapted athletics. Through experience in sports, athletes gain confidence for success in the classroom, at home, on the job and in the community.

- · Fall: Adapted Soccer
- Winter: Adapted Floor Hockey
- · Spring: Adapted Bowling or Softball

For schedules and more information, go to spps.org/sports.

\*All programs are subject to change; check with your school in the fall to confirm availability.

## Discovery Club registration opens in April.

Visit our website to find your Discovery Club location, a list of fees and to register.



Learn more

# SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAP

**School Choice Map and Community School Zone** 

Area

Community School Zone

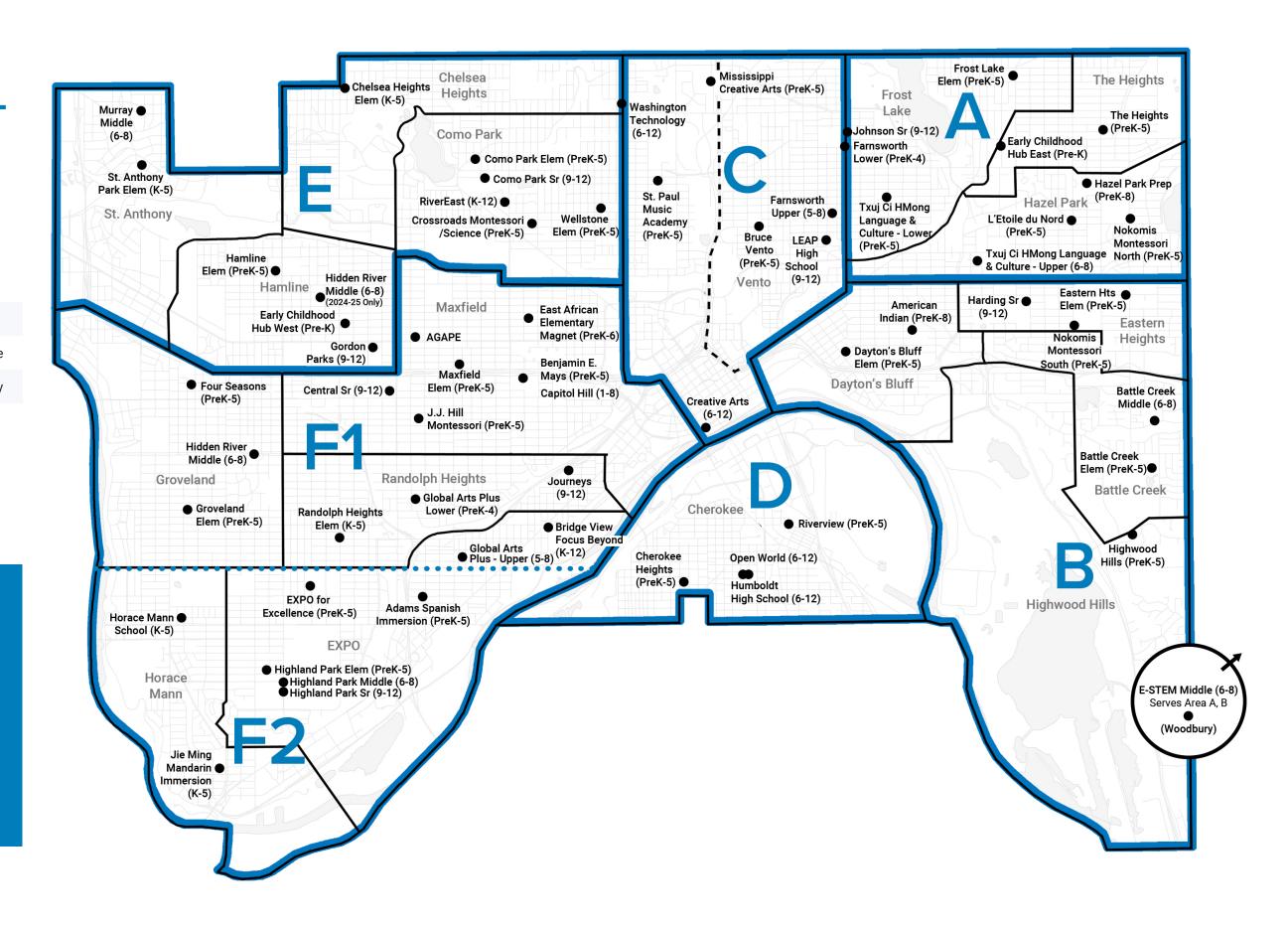
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### **Find Your Area**

Use the map on this page or go to School Finder at spps.org/apply to see which schools serve your Area (A-F). Areas are used as attendance areas to help families find a school and determine bus transportation.



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# **SCHOOL AND PROGRAM** TYPES

### **Community Schools**

Families love our community schools, where many students live in the neighborhood and enjoy walking or biking to school with their friends. At a community school, you will be part of a family of teachers, students and neighbors ready to support you and your child every step of the way.

A Community School Zone is a geographic area around an elementary school. Students who live within a specific Community School Zone will receive priority enrollment consideration.

### **Regional and District Magnet Schools**

Our magnet schools are another great choice for families who want a specialized school experience. Magnet schools focus core subjects including reading, math and science around specialized content areas, such as language immersion, aerospace and the arts.

- · Regional magnet schools serve multiple Areas
- District magnet schools serve all Areas

Most schools and magnet programs have an enrollment pathway that provides a natural progression for education from Pre-K through high school. To view school enrollment pathways and find where each magnet program is offered, review the school charts later in this guide.

### **Magnet Programs**

### Advanced Placement (AP) (Grades 9-12)

Nationally authorized college-level courses and exams that allow students to earn college credits. Requirements for attendance for grades 9-12: Enrollment in at least one AP class per grading period.

### Aerospace/Engineering (Grades PreK-12)

Specialized instruction with an aerospace and engineering focus, in addition to manufacturing at the high school level.

### American Indian Language and Culture (Grades PreK-12)

Instruction rooted in American Indian history, language, culture, art, traditions and values.

### Arts (Grades PreK-12)

Students learn through the lens of arts integration within their core subject areas and general classrooms, as well as have opportunities to develop their individual artistic skills within some or all of the arts areas of dance, music, theater and/or visual & media arts.

### BioSMART (Grades PreK-12)

A focused science program that integrates technology in every subject area. In grades 6-12, students take two science/ engineering classes each year.

### Gifted and Talented (Grades 1-12)

A program that challenges students who display academic strengths. A district assessment process is required for grades 1-5, including the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT 7), portfolio assessment or prior identification as an advanced learner.

### East African Language and Culture (Grades PreK-6)

Students focus on East African cultures and traditions, and languages of Somali, Amharic, Oromo, Tigrinya, Arabic and Swahili.

### **Environmental Science (Grades 6-12)**

Specialized instruction with a focus on environmental studies, including experiences outside of traditional classroom settings.

### E-STEM (Grades 6-8)

Environmental education through science, technology, engineering and math.

### **Expeditionary Learning (Grades 6-12)**

Project-based learning through experience.

### Finance, Academy of (Grades 9-12)

Study of marketing, accounting, international trade, ethics, communications and leadership in the business and financial services industry.

### French Dual Language Immersion (Grades PreK-12)

This is a one-way program in which students are taught primarily in French to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in the French language and culture while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school continue studies through the French dual language immersion program. Requirements for attendance: French language proficiency assessment (grade 2 and above).

### **German Dual Language Immersion (Grades 9-12)**

Students are taught in German to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in the German language and culture. Requirements for attendance: Previous enrollment in a German immersion program or German language proficiency assessment.

### Hmong Dual Language Immersion (Grades PreK-5)

This is a two-way program in which students learn in both Hmong and English while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school continue studies of language, history and culture through the Hmong dual language program. Requirements for attendance: Must be in Hmong Dual Language Immersion classroom. Hmong language proficiency assessment (grade 2 and above).

### **Hmong Dual Language Immersion (Grades 6-12)**

This program is a continuation from Hmong two-way dual language immersion. Students speak, listen, read and write at increasingly higher levels in Hmong. They develop a deeper insight into the Hmong language and culture. Requirements for attendance: Hmong language proficiency assessment (grade 6 and above).

### Hmong Studies (Grades K-5)

Students explore the culture, language, history, art, folklore, literature and traditions of the Hmong people.

### International Baccalaureate (IB) (Grades PreK-12)

An authorized and accelerated international program for students to become productive global citizens. Requirements for attendance in grades 11-12: Enrollment in Career-related Programme (CP) or Diploma Programme (DP) IB courses each grading period.

### **Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion**

(Grades K-12): This is a one-way program in which students are taught primarily in Mandarin Chinese to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in the Mandarin language and Chinese culture while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school continue studies through the Mandarin Chinese dual language immersion program. Requirements for attendance: Mandarin language proficiency assessment (grade 2 and above).

### Montessori (Grades PreK-5)

Montessori multi-age classrooms are designed to build independence, inspire confidence and foster a love of learning. Montessori instruction uses specialized hands-on materials for a deeper understanding of concepts. Instruction is also individualized to promote the well-being and learning of the whole child.

### Online Learning (Grades K-12)

Students receive instruction completely online in a flexible and highly supportive learning environment. Students engage in synchronous and asynchronous learning.

### Science (Grades PreK-5)

Science and engineering contexts and activities serve as a foundation for learning in core subjects, including reading, writing and math.

### Spanish Dual Language Immersion (Grades PreK-5)

Students in a one-way program are taught primarily in Spanish to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in the Spanish language and culture while mastering state standards. Students in a two-way program learn in both Spanish and English in all grade levels. Students in middle and high school continue studies through the Spanish dual language immersion program. Requirements for attendance: Must be in Spanish Dual Language Immersion classroom. Spanish language proficiency assessment (grade 2 and above).

### Spanish Dual Language Immersion (Grades 6-12)

This program is a continuation from the Spanish one-way and two-way programs. Students speak, listen, read and write at increasingly higher levels in Spanish. They develop a deeper insight into the Spanish language and culture. Requirements for attendance: Spanish language proficiency assessment (grade 6 and above).

### Year-Round Instruction (Grades PreK-5)

Students receive year-round classroom instruction that incorporates shorter, more frequent breaks throughout the year with a 45-days-on, 15-days-off schedule.

Visit our YouTube channel to learn more about our schools and programs.



# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Saint Paul Public Schools provides great schools in every neighborhood. Review transportation guidelines on page 3 for details about eligibility for school bus transportation. If you would like to request additional information about a specific school, please contact the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760, reach out to the school directly or visit **spps.org/apply. Please note:** A \* next to the school name indicates that students may be required to wear uniforms. School start/end times and program details are subject to change refer to the school's website for the most un-to-date information.

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	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	Magnet Program	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Adams Spanish Immersion 651-298-1595   spps.org/adams	PreK-5	615 S. Chatsworth St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Spanish Dual Language Immersion	F2	A-F	Adams → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	
American Indian Magnet 651-778-3100   spps.org/aims	PreK-8	1075 E. Third St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	American Indian Language and Culture	В	A-F	American Indian Magnet (PreK-8) → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Battle Creek Elementary 651-744-4130   spps.org/battlecreekel	PreK-5	60 S. Ruth St.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	В	В	Battle Creek Elementary → E-STEM Middle School → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
						A, B, C-East	Benjamin E. Mays → Hazel Park → Harding Senior			
Benjamin E. Mays IB World School 651-325-2400   spps.org/mays	PreK-5	560 Concordia Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	International Baccalaureate	F1	C-West, E, F1	Benjamin E. Mays → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
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Bruce F. Vento Elementary 651-293-8685   spps.org/vento	PreK-5	409 Case Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	С	С	Bruce Vento → Washington Middle → Washington High School	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	EBD-III
Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented 651-325-2500   spps.org/capitolhill	1-8	560 Concordia Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Gifted and Talented	F1	A-F	Through 2024: Capitol Hill (1-8) → Highland Park Senior Beginning 2025: Capitol Hill (1-8) → Your Community High School	On-Site	Mon-Thur	
Chelsea Heights Elementary 651-293-8790   spps.org/chelseaheights	K-5	1557 Huron St.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	E	E	Chelsea Heights → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	At St. Anthony Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Cherokee Heights Elementary 651-293-8610   spps.org/cherokeeheights	PreK-5	694 Charlton St.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	D	D	Cherokee Heights → Humboldt High School (6-12)	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Como Park Elementary 651-293-8820   spps.org/comoel	PreK-5	780 W. Wheelock Pkwy.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	Е	E	Como Park Elementary → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	At St. Anthony Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Crossroads Montessori* 651-767-8540   spps.org/crossroads	PreK-5	543 Front Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Montessori, Year-Round Instruction	E	A-F	Crossroads Montessori → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	
Crossroads Science*			7:30 a.m	Science,		A, C, E	Crossroads Science → Washington Middle → Washington High School			
651-767-8540   spps.org/crossroads	PreK-5	543 Front Ave.	2 p.m.	Year-Round Instruction	E	B, D, F	Crossroads Science → Humboldt High School (6-12)	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	
Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus 651-293-8915   spps.org/daytonsbluff	PreK-5	262 Bates Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	В	В	Dayton's Bluff → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ECSE, EBD-III
Early Childhood Hub East 651-293-5461   spps.org/ech	Pre-K	1305 Prosperity Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Pre-K	А	A, B, C-East	Early Childhood Learning East → Your Community Elementary School	On-Site		ECSE
Early Childhood Hub West 651-293-5200   spps.org/ech	Pre-K	317 Charles Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Pre-K	Е	C-West, D, E, F	Early Childhood Learning West → Your Community Elementary School	At Rondo Complex		ECSE
East African Elementary Magnet 651-744-6420   spps.org/eastafricanmagnet	PreK-6	437 Edmund Ave. W	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1	A-F	East African Elementary Magnet → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Eastern Heights Elementary 651-744-6610   spps.org/eastern	PreK-5	2001 Margaret St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Community School	В	В	Eastern Heights → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
EXPO Elementary	Dual/ E	540 Warwick	7:30 a.m	0	F0	F1	EXPO → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	0.00	- (-1	
651-290-8384   spps.org/expo	PreK-5	St. S	2 p.m.	Community School	F2	F2	EXPO → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Lower 651-293-8675   spps.org/farnsworthlower	PreK-4	1290 Arcade St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	С	A-F	Farnsworth PreK-4 → Farnsworth 5-8 → Johnson Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper 651-293-8880   spps.org/farnsworthupper	5-8	1000 Walsh St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	С	A-F	Farnsworth 5-8 → Johnson Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Four Seasons Arts+	Drol/ F	210 Maara C+	7:30 a.m	Arto	E1	A, B, C, E	Four Seasons → Creative Arts Secondary	At Danda O	Man (Mr. d	
651-290-7595   spps.org/fourseasons	PreK-5	318 Moore St.	2 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F	Four Seasons → Global Arts Plus - Upper → Creative Arts Secondary	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ECSE
Frost Lake Elementary 651-293-8930   spps.org/frost	PreK-5	1505 E. Hoyt Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Community School	А	А	Frost Lake → E-STEM Middle → Johnson Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ECSE, EBD-III
Global Arts Plus - Lower 651-293-6606   spps.org/globalartsplus	PreK-4	1023 Osceola Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F	Global Arts Plus - Lower → Global Arts Plus - Upper → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Highland Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III

Elementary Schools	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	Magnet Program	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Global Arts Plus - Upper 651-293-8690   spps.org/globalartsplus	5-8	810 Palace Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F	Global Arts Plus → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Highland Park Elementary	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Groveland Park Elementary	PreK-5	2045 St. Clair	9:30 a.m	Community School	E1	F1	Groveland → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	At Highland Park		400 111 000 111
651-293-8760   spps.org/groveland	Prek-5	Ave.	4 p.m.	Community School	Community School F1		Groveland → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	Elementary	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hamline Elementary 651-293-8715   spps.org/hamline	PreK-5	1599 Englewood Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Community School	Е	E	Hamline → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III
Hazel Park Preparatory Academy 651-293-8970   spps.org/hazelpark	PreK-8	1140 White Bear Ave.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	International Baccalaureate	А	Community School: A, IB: A-B	Hazel Park (PreK-8) → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
The Heights Community School 651-293-8815   spps.org/heights	PreK-5	1863 E. Clear Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	А	А	The Heights → Battle Creek Middle → Johnson Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Highland Park Elementary	PreK-5	1700 Saunders	7:30 a.m	International	F2	D, F2	Highland Park Elementary → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-Site	Mon/Wed	ECSE, EBD-III
651-293-8770   spps.org/highlandel	Piek-5	Ave.	2 p.m.	Baccalaureate	FZ	F1	Highland Park Elementary → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	(after school only)	Mon/wea	ECSE, EBD-III
<b>Highwood Hills Elementary</b> 651-744-3290   spps.org/highwoodhills	PreK-5	2188 Londin Lane	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	В	В	Highwood Hills → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Horace Mann School	K-5	2001 Eleanor	7:30 a.m	Community School	F2	F1	Horace Mann → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	On-Site	Mon/Wed	
651-293-8965   spps.org/mann	K-3	Ave.	2 p.m.	Continuinty School	ΓZ	F2	Horace Mann → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-Site		
Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion* 651-744-4770   spps.org/jieming	K-5	1845 Sheridan Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion	F2	A-F	Jie Ming → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Highland Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	
<b>J.J. Hill Montessori</b> 651-293-8720   spps.org/jjhill	PreK-5	998 Selby Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Montessori	F1	C-West, D, E, F	J.J. Hill → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	On-Site	Tue/Thur	
L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion 651-221-1480   spps.org/frenchimmersion	PreK-5	1760 Ames Place	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	French Dual Language Immersion	А	A-F	L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	
Maxfield Elementary*	Elementary* 380 N. Victoria 7:30 a.m	7:30 a.m	0it 0-hl	F1	F1	Maxfield → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior		Man/Wad		
651-293-8680   spps.org/maxfield	PreK-5	St.	2 p.m.	Community School	F1	F2	Maxfield → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III
Mississippi Creative Arts 651-293-8840   spps.org/mississippi	PreK-5	1575 L'Orient St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Arts	С	A, B, C	Mississippi Creative Arts → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis Montessori - North 651-744-7440   spps.org/nokomisnorth	PreK-5	985 Ruth St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Montessori	А	A, C-East	Nokomis North → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis Montessori - South 651-744-5500   spps.org/nokomissouth	PreK-5	525 White Bear Ave. N	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Montessori	В	В	Nokomis South → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	At Early Childhood Hub East	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Randolph Heights Elementary	K-5	348 S. Hamline	7:30 a.m	Community School	F1	F1	Randolph Heights → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	On Site	Mon/Wed	
651-293-8780   spps.org/randolph	K-3	Ave.	2 p.m.	Community School		F2	Randolph Heights → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-Site	Wion/ wed	
Riverview Spanish/English  Dual Immersion Program*  651-293-8665   spps.org/riverview	PreK-5	160 Isabel St. E.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Spanish Dual Language Immersion	D	B, D, F	Riverview → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Tue/Thur	
Saint Paul Music Academy 651-293-8795   spps.org/spma	PreK-5	27 E. Geranium Ave.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Arts	С	A, B, C, E	Saint Paul Music Academy → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Early Childhood Hub East	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
SPPS Online School 651-744-3010   spps.org/onlineschool	K-12		9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Online Learning		A-F	SPPS Online School (K-12)			ASD-III, DCD-III
St. Anthony Park Elementary 651-293-8735   spps.org/stanthony	K-5	2180 Knapp St.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Community School	E	E	St. Anthony Park → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	
xuj Ci HMong Language & Culture - Lower		1089 Cypress	ess 9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Hmong Studies,		A, B, C-East	Txuj Ci Lower → Txuj Ci Upper → Harding Senior	At Early Childhood		
651-293-8935   spps.org/txujcilower		St.			А	C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Lower → Txuj Ci Upper → Washington High School	Hub East	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Wellstone Elementary 651-290-8354   spps.org/wellstone	PreK-5	1041 Marion St.	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Spanish Dual Language Immersion, BioSMART	E	Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A, C, E	Wellstone → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III
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# **MIDDLE** SCHOOLS

Saint Paul Public Schools provides middle school students with challenging academics and strong support programs to ease the transition from childhood to young adulthood. Review transportation guidelines on page 3 for details on eligibility for school bus transportation. If you would like to request additional information about a specific school, please contact the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760, reach out to the school directly or visit spps.org/apply. Please note: School start/end times and program details are subject to change; refer to the school's website for the most up-todate information.

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	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	Enrollment Pathways	Flipside (Mon-Thur)	World Languages	Specialized Programs
American Indian Magnet School 651-778-3100   spps.org/aims	PreK-8	1075 E. Third St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	American Indian Language and Culture	В	A-F	American Indian Magnet → Harding Senior	•	Lakota/Dakota, Ojibwe	ASD-III, DCD-III
Battle Creek Middle School	6-8	2121 N. Park Dr.	8:30 a.m	Community School	В	Community School: A	Battle Creek Middle → Johnson Senior		Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
651-293-8960   spps.org/bcms	0-0	ZIZI N. Palk DI.	3 p.m.	Community School	Б	Community School: B	Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	·	Hillolig	
Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet 651-325-2500   spps.org/capitolhill	1-8	560 Concordia Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Gifted and Talented	F1	A-F	Through 2024: Capitol Hill (1-8) → Highland Park Senior Beginning 2025: Capitol Hill (1-8) → Your Community High School	•	French, Spanish	
Creative Arts Secondary School 651-292-3480   spps.org/creativearts	6-12	65 Kellogg Blvd.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Arts	С	A-F	Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	•		
East African Elementary Magnet 651-744-6420   spps.org/eastafricanmagnet	PreK-6	437 Edmund Ave. W	7:30 a.m 2 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1	A-F	East African Elementary Magnet → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School			ASD-III, DCD-III
E-STEM Middle School 651-744-2900   spps.org/estem	6-8	600 Weir Dr., Woodbury, MN	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	E-STEM		А, В	E-STEM Middle School → Your Community High School	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper 651-293-8880   spps.org/farnsworthupper	5-8	1000 Walsh St.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	С	A-F	Farnsworth → Johnson Senior	•	Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Global Arts Plus - Upper 651-293-8690   spps.org/globalartsplus	5-8	810 Palace Ave.	9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F	Global Arts Plus - Upper → Creative Arts Secondary	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hazel Park Preparatory Academy 651-293-8970   spps.org/hazelpark	PreK-8	1140 White Bear Ave.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	IB	Α	IB: A, B and C-East	Hazel Park → Harding Senior	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hidden River Middle School 651-293-8860   spps.org/hiddenriver	6-8	1700 Summit Ave. *(631 Albert St. N. for 2024-25 only)	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Community School, IB, French Dual Language Immersion	F1	Community School: F1 IB: C-West, E, F1 French Dual Language Immersion: A-F	Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	•	French, Spanish	EBD-III
<b>Highland Park Middle School</b> 651-293-8950   spps.org/highlandms	6-8	975 S. Snelling Ave.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Community School, IB, Spanish Dual Language Immersion, Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion	F2	Community School: F2     IB: D, F2     Spanish and Mandarin Dual Language Immersion: A-F	Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior		French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Humboldt High School 651-293-8600   spps.org/humboldt	6-12	30 E. Baker St.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Environmental Science	D	Community School: D     Environmental Science: A-F	Humboldt High School (6-12)	•	French, Karen Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Murray Middle School 651-293-8740   spps.org/murray	6-8	2200 Buford Ave.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Community School	Е	E	Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Open World Learning Community 651-293-8670   spps.org/open	6-12	640 Humboldt Ave.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Expeditionary Learning	D	A-F	Open World Learning (6-12)	•	Spanish	
SPPS Online School 651-744-3010   spps.org/onlineschool	K-12		9:30 a.m 4 p.m.	Online Learning	A-F		SPPS Online School (K-12)		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
Txuj Ci HMong Language & Culture - Upper	6-8	1262 Buch Ave	9:40 a.m	Limong Dual Languaga Immercian	٨	A, B, C-East	Txuj Ci Upper → Harding Senior		Umana	
651-744-1000   spps.org/Txujciupper	0-0	1363 Bush Ave.	4:10 p.m.	Hmong Dual Language Immersion	А	C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Upper → Washington High School		Hmong	
<b>Washington Technology Middle School</b> 651-293-8830   spps.org/washingtonms	6-8	1495 Rice St.	8:30 a.m 3 p.m.	Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion, BioSMART	С	<ul> <li>Community School: C</li> <li>Hmong Dual Language Immersion: C-West, D, E, F</li> <li>BioSMART: A-F</li> </ul>	Washington Middle → Washington High School		French, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III

# **HIGH SCHOOLS**

Saint Paul Public Schools offers high schools with a variety of focus areas, programs and activities, all designed to prepare students for graduation and post-secondary careers or education. Review transportation guidelines on page 3 for details on eligibility for school bus or Metro Transit transportation. If you would like to request additional information about a specific school, please contact the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760, reach out to the school directly or visit spps.org/apply.

Please note: School start/end times and program details are subject to change; refer to the school's website for the most up-to-date information.

	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	World Languages	Specialized Programs
Central Senior High School 651-744-4900   spps.org/central	9-12	275 N. Lexington Pkwy.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, International Baccalaureate (IB), Advance Placement (AP), French Dual Language Immersion, German Dual Language Immersion	F1	<ul> <li>Community School: F1</li> <li>IB: C-West, E, F1</li> <li>French and German Immersion: A-F</li> </ul>	French, German, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Como Park Senior High School 651-293-8800   spps.org/comosr	9-12	740 W. Rose Ave.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, Advanced Placement (AP), Academy of Finance	E	Community School: E AP: E, F1 Academy of Finance: A-F	Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Creative Arts Secondary School 651-292-3480   spps.org/creativearts	6-12	65 Kellogg Blvd.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Arts	С	A-F		
Harding Senior High School 651-793-4700   spps.org/harding	9-12	1540 E. Sixth St.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB), American Indian Language and Culture	В	<ul> <li>Community School: B</li> <li>Hmong Dual Language Immersion;</li> <li>IB: A, B, C-East</li> <li>American Indian Language: A-F</li> </ul>	Dakota/Lakota*, , French, Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Ojibwe*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
<b>Highland Park Senior High School</b> 651-293-8940   spps.org/highlandsr	9-12	1015 S. Snelling Ave.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, International Baccalaureate (IB), Gifted and Talented, Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion, Spanish Dual Language Immersion	F2	Community School: F2  IB: D, F2  Gifted and Talented/Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion/Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A-F	French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
<b>Humboldt High School</b> 651-293-8600   spps.org/humboldt	6-12	30 E. Baker St.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, Advanced Placement (AP), Environmental Science	D	Community School: D     AP: D, F2     Environmental Science: A-F	French, Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
<b>Johnson Senior High School</b> 651-293-8890   spps.org/johnsonsr	9-12	1349 Arcade St.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, Advanced Placement (AP), Aerospace/Engineering	А	<ul><li>Community School: A</li><li>AP: A-B</li><li>Aerospace/Engineering: A-F</li></ul>	Hmong*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Open World Learning Community 651-293-8670   spps.org/open	6-12	640 Humboldt Ave.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Expeditionary Learning	D	A-F	Spanish	
SPPS Online School 651-744-3010   spps.org/onlineschool	9-12		8:30 a.m 5:30 p.m. (with flexible schedule)	Online Learning		A-F	Dakota/Lakota*, Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
<b>Washington Technology High School</b> 651-293-8830   spps.org/washingtonhs	9-12	1495 Rice St.	8:30 a.m3 p.m.	Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion Advanced Placement (AP), BioSMART	С	<ul> <li>Community School: C</li> <li>AP: C</li> <li>Hmong Dual Language Immersion: C-West, D, E, F</li> <li>BioSMART: A-F</li> </ul>	French, Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III

<sup>\*</sup> World Languages: These world language classes are available in person at the locations listed and online for all SPPS high school students.

### **College and Career Readiness**

### **Career and Technical Education**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses prepare students for careers in high-wage and in-demand areas in our community: food science, education, business, agriculture, healthcare, technology, and construction and manufacturing trades. These programs allow students to experience many career fields through exploration, job shadowing and internships. Students who complete CTE courses can earn college credits, industry credentials and certificates.

### **Concurrent Enrollment**

Concurrent enrollment courses are college courses taught by a college-qualified high school teacher. Students taking concurrent enrollment courses can earn both high school and college credits at no cost to the student.

### **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options**

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) courses are taught by college instructors. Most are taken on college campuses or virtually. SPPS also offers some PSEO courses, called PSEO by contract, in our high schools and at the District-wide Career Pathways Center. PSEO allows eligible students in grades 10-12 to enroll in college courses and earn credits for their high school diploma and college degree.

### **Career Pathways**

Career Pathways are a series of courses for 9-12th grade students that are aligned to post-secondary programs. The courses prepare students for a full range of post-secondary options in high-wage, in-demand careers. Career Pathways provide opportunities for students to earn college credit, certifications and credentials, and participate in internships, job training and career exploration through industry partnerships.

Learn more about college and career readiness programs at spps.org/OCCR.

# PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO A SCHOOL

During the enrollment process, students are given a ranking based on several criteria (known as priorities) before acceptance to a school. The priorities do not guarantee acceptance.

Pre-Kindergarten	Elementary Schools								
	Community School	Regional Magnet	District Magnet						
1. Community School Zone	1. Community School Zone	Regional Magnet	Reflecting St. Paul						
2. Area	2. Reflecting St. Paul	2. Reflecting St. Paul	2. Employee Consideration						
3. Regional Magnet	3. Employee Consideration	3. Employee Consideration	3. District Magnet						
4. District Magnet	4. Area	4. District Magnet	4. Out of District						
5. Out of District	5. District Magnet	5. Out of District							
	6. Out of District								

Middle School	High School
1. Magnet/Enrollment Pathway	1. Magnet/Enrollment Pathway
2. Area	2. Area
3. Employee Consideration	3. Employee Consideration
4. Regional Magnet	4. Regional Magnet
5. District Magnet	5. District Magnet
6. Out of District	6. Out of District

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: All Pre-K programs give priority enrollment consideration based on a student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, a home language other than English and/or need for special education services.

### **Explanation of Priorities:**

Area: Priority is given to students who live within the identified Area (A-F), but outside a school's Community School Zone.

**Community School Zone:** These zones apply to all elementary students. Priority is given to students who live within a school's Community School Zone so that many students from the same neighborhood can attend school together.

**District Magnet:** Priority is given to St. Paul residents applying to a school that is identified as a district magnet.

Employee Consideration: Priority is available to children of all current employees (temporary employees and contractors/vendors are not eligible). Pre-K programs and Capitol Hill are not included in this priority consideration. In continuing to support the District's efforts to ensure equity and access for all families as well as ongoing integration efforts, schools reaching a high poverty threshold of 50 percent or lower will be excluded from this priority consideration.

The list of schools for 2024-2025 includes Adams Spanish Immersion, Central Sr. High, Chelsea Heights, EXPO, Groveland Park, Highland Park Sr. High, Horace Mann, J.J. Hill Montessori, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion, L'Etoile du Nord, Open World Learning, Randolph Heights and St. Anthony Park.

Out of District: Students living outside the city of St. Paul are admitted to district schools if space allows.

Reflecting St. Paul: This admission priority is based on residential addresses in high-need neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are defined by the number of residents eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; with a home language other than English; and low test scores in reading and math for students in those neighborhoods.

Up to 25 percent of available seats at the following low-poverty elementary schools will be set aside for students residing in these neighborhoods: Adams Spanish Immersion, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented, Chelsea Heights, EXPO Elementary, Groveland Park, Horace Mann School, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy, J.J. Hill Montessori, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion, Randolph Heights and St. Anthony Park.

For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at

Regional Magnet: Priority is given to students applying to a school that is identified as a regional magnet school for their home address.

Siblings: An application is required for all students who are new to Saint Paul Public Schools or changing schools. Siblings of students who currently attend the requested school receive priority within each of the priority categories, unless otherwise noted. To qualify for sibling priority, you must have had a child enrolled in the requested school during the 2023-24 school year who will continue at that school in 2024-25.

### Please note:

- · Sibling priority does not guarantee acceptance into a school.
- · Siblings are defined as children who have the same parent or guardian and are living together at the same address.
- · Enrollment priorities and school capacity are taken into consideration before sibling priority.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Applications and Enrollment**

What happens if I submit more than one application? Your school choices from the most recent application submitted are used for enrollment.

### If we decide to apply to a different school, will my child lose their place at their current school?

Your child will not lose placement at their current school simply by applying to a new one, but they may lose their spot once they are accepted to a new school.

If you change your mind about leaving your current school, you will need to decline the acceptance of your new school. Notify the Student Placement Center by the date listed on the acceptance notification. Please note there may no longer be space available to return to your previous school.

### Can my child attend the elementary school nearest to our daycare rather than our Area school?

Yes, parents who want their child to attend school near their daycare can apply to a school located within the same Area. Acceptance is not guaranteed, however.

### Can families who do not live in St. Paul apply to Saint Paul Public Schools?

Yes. Under Minnesota's Enrollment Options statute, families can apply to PreK-12 schools that are not located in their home school district. Space availability and school district policies still apply.

### How can we improve our chances of getting our child into a particular school?

Two suggestions to improve your chances include:

- 1. Apply by the priority application deadline.
- 2. Live within the school's identified boundary in order to receive priority over students who apply from outside the specified Area. Community, regional and district attendance Areas (A-F) are not based on geographic proximity to a school. Use the School Finder on spps.org/apply to identify your Area. Please note that space availability and other school district and state policies may limit enrollment in a particular school.

### Do I have a better chance of getting into my first-choice school if I apply earlier than the deadline?

No. All applications received by the priority deadline are treated equally.

### Is my child guaranteed acceptance to one of my school choices listed on the application?

No. Many schools receive more applications than they can accept. If your school choices typically have limited space or receive a large number of applications, your chances of being accepted to one of those schools are reduced.

### What if we apply after the priority application deadline?

Saint Paul Public Schools enrolls students throughout the school year. Meeting the priority application deadline is the best way to increase your chances of getting into your preferred school. The Student Placement Center is open yearround and works with families to help them choose schools. To schedule an appointment, call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

### How old does my child have to be to attend school?

Children who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024, are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024, to qualify for the Pre-Kindergarten program during the 2024-25 school year.

### If I live in St. Paul, is my child guaranteed a spot at a Saint Paul Public School?

Yes, space is guaranteed for St. Paul students in kindergarten through grade 12. The Student Placement Center works with families to find a place for every St. Paul student. When Pre-K classes are full, a waiting list is created and families are contacted when, and if, a spot becomes available.

### Do I have to verify my address?

You may be asked to verify your address to help us coordinate enrollment eligibility and bus transportation. Verification materials can include, but are not limited to, state-issued ID or driver's license and a utility bill in the parent/guardian's name at the address listed on the application.

Apply by February 9, 2024, for the best opportunity to get into the school of your choice.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Sibling preference is within each priority category.

### If one of my children is in the school's highest grade this year, is my younger child guaranteed a spot at the school next vear?

No. The older student who is currently enrolled in the school must be attending that school next year for sibling priority to apply to the younger student.

### If I choose a school outside my Area and do not get in, will I automatically have a spot at my community school?

No. Students have two choices on the school application. They should list their community school as one of their choices if they are also applying to a school outside their Area.

### If we live close to a school, are we automatically accepted? No. Your priority at a particular school is based on whether

you reside in that school's Area (A-F), not geographic proximity.

### If my child attends a regional or district magnet program outside our Area, will space be reserved for him/her at the next program level?

Yes, space is reserved for him/her and you will not need to apply.

### **Transportation**

### If my child attends a school outside my Area, can my child get on a bus if I drop them off at the bus stop that serves that school?

No. If your student is accepted to a school outside your Area, you must provide your own transportation. While it might seem like an easy fix, students cannot ride the bus to school if they are not eligible for transportation.

### Can my child attend an International Baccalaureate (IB) school outside our Area? Will we get a bus? Will out-of-Area IB students be accepted?

Students who are interested in an IB program outside their assigned regional magnet Area may apply, but will only be accepted if space is available. Even if they are accepted, they will not receive bus transportation.

### Do you have to be accepted to an International Baccalaureate (IB)/Advanced Placement (AP) program to get school bus transportation?

Students who apply to and participate in their regional magnet IB or AP program will have access to transportation to that school based on transportation guidelines. If the student discontinues the program, bus transportation to that school will also be discontinued. There is a predetermined enrollment cap for each program.

### **After Enrollment/Acceptance**

### What happens when my child is accepted to Saint Paul **Public Schools?**

Families will receive a letter and/or email notification. A student can only be registered at one school for the coming school year.

### What happens if my student is not accepted into one of the schools we selected?

Your student's name is placed on a waiting list according to school choice guidelines. If there is an opening, you will be contacted and allowed to enroll your child in that school.

### What is a waiting list?

Waiting lists are created for schools and programs that receive more applications than they have room available. Students will be added to a waiting list for their first choice school if:

- Space is not available for either their first or second choice school OR
- The student is accepted to their second choice school

The lists will expire two weeks after the start of the school year for most schools and programs. Exceptions include Pre-K programs, elementary language immersion programs and Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented.

### Can my child's name be on more than one waiting list? No. Students can only be on one waiting list. The waiting list only applies to your first choice school.

### **Curriculum/Instruction**

How can I find out what my child will learn in school? Please visit the district's Office of Teaching and Learning website for information on what is taught at our schools at spps.org/otl.

Where can I find performance data for each school? Please visit the School Data Center website at spps.org/data.

### What is the difference between AP and IB?

Both AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) classes provide students with the opportunity to enroll in advanced coursework and potentially earn college credit. AP classes are college-level courses using curriculum approved by the College Board, an organization that connects students to college success and opportunities. AP classes offer the potential for students to earn college credit through an exam process. IB Diploma Program (IB DP) courses are offered in grades 11 and 12 with curriculum supported by the International Baccalaureate Organization. IB DP classes offer the potential for students to earn college credit through a combination of internally assessed work and end-of-course exams. Talk to the high school counselor for more specific information about the programs in a particular school.

### **Required Student Immunizations**

Does my child need to be immunized to attend school? Immunizations protect students from childhood communicable diseases, thereby reducing illness, absenteeism and permanent health conditions that may impact the ability to learn.

State law (MS 121A.15) requires that each student in a Minnesota school be protected from childhood diseases by receiving immunizations. Required immunizations may vary according to the age/grade of the student. They include: diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DTaP/Tdap); polio; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); hepatitis B; meningococcal; and varicella (chicken pox). In addition, those children who are less than 5 years of age must be immunized against haemophilus influenza B and hepatitis A.

Parents/guardians may obtain a legal exemption for medical reasons or conscientious beliefs. All students new to Saint Paul Public Schools must provide their immunization record, an exemption letter signed by their health care provider or a notarized exemption form to the school.

Staff at the Student Placement Center provide immunizations to students without health insurance or who have insurance through the State of Minnesota. For more information, call the Department of Health and Wellness at 651-632-3763 or visit spps.org/studentwellness.

Why Vaccinate? On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines are tested to ensure that they are safe and effective for children to receive at the recommended ages.

### **Annual Notice to Students with Disabilities**

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) is committed to providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for every student in the school district. It is the intent of SPPS to ensure that students who have a disability, within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, are identified, evaluated and provided with reasonable and appropriate accommodations. For more information, please contact Saint Paul Public Schools at 651-603-4946.





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