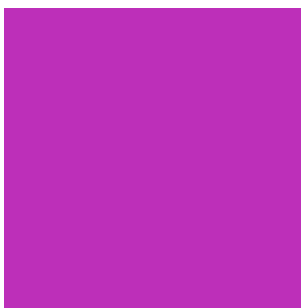


2025-26 PreK-12 School Selection Guide

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The information contained in this guide is current as of November 2024 and is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit spps.org/apply or contact the Student Placement Center.

STEPS TO CHOOSING A SCHOOL

2025-26 Application Instructions

Before applying to school

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Visit school websites to explore specific school information.

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 students 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.

Applying for a School

- 1. Apply online at spps.org/apply, complete a paper application or visit the Student Placement Center at 2102 University Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55114. Applications must be received or postmarked by February 14, 2025, for priority consideration. Families who apply by the priority application deadline will be notified of acceptance, or placement on a waiting list, in March.
- 2. 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 students may not be accepted at either of their two school choices, but students who reside in St. Paul are guaranteed enrollment at a Saint Paul Public School for grades K-12.
- 3. Complete a separate application for each student.
- 4. Please fill out the application completely.

Apply by February 14, 2025, for the best opportunity to get into the school of your choice.



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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			Middle Schools and High Schools
			Community Schools	Regional Magnets	District Magnets	
PRIORITIES	1	Community School Zone	Community School Zone	Regional Magnet	Reflecting St. Paul	Magnet/Enrollment Pathway
	2	Area	Reflecting St. Paul	Reflecting St. Paul	Employee Consideration	Area
	3	Regional Magnet	Employee Consideration	Employee Consideration	District Magnet	Employee Consideration
	4	District Magnet	Area	District Magnet	Out of District	Regional Magnet
	5	Out of District	District Magnet	Out of District		District Magnet
	6		Out of District			Out of District

*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.

** Sibling preference is within each priority category.

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 SPPS employees (temporary employees and contractors/vendors are not eligible). Pre-K programs and Capitol Hill are not included in this priority consideration. Schools reaching a high poverty threshold of 50 percent or lower are also excluded from this priority consideration.

The list of schools excluded for employee consideration for 2025-26 includes Adams Spanish Immersion, Barack and Michelle Obama Montessori (formerly J.J. Hill Montessori), Central Sr. High, Chelsea Heights, EXPO, Groveland Park, Highland Park Middle, Highland Park Sr. High, Horace Mann, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion, L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion, 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. Out-of-district students do not receive bus transportation.

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 high-need neighborhoods: Adams Spanish Immersion, Barack and Michelle Obama Montessori (formerly J.J. Hill Montessori), Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented, Chelsea Heights, EXPO, Groveland Park, Horace Mann, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion, L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion, Randolph Heights and St. Anthony Park..

For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

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 2024-25 school year who will continue at that school in 2025-26.

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.



Student's Legal Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

☐ Female

☐ Male

Birth Date

Home Language

Hispanic:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ American Indian

☐ Asian

☐ Black

☐ Pacific Islander

☐ White

Applying for Grade: _____

Student's Current or Last School Attended: _____

Does your child receive special education services and/or have an IEP? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you believe that your child qualifies for free/reduced price lunch (see other side for criteria)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Information you provide on this application form for Pre-Kindergarten students may be shared with Think Small, Head Start or the Minnesota Department of Education for program planning purposes. Check here if you do not want your information shared. ☐

1. Parent/Guardian Name: _____

First and Last Name

Relationship to Student: _____

Home Address: _____

Street

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email*: _____

Is a parent/legal guardian a current SPPS employee**?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name of parent and work location: _____

Employee ID #: _____

2. Parent/Guardian Name: _____

First and Last Name

Relationship to Student: _____

Home Address: _____

Street

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is a parent/legal guardian a current SPPS employee**?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name of parent and work location: _____

Employee ID #: _____

** Please visit [spps.org/apply](#) or School Selection Guide for Specific Employee Considerations

Alternate/Daycare Address (if different than home address)

This information is used for transportation purposes only. Admission priorities are based on home address only.

Pick Up Address: _____

Street

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Pick Up Contact Person: _____

Pick Up Phone: _____

Drop Off Address: _____

Street

Apartment #

City

State

Zip Code

Drop Off Contact Person: _____

Drop Off Phone: _____

SCHOOL CHOICE

1st: _____

First Choice School and Program

Name/birth date of sibling already attending this school

2nd: _____

Second Choice School and Program

Name/birth date of sibling already attending this school

READ AND SIGN BEFORE SUBMITTING

I understand that I may have to provide transportation for my child by choosing to enroll in a school outside our specified area.

I understand that by choosing to enroll in the specified program, my child will be enrolled in the requisite courses. If this changes, I understand that I MUST provide transportation or transfer my child to our community school.

I understand that excessive tardiness or unexcused absences during the school year may result in my child being required to accept enrollment in another school within my area.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Student ID: _____

Date received: _____

Area: _____

CSZ: _____

Admission Criteria: ☐

Program Check: ☐

Sibling: ☐

Age/grade check: ☐

Employee: ☐

Twin ID: _____

EA to K: ☐

GT: ☐

SpEd: ☐

NOTES: _____

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CRITERIA

In addition to the Admission Priorities listed on page 3, enrollment consideration for the Pre-K program is based on the following:

- Students who live in St. Paul
- Students who turn four years old by September 1, 2025
- Students who are English Learners
- Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals (see chart below)
- Students who receive Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services

Free/Reduced Lunch Guidelines

Household Size	Total Household Maximum Income				
	Per Year	Per Month	Twice Per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Per Week
1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$1,455	\$728
3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,986	\$1,493
7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$3,369	\$1,685
8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$3,752	\$1,876
For each additional household member add:	\$9,953	\$830	\$415	\$383	\$192

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

See the map on page 10 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. The IEP team will determine the student's need for special education transportation for the provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Parents should discuss transportation details with their child's IEP team.

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).

Metro Transit

Students in grades 9-12 at Creative Arts Secondary, Gateway to College, Gordon Parks High School and Johnson Senior High School use Metro Transit instead of school buses to get to and from school. Eligible students at these schools will receive their free Metro Transit Student Pass the first week of school.

Visit [spps.org/transportation](#) or call 651-696-9600 for more information.

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SPPS offers a variety of before and after school programs providing childcare, enrichment, extracurricular and athletic activities for families to access throughout the school year. Check out some examples of available activities and programs below and be sure to visit your school's website for the most accurate list of programs at your school of choice.

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
<p>Community Education: classes in chess, foreign language, dance, theater, art and more; 651-767-8179, spps.org/ce_youth</p> <p>Discovery Club: fee-based before and after-school childcare; 651-632-3793, spps.org/discoveryclub</p> <p>Extended Day for Learning (EDL): academic support and learning activities; spps.org/alted</p> <p>St. Paul Parks and Recreation: Rec Check and S'more Fun; stpaul.gov/reccheck</p>	<p>Extended Day for Learning (EDL): academic support and learning activities; spps.org/alted</p> <p>Flipside: enrichment activities in art, science, technology and more; 651-767-8179, spps.org/flipside</p> <p>Freedom School Express: culturally relevant lessons and learning activities; 651-387-0869, spps.org/fsx</p> <p>Interscholastic and Adapted Athletics: 651-767-3490, spps.org/sports</p>	<p>Interscholastic and Adapted Athletics: 651-767-3490, spps.org/sports</p> <p>Visit your school website for more activities including: theater, student clubs, leadership opportunities and additional extracurriculars</p>

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 a 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.

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. Students in grades 1-12 receive intensive academic support from English Learner (EL) teachers who work together with general education teachers to ensure English Learners are able to access core curriculum and standards while taking into account their language support needs. For more information, visit spps.org/ml or call 651-767-8320.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)

Saint Paul Public Schools offers full-day Pre-K programs at most elementary schools and the Districtwide Early Childhood Hub. Children who are 4 years old by September 1, 2025, 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 select schools. 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 who turn 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2025. 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 childcare 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, 2025, may apply for an early admission to kindergarten assessment through the Student Placement Center. The deadline for applications is February 14, 2025. 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 Pre-Kindergarten in addition to applying for Early Admission to Kindergarten. For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

Districtwide Early Childhood Hub

The Districtwide Early Childhood Hub is a magnet program that provides a variety of services 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 Districtwide Early Childhood Hub 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 program also offers 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 14 and visit spps.org/ech for more information about the Districtwide Early Childhood Hub.

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.

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 range 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) 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 14. Parents can work with their child’s IEP team to learn more about appropriate school choices.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses prepare students for careers in high-wage and in-demand fields: agriculture, automotive/transportation, family and consumer science, education, communications and technology, construction, manufacturing, and medical 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 3M Advanced Training Center on the Saint Paul College campus. PSEO allows eligible 10-12th grade students to enroll in college courses and earn both high school and college credits.

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 community partnerships.

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

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS

Non-traditional schools serve 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.

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 • bridgeview.spps.org	K-12	350 Colborne St.	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Focus Beyond Transition Services 651-293-5997 • focusbeyond.spps.org	Ages 18-21	340 Colborne St.	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Journeys Secondary 651-744-1900 • journeys.spps.org	9-12	90 S. Western Ave.	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.
RiverEast Elementary and Secondary 651-744-2567 • rivereast.spps.org	K-12	1055 Mackubin St.	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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.

	Grades	Address	Start and End Times	School Specialty
AGAPE (Adolescent Girls and Parenting Education) High School 651-744-7970 • agape.spps.org	9-12	1037 University Ave. W.	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	For pregnant and/or parenting teen mothers
Gateway to College 651-325-2550 • gateway.spps.org	Ages 16-21	740 York Ave.	8:30 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 • gordonparks.spps.org	11-12	1212 University Ave. W.	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Alternative learning program that offers flexible programming and career exploration opportunities
Guadalupe Alternative Programs 651-262-5801 • gapschool.org	7-12	381 Robie St. E.	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Alternative learning program
LEAP High School 651-228-7706 • leap.spps.org	Ages 14-22	740 York Ave.	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	For English learners new to the United States

SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAP

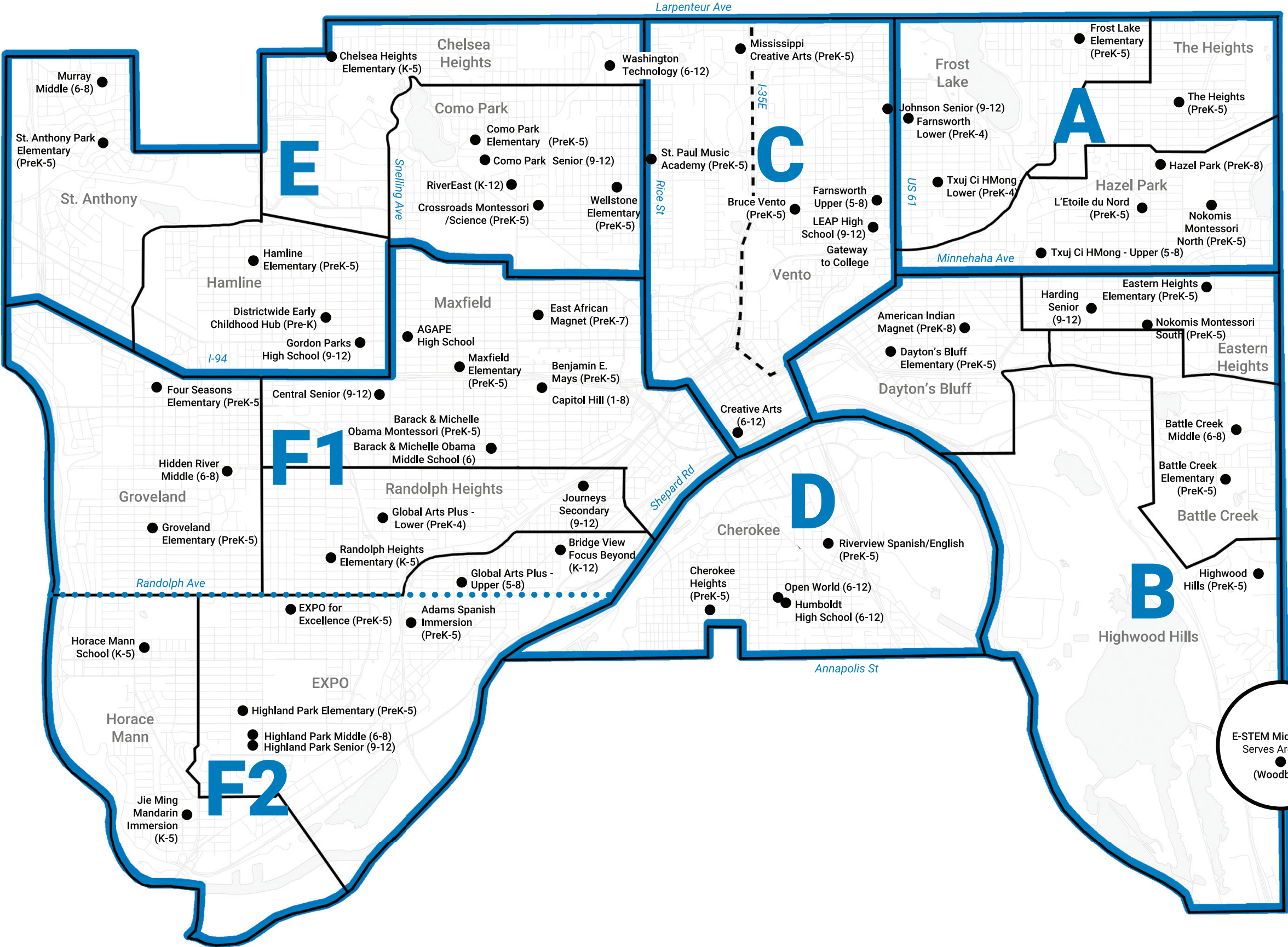
School Choice Map and Community School Zone

- Area
- Community School Zone
- C East/C West Boundary
- F1/F2 Boundary



Find Your Area

Use the map on this page or go to the 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 eligibility for bus transportation.



E-STEM Middle (6-8)
Serves Area A, B
(Woodbury)

SCHOOL AND PROGRAM TYPES

Community Schools

Families love our community schools, where many students live in the neighborhood. Your child will be part of a family of teachers, students and neighbors ready to support them 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

SPPS magnet schools are a 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, STEM or the arts.

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

Most schools and magnet programs have an enrollment pathway 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)

Art is integrated within the core subject areas and general classrooms, plus opportunities for students to develop their skills in dance, music, theater and/or visual and 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. An assessment 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-7)

Students learn about the cultures and languages of East Africa (Amharic, Arabic, Oromo, Somali, Swahili and Tigrinya).

Environmental (Grades PreK-5)

New magnet program opening fall 2025; focused on encouraging students to explore, investigate, learn and foster play while developing a connection to nature.

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 rich experiences in the classroom and community.

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)

One-way immersion program in which students are taught primarily in French to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in French while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school develop a deeper insight into the French language and culture through continued studies. Requirements for attendance: Enrollment in a French dual language classroom or complete a French language proficiency assessment for late entry (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 German. Requirements for attendance: Previous enrollment in a German immersion program or German language proficiency assessment for late entry.

Hmong Dual Language Immersion (Grades PreK-12)

Two-way immersion program in which students learn in both Hmong and English while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school develop a deeper insight into the Hmong language and culture through continued studies. Requirements for attendance: Enrollment in a Hmong dual language classroom or complete a Hmong language proficiency assessment for late entry (grade 2 and above).

Hmong Language and Culture (Grades 6-8)

Students explore Hmong culture, language, history, and traditions. Core subjects are taught in English with the integration of Hmong history and culture in all classes. Students learn how to read, write and communicate in Hmong through a language class.

Hmong Studies (Grades K-5)

Students explore the culture, language, history, art, folklore, literature and traditions of the Hmong people through social studies units. All content is taught in English.

International Baccalaureate (IB) (Grades PreK-12)

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.

Karen Language and Culture (Grades K-1)

Students learn about the Karen language and culture in addition to core subjects. This new program will add a grade level each year.

Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion (Grades K-12)

One-way immersion program in which students are taught primarily in Mandarin Chinese to become proficient in reading, writing and communicating in Mandarin while mastering state standards. Students in middle and high school develop a deeper insight into the Mandarin Chinese language and culture through continued studies. Requirements for attendance: Enrollment in a Mandarin Chinese dual language classroom or complete a Mandarin Chinese language proficiency assessment for late entry (grade 2 and above).

Montessori (Grades PreK-5)

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 support 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-12)

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 develop a deeper insight into the Spanish language and culture through continued studies. Requirements for attendance: Enrollment in a Spanish dual language classroom or complete a Spanish language proficiency assessment for late entry (grade 2 and above).



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Areas Served	Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Adams Spanish Immersion (PreK-5) 615 S. Chatsworth St. 651-298-1595 adams.spps.org	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 (PreK-8) 1075 E. Third St. 651-778-3100 aims.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	American Indian Language and Culture	B	A-F	American Indian Magnet (PreK-8) → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon-Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Barack & Michelle Obama Montessori Elementary School (PreK-5) 707 Holly Ave. 651-293-8720 spps.org/obamamontessori <i>Formerly J.J. Hill Montessori; new location and name starting fall 2025</i>	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Montessori	F1	C-West, D, E, F	Obama Montessori → Obama Middle → Your Community High School	On-site	Tue/Thur	
Battle Creek Elementary (PreK-5) 60 S. Ruth St. 651-744-4130 battlecreekel.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	B	B	Battle Creek Elementary → E-STEM Middle → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Benjamin E. Mays Elementary (PreK-5) 560 Rondo Ave. 651-325-2400 benmays.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	International Baccalaureate (IB)	F1	A, B, C-East C-West, E, F1 F2	Benjamin E. Mays → Hazel Park Preparatory School → Harding Senior Benjamin E. Mays → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior Benjamin E. Mays → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Bruce F. Vento Elementary (PreK-5) 409 Case Ave. 651-293-8685 vento.spps.org <i>New environmental program starting fall 2025</i>	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Environmental	C	B, C, E	Bruce Vento → Washington Middle → Washington High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	EBD-III, ASD-III, DCD-III
Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented (1-8) 560 Rondo Ave. 651-325-2500 capitolhill.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Gifted and Talented	F1	A-F	Capitol Hill (1-8) → Your Community High School	On-site	Mon-Thur	
Chelsea Heights Elementary (K-5) 1557 Huron St. 651-293-8790 chelsea.spps.org	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 (PreK-5) 694 Charlton St. 651-293-8610 cherokee.spps.org	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 (PreK-5) 780 W. Wheelock Pkwy. 651-293-8820 comoel.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	E	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* (PreK-5) 543 Front Ave. 651-767-8540 crossroads.spps.org <i>New school year calendar starting fall 2025</i>	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Montessori	E	A-F	Crossroads Montessori → Obama Middle → Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	
Crossroads Science* (PreK-5) 543 Front Ave. 651-767-8540 crossroads.spps.org <i>New school year calendar starting fall 2025</i>	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Science	E	A, C, E B, D, F	Crossroads Science → Washington Middle → Washington High School Crossroads Science → Humboldt High School (6-12)	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	
Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus (PreK-5) 262 Bates Ave. 651-293-8915 daytonsbluff.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	B	B	Dayton's Bluff → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ECSE, EBD-III
Districtwide Early Childhood Hub (Pre-K) 1317 Charles Ave. 651-293-5200 ech.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Pre-K	E	A-F	Early Childhood Hub → Your Community Elementary School	At Rondo Complex		ECSE
East African Magnet (PreK-7) 437 Edmund Ave. W 651-744-6420 eastafricanmagnet.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1	A-F	East African Magnet → Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Eastern Heights Elementary (PreK-5) 2001 Margaret St. 651-744-6610 eastern.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community School	B	B	Eastern Heights → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
EXPO Elementary (PreK-5) 540 Warwick St. S. 651-290-8384 expo.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	F2	F1 F2	EXPO → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior EXPO → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Lower (PreK-4) 1290 Arcade St. 651-293-8675 farnsworthlower.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	C	A-F	Farnsworth - Lower → Farnsworth - Upper → Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper (5-8) 1000 Walsh St. 651-293-8880 farnsworthupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	C	A-F	Farnsworth - Upper → Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord (5th grade)	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Four Seasons Arts+ (PreK-5) 318 Moore St. 651-290-7595 fourseasons.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Arts	F1	A, B, C, E D, F	Four Seasons → Creative Arts Secondary Four Seasons → Global Arts Plus - Upper → Creative Arts Secondary	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ECSE
Frost Lake Elementary (PreK-5) 1505 E. Hoyt Ave. 651-293-8930 frostlake.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community School	A	A	Frost Lake → E-STEM Middle → Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Global Arts Plus - Lower (PreK-4) 1023 Osceola Ave. 651-293-6606 globalartslower.spps.org	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

	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Areas Served	Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Global Arts Plus - Upper (5-8) 810 Palace Ave. 651-293-8690 globalartsupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F	Global Arts Plus - Upper → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Highland Park Elementary (5th grade)	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Groveland Park Elementary (PreK-5) 2045 St. Clair Ave. 651-293-8760 groveland.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community School	F1	F1 F2	Groveland → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior Groveland → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Highland Park Elementary	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hamline Elementary (PreK-5) 1599 Englewood Ave. 651-293-8715 hamline.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Community School	E	E	Hamline → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hazel Park Preparatory Academy (PreK-8) 1140 White Bear Ave. 651-293-8970 hazelpark.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, International Baccalaureate (IB)	A	Community School: A, IB: A, B	Hazel Park (PreK-8) → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon-Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
The Heights Community School (PreK-5) 1863 E. Clear Ave. 651-293-8815 theheights.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	A	A	The Heights → Battle Creek Middle → Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Highland Park Elementary (PreK-5) 1700 Saunders Ave. 651-293-8770 highlandel.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	International Baccalaureate (IB)	F2	D, F2 F1	Highland Park Elementary → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior Highland Park Elementary → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	On-site (after school only)	Mon/Wed	ECSE, EBD-III
Highwood Hills Elementary (PreK-5) 2188 London Lane 651-744-3290 highwoodhills.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	B	B	Highwood Hills → Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Horace Mann School (K-5) 2001 Eleanor Ave. 651-293-8965 mann.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	F2	F1 F2	Horace Mann → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior Horace Mann → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-site	Mon/Wed	
Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion* (K-5) 1845 Sheridan Ave. 651-744-4770 jieming.spps.org	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	
L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion (PreK-5) 1760 Ames Place 651-221-1480 frenchimmersion.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	French Dual Language Immersion	A	A-F	L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	
Maxfield Elementary* (PreK-5) 380 N. Victoria St. 651-293-8680 maxfield.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	F1	F1 F2	Maxfield → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior Maxfield → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III, ASD-III, DCD-III
Mississippi Creative Arts (PreK-5) 1575 L'Orient St. 651-293-8840 mississippi.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Arts	C	A, B, C	Mississippi Creative Arts → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis Montessori - North (PreK-5) 985 Ruth St. 651-744-7440 nokomisnorth.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Montessori	A	A, C-East	Nokomis North → Obama Middle → Your Community High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis Montessori - South (PreK-5) 525 White Bear Ave. N 651-744-5500 nokomissouth.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Montessori	B	B	Nokomis South → Obama Middle → Your Community High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Randolph Heights Elementary (K-5) 348 S. Hamline Ave. 651-293-8780 randolph.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	F1	F1 F2	Randolph Heights → Hidden River Middle → Central Senior Randolph Heights → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior	On-site	Mon/Wed	
Riverview Spanish/English Dual Immersion Program (PreK-5) 160 Isabel St. E. 651-293-8665 riverview.spps.org	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 (PreK-5) 27 E. Geranium Ave. 651-293-8795 spma.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Arts	C	A, B, C, E	Saint Paul Music Academy → Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Online Learning		A-F	SPPS Online School (K-12)			ASD-III, DCD-III
St. Anthony Park Elementary (PreK-5) 2180 Knapp St. 651-293-8735 stanthony.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community School	E	E	St. Anthony Park → Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	
Txuj Ci HMong Language & Culture - Lower (PreK-4) 1089 Cypress St. 651-293-8935 txujcilower.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Hmong Dual Language Immersion, Hmong Studies	A	A, B, C-East C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Lower → Txuj Ci Upper → Harding Senior Txuj Ci Lower → Txuj Ci Upper → Washington High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ECSE, ASD-III, DCD-III
Txuj Ci HMong Language & Culture - Upper (5-8) 1363 Bush Ave. 651-744-1000 txujciupper.spps.org	9:40 a.m.-4:10 p.m.	Hmong Dual Language Immersion	A	A, B, C-East C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Upper → Harding Senior Txuj Ci Upper → Washington High School	At L'Etoile du Nord (5th grade)	Mon/Wed	
Wellstone Elementary (PreK-5) 1041 Marion St. 651-290-8354 wellstone.spps.org	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Spanish Dual Language Immersion, BioSMART, Karen Language and Culture (K-1)	E	Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A, C, E BioSMART: A-F Karen: A-F	Wellstone → Highland Park Middle → Highland Park Senior Wellstone → Washington Middle → Washington High School Wellstone → Your Community Middle School → Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	Enrollment Pathway	Flipside (Mon-Thur)	World Languages	Specialized Programs
American Indian Magnet School (PreK-8) 1075 E. Third St. 651-778-3100 aims.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	American Indian Language and Culture	B	A-F	American Indian Magnet → Harding Senior	•	Lakota/Dakota, Ojibwe	ASD-III, DCD-III
Barack & Michelle Obama Middle School (6) 707 Holly Ave. spps.org/obamamiddle <i>New middle school opening fall 2025</i>	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	To be determined	F1	A-F	Obama Middle → Your Community High School			
Battle Creek Middle School (6-8) 2121 N. Park Dr. 651-293-8960 bcms.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School	B	Community School: A, B	Battle Creek Middle → Johnson Senior Battle Creek Middle → Harding Senior	•	Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet (1-8) 560 Concordia Ave. 651-325-2500 capitolhill.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Gifted and Talented	F1	A-F	Capitol Hill (1-8) → Your Community High School	•	French, Spanish	
Creative Arts Secondary School (6-12) 65 Kellogg Blvd. 651-292-3480 creativearts.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Arts	C	A-F	Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	•		
East African Magnet (PreK-7) 437 Edmund Ave. W 651-744-6420 eastafricanmagnet.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1	A-F	East African Magnet → Your Community High School		Arabic, Somali	ASD-III, DCD-III
E-STEM Middle School (6-8) 600 Weir Drive, Woodbury, MN 651-744-2900 estem.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	E-STEM		A, B	E-STEM Middle → Your Community High School	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper (5-8) 1000 Walsh St. 651-293-8880 farnsworthupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	C	A-F	Farnsworth - Upper → Johnson Senior	•	Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Global Arts Plus - Upper (5-8) 810 Palace Ave. 651-293-8690 globalartsupper.spps.org	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 (PreK-8) 1140 White Bear Ave. 651-293-8970 hazelpark.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	International Baccalaureate (IB)	A	A, B	Hazel Park (PreK-8) → Harding Senior	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hidden River Middle School (6-8) 1700 Summit Ave. 651-293-8860 hiddenriver.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, International Baccalaureate (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
Highland Park Middle School (6-8) 975 S. Snelling Ave. 651-293-8950 highlandms.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, International Baccalaureate (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 (6-12) 30 E. Baker St. 651-293-8600 humboldt.spps.org	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, DHH-III
Murray Middle School (6-8) 2200 Buford Ave. 651-293-8740 murray.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School	E	E	Murray Middle → Como Park Senior	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Open World Learning Community (6-12) 640 Humboldt Ave. 651-293-8670 open.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Expeditionary Learning	D	A-F	Open World Learning (6-12)	•	Spanish	
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	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 (5-8) 1363 Bush Ave. 651-744-1000 txujciupper.spps.org	9:40 a.m.-4:10 p.m.	Hmong Dual Language Immersion	A	A, B, C-East C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Upper → Harding Senior Txuj Ci Upper → Washington High School	•	Hmong	
Washington Technology Middle School (6-8) 1495 Rice St. 651-293-8830 washingtonms.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion, BioSMART	C	Community School: C Hmong Dual Language Immersion: C-West, D, E, F BioSMART: A-F	Washington Middle → Washington High School	•	Hmong, Karen, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III

HIGH SCHOOLS

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	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Area Served	World Languages	Specialized Programs
Central Senior High School (9-12) 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. 651-744-4900 central.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, French Dual Language Immersion, German Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB)	F1	Community School: F1 French Dual Language Immersion; German Dual Language Immersion: A-F IB: C-West, E, F1	French, German, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Como Park Senior High School (9-12) 740 W. Rose Ave. 651-293-8800 comosr.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Academy of Finance, Advanced Placement (AP), Community School	E	Academy of Finance: A-F AP: E, F1 Community School: E	Karen*, Somali*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Creative Arts Secondary School (6-12) 65 Kellogg Blvd. 651-292-3480 creativearts.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Arts	C	A-F		
Harding Senior High School (9-12) 1540 E. Sixth St. 651-793-4700 harding.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	American Indian Language and Culture, Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB)	B	American Indian Language: A-F Community School: B Hmong Dual Language Immersion; IB: A, B, C-East	Dakota/Lakota*, French, Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Ojibwe*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Highland Park Senior High School (9-12) 1015 S. Snelling Ave. 651-293-8940 highlandsr.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Community School, Gifted and Talented, International Baccalaureate (IB), 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
Humboldt High School (6-12) 30 E. Baker St. 651-293-8600 humboldt.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Advanced Placement (AP), Community School, Environmental Science	D	AP: D, F2 Community School: D Environmental Science: A-F	French, Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III, DHH-III
Johnson Senior High School (9-12) 1349 Arcade St. 651-293-8890 johnsonsr.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Advanced Placement (AP), Aerospace/Engineering, Community School	A	AP: A-B Aerospace/Engineering: A-F Community School: A	Hmong*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Open World Learning Community (6-12) 640 Humboldt Ave. 651-293-8670 open.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Expeditionary Learning	D	A-F	Spanish	
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	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
Washington Technology High School (9-12) 1495 Rice St. 651-293-8830 washingtonhs.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Advanced Placement (AP), BioSMART, Community School, Hmong Dual Language Immersion	C	AP; Community School: C BioSMART: A-F Hmong Dual Language Immersion: C-West, D, E, F	Hmong*, Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Applications/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. 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 year-round 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, 2025, are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025, to qualify for the Pre-Kindergarten program during the 2025-26 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.

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 year?

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.

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.

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.


Additional Frequently Asked Questions

Visit spps.org/apply for more answers to Frequently Asked Questions on transportation and curriculum/instruction.

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