

ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2029 Application Process & Timeline
Enrollment for 2025 – 2026 School Year

Community High School ADMISSION Information & Criteria:

1. **Grade** – Applicants must be eligible for the grade and graduating class for which they are applying.
2. **District Residency Requirements** – Applicants must be current AAPS students or meet the AAPS residency requirements at the time of application, or provide proof of future residency.
3. **Enrollment Process** – Please, *carefully* read the Enrollment Process that accompanies this Application Process & Timeline.
4. **Student and Parent/Guardian Information Sessions** – There will be four in-person CHS Information Sessions; any additional information will be posted at a2community.org. It is *highly recommended* that both student and parent/guardian attend one of these sessions. They provide an excellent opportunity to learn about Community High School in order to make an informed decision about AAPS high school options.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025	7:00 – 8:30 PM	(In Person at CHS)
Sunday, January 26, 2025	2:00 – 3:30 PM	(In Person at CHS)
Sunday, February 2, 2025	2:00 – 3:30 PM	(In Person at CHS)
Thursday, February 6, 2025	7:00 – 8:30 PM	(In Person at CHS)
5. **Application** – Applicants must complete an [online application](#) between **Tuesday, January 7** and **Thursday, February 13, 2025**.
6. **Random Selection** – Among the students who meet/complete all required elements of this application and enrollment process, *132 students* will be admitted to the 9th grade class for the 2025-2026 school year through a double-blind random selection. The remaining applicants will form the waitlist for the class of 2029.

TIMELINE for the Class of 2029

Tuesday, January 7 – Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:59 PM – *Application Window*. Complete an [online application](#). Print out the completed application submission page and your confirmation email to keep as your receipt. The automated confirmation email confirms that you *submitted* an application. Once your *eligibility* is confirmed for the lottery, you will receive another email with your temporary student number. Be sure to also print this email.

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 11:59 PM – *Application Deadline*. Late applications will be added to the end of the waitlist in the order received; **they WILL NOT be included in the random selection**. Only one application per student will be accepted.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 5:00 PM – *Validation of Lottery Entrance*. A list of temporary student numbers (not student names) to be included in the random selection will be posted on the Community High School website (a2community.org). *If your student’s number does not appear on the list, and you believe it should, please notify Community High School by 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025* (call 734-994-2026 or email Lisa Durham at durhaml@aaps.k12.mi.us).

Friday, February 21, 2025 – *Random Selection*. Results of the random selection lottery, and the official waitlist, will be posted by student number (not student name) on Community’s website (a2community.org) at 7:30 PM. Students accepted through the random selection will learn additional details and next steps after the random selection results are posted.

Monday, February 24, 2025 – *Class of 2029 List Shared*. Ann Arbor middle schools and private schools will be notified of the results.

Thursday, March 6, 2025 - *Connect with Community “Shadow Day.”* This afternoon school visit is only for those students chosen in the random selection; students will attend an assembly, visit a Forum, and experience some aspects of the school before the commitment date.

Friday, March 7, 2025 – *Commit/Decline Date*. The *Commitment and Enrollment Agreement* form must be received at CHS by 4:00 PM. Students applying to another AAPS high school through the In-District-Transfer (IDT) process can accept only ONE of the offered enrollment placements: either CHS or another AAPS high school, but not both.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 – *AAPS Transition Day*. District 8th graders visit their assigned high school in the afternoon.

Students who need help with any part of this application process may reach out to CHS or your school counselor.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socioeconomic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, or disability.

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. Selection is by a validated, double blind, random drawing, and is only for incoming 9th graders. Selection is not influenced by application responses. In grades 10-12, enrollment is based on available openings, determined no more than two weeks before each semester, from each grade level waiting list. CHS does not offer rolling enrollment.
2. Families moving into the district may place their 8th grade student's name in the lottery. Proof of future residency is required (see AAPS District residency requirements).
3. In the lottery for incoming 9th graders, the first 132 numbers will be offered seats. The remaining numbers establish a waitlist for that grade. This wait list is used to maintain enrollment levels as follows:
 - 9th grade – 132 seats
 - 10th grade – 132 seats
 - 11th grade – 135 seats
 - 12th grade – 135 seats
4. In order to be entered into the lottery, students and their families must meet/complete all required elements of the Application Process and Timeline included in this Enrollment Process document.
5. Enrollment priorities are in the following order:
 - a. Correct number of students in grade.
 - b. Enrollment will be offered for up to three foreign exchange students residing with a full-time CHS student, pending final approval of the Dean. These foreign exchange students are accepted above the target enrollment for that grade and may not have previously earned a high school diploma in their home country.
 - c. Children of CHS faculty members are accepted above the target enrollment for each grade level.
 - d. No more than 2 children of AAPS employees (not at CHS) are accepted above the target enrollment for each grade level, in waitlist order from the random selection.
 - e. CHS does not offer sibling or legacy enrollment.
6. Students with disabilities will be afforded an equal opportunity to attend Community High School through the lottery process. Once students are selected to attend Community High School, CHS will promptly notify the Special Education Department to convene an individualized education planning meeting (IEP) or Section 504 meeting to make an individualized determination as to what services the student requires for a free appropriate public education (FAPE); whether the student can educationally benefit from the program offered at Community High School; and, if so, what steps need to be taken to provide the student with FAPE at CHS. Students will retain their lottery standing until the IEP or Section 504 process has been completed. Students will not be denied the opportunity to attend CHS unless the IEP or Section 504 team decides that they cannot participate in or benefit from the unique curriculum or programs offered. Parents will be notified in writing that any such decision may be challenged through an impartial due process hearing. Decisions to deny enrollment will not be based on administrative considerations such as availability of special education classes or services at Community High School.
7. During the initial phases of enrollment, no students will be enrolled in a grade in excess of the target enrollment. If a student leaves the school but the number of students in the grade remains at or above the target enrollment, that student's space will not be filled.
8. When called to fill a spot, parents have one week to respond. At the Dean's discretion, this time could vary if consistent with others being called at that time.
9. If parents are called and turn down an opening, their child will be removed from the waitlist.
10. At the discretion of the Dean, a spot may be reserved for a student who travels overseas (semester abroad) or who transfers to another specialized educational program or treatment center with the intent of returning to Community High School.
11. The school community places a high value on maintaining a diverse student body. Every effort will be made to attract and retain families from a variety of backgrounds by encouraging them to enter the lottery.

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