

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program

## Application Information

2025 – 2026  
Requirements and  
Procedures



# What is Jefferson Parish Schools 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program?

In an effort to provide more choice opportunities to our high school parents and students, in February 2020, JPS implemented the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program (9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP).

A student's high school years are often called "the best years of your life." Students make lifelong friends, are involved in activities, and wear the pride of their schools forever.

However, for a small number of students, high school years can be extremely challenging. Students often can't find their way, have trouble making friends, and dread going to school. JP Schools wanted to make a difference in this experience and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP was implemented.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Description

Current Jefferson Parish School System 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students\* will be provided an opportunity to apply for high school choice options outside of their Attendance Zone High School for the 2025-2026 School Year.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP does not remove attendance and transportation zone schools. All students will have an enrollment seat in their traditional attendance zone school with transportation provided.

\*Students eligible to participate must be in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and enrolled in a school operated by JP Schools staff for the 2024-25 SY. \*\*\***This excludes private, parochial, and charter schools.**

\*\*\*Only families wishing to attend a school **OUTSIDE** of their Attendance Zone School need to apply for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice. \*\*\*



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Description

Students who participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program will be allowed to remain at their choice school until they graduate, however transportation is **NOT PROVIDED.**

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT.**

**LHSAA ELIGIBILITY:** Students receiving approval for a 9th Grade High School Choice Transfer **are subject** to LHSAA eligibility regulations.

For more information, **parent(s) and legal guardian(s) are responsible for contacting the LHSAA to determine the eligibility of the student for participation in varsity sports. In order to participate in varsity sports sanctioned by the LHSAA, students must have written approval of the LHSAA.**



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Schools

High Schools Participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP:

School	Number of Choice Seats	School	Number of Choice Seats
Bonnabel High School	136	Grand Isle High School	1
East Jefferson High School	64	L. W. Higgins High School	62
Fisher High School	10	West Jefferson High School	72

Applications for HSCP will be considered based on individual school capacity.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP **does not** include schools who offer designated Magnet Programs or Advanced Studies Academies.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Preference

Priority will be given to the following:

1. **Jefferson Parish Schools Employees**  
(Employee verification must accompany application)
2. **Active-duty military personnel**  
(Current Military Orders must accompany application)
3. **Placement of siblings within the same school**, if capacity allows  
(Sibling name with appropriate verification should be provided)

Choice preference does not guarantee assignment to a Choice School.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Application Details

Complete directions, including instructional videos will be available for families needing assistance.

Applications must be completed and submitted online at [ipschools.novuschoice.com](https://ipschools.novuschoice.com) with all required documents to be considered.

Families will be able to submit applications and documents from their phones, tablets, laptops, or desktop computers.



# Application Requirements

**ALL** application submissions must include a copy of the following:

- **Parent's Picture ID**
- **Student's Birth Certificate**
- **Current Proof of Residency in Jefferson Parish** in the name of the parent completing the form with the same address entered on the application.
- **Custody Judgement/Agreement** (if applicable)

**\*JPS MAY REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR AUTHENTICATION, IF DEEMED NECESSARY**





# Application Requirements

If priority preference is being requested, in addition to the **Parent's Picture ID, Student's Birth Certificate** and **Current Proof of Residency in Jefferson Parish** your application submission must include the following:

1. **Jefferson Parish Schools Employees**

(Employee verification must accompany application-i.e. Pay Stub, Current School/District ID, Letter of verification from current Supervisor)

2. **Active-duty military personnel**

(Current Military Orders must accompany application)

3. **Placement of siblings within the same school**, if capacity allows

(Sibling name with appropriate verification must be provided)



# Decisions and Notifications

Available openings will only be offered to students who have submitted complete and accurate applications and documents.

The online application system will date and time stamp each submission in the order in which applications are submitted.

Qualified applicants will be offered available openings in the order in which the applications are submitted with priority given to JPS Employees, Active Military Personnel, and sibling placement.

If a duplicate application is received, only the initially submitted application will be accepted.



# Decisions and Notifications

Qualified students for whom no openings are available will be placed on a waitlist in the order their complete applications and documents were submitted.

**The wait list for the 2025-2026 school year will be active until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 2025- 2026 school year. After the 15<sup>th</sup> day of school, no student will be reassigned as a choice student.**

All applicants will be notified of their child's admission status—accepted, waitlisted, or denied—via email by April **15**, 2025.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Application Timeline

High School Infomercials will be posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Webpage.

<https://www.ipschools.org/families/asa-school-choice-program/9th-grade-high-school-choice>

**February 3, 2025 - February 20, 2025 –**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Virtual Informational Nights. (See the Next Slide for Dates)

**February 24, 2025 - March 28, 2025 –** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Application Period

**April 10, 2025 -** Notification Letters Emailed to Parents

**April 25, 2025 -** Acceptance/Decline Response due no later than 5:00 pm



# Virtual High School Informational Nights

Current Jefferson Parish School System 8th Grade Parents and Students\* are invited to virtually tour the campus to learn more about each school and the various programs and extracurricular activities offered.

School	Date	School	Date
Bonnabel High School	Feb. 13, 2025 @ 6pm	Grand Isle High School	Feb. 18, 2025 @ 6pm
East Jefferson High School	Feb. 26, 2025 @ 6pm	L. W. Higgins High School	Feb. 19, 2025 @ 6pm
Fisher High School	Feb. 3, 2025 @ 6pm	West Jefferson High School	Feb. 20, 2025 @ 6pm

**\*Students eligible to participate must be in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and enrolled in a Jefferson Parish operated school for the 2024-25 School Year.**



# Submitting Your Application

We look forward to your application and required documents beginning **February 24, 2025**.

Applications window closes **March 28, 2025 at 5pm**.

Email any questions or concerns to [Pamela.Allen@jpschools.org](mailto:Pamela.Allen@jpschools.org).

