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2026-27 PreK-12 School Selection Guide

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The information contained in this guide is current as of December 2025 and is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit spps.org/apply or contact the Student Placement Center.

Dear St. Paul Families,

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make as a parent. It's a decision filled with hope, questions and dreams for your child's future. As superintendent, I am honored to walk alongside you on this journey.



What excites me most about Saint Paul Public Schools is how we empower each student to explore their unique talents, interests and potential. Whether your child thrives in a close-knit community school or would soar in specialized learning in Montessori, language immersion, STEM or the arts, we have a school where they can flourish.

Our mission is simple but powerful: to inspire students to think critically, pursue their dreams and change the world. Each of our schools provides the support your child may need to succeed, from special education and English learner services to athletics, music, clubs and so much more.

Thank you for choosing Saint Paul Public Schools. We can't wait to welcome you and your child into the SPPS family!

With appreciation and excitement for the journey ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Stacie Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent

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.

**Apply by February 20, 2026, for
the best opportunity to get into
the school of your choice.**



Steps to Choosing a School

2026–27 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.

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 20, 2026, for priority consideration. Families who apply by the priority application deadline will be notified of acceptance, or placement on a waiting list, in April.
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.
3. 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.
4. Complete a separate application for each student.
5. Please fill out the application completely.

Pre-Kindergarten Criteria

In addition to the Admission Priorities listed on page 5, 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, 2026
- 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	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
For each additional household member add:	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196



2026-2027 Application for Enrollment in Saint Paul Public Schools: PreK-Grade 12

Mail completed application to:
Student Placement Center, 2102 University Avenue W. St. Paul, MN 55114

Priority Application Deadline: February 20, 2026

Student's Legal Name: _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Female Male Hispanic: Yes No American Indian Asian Black Pacific Islander White

Birth Date _____ Home Language _____

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*: _____ *This email will be used to communicate application results

Is a parent/legal guardian a current SPPS employee**? Yes No Employee ID #: _____

If yes, please list name of parent and work location: _____ ** Please visit spps.org/apply or School Selection Guide for Specific Employee Considerations

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 Employee ID #: _____

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

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 2026-27 includes Adams Spanish Immersion, Barack and Michelle Obama Montessori, Central Sr. High, Chelsea Heights, EXPO, Groveland Park, Hidden River Middle, 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, 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 2025-26 school year who will continue at that school in 2026-27.

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.

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) will document transportation needs for students who require special education transportation or accommodations to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The IEP team determines this specific need, and parents should discuss transportation needs 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.

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, world languages, 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>Freedom School Express: culturally relevant lessons and learning activities; 651-387-0869, spps.org/fsx</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>

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 through the SPPS Career Pathways program. 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.

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 supplementary English language development instruction and supports focused on increasing a student's English language skills and understanding of core content instruction. Learning is achieved through collaborative teaching and teaching core subjects (math, science, language arts and social studies) in English. Student progress is measured based on the student's performance on a standardized annual assessment.

Exit

Every year, student progress is measured to determine English language proficiency. When students meet state-determined criteria, 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/mlt or call 651-767-8320.

Early Childhood Programs

SPPS offers programs from birth through Pre-K to prepare our youngest learners for success in school. Early learning opportunities are available in most St. Paul neighborhoods, with Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and Pre-Kindergarten offered at many elementary schools across the district. The Districtwide Early Childhood Hub and the Early Childhood Wing at Bruce Vento Elementary provide a range of programs at each location, including ECFE, ECSE, Pre-K and other services through community partnerships.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

SPPS Community Education offers parent and early childhood education from birth to kindergarten entry. Classes take place at multiple 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 ECFE or a childcare center. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services for 3- to 4-year-old children are provided in Pre-K classrooms (age 4), in ECSE classrooms, in community daycare or preschool sites, at ECFE, Head Start or at home. For more information, visit spps.org/ecse or call 651-744-5661 (Early Intervention) or 651-744-8094 (ECSE).

Districtwide Early Childhood Hub

The Districtwide Early Childhood Hub is a magnet program that provides a variety of services for children from birth to age 5 to meet the unique needs of every child and family. Services include ECFE, ECSE, Pre-K and community partnerships such as early childhood mental health. The program offers opportunities for young parents to build connections and learn more about their child's development. For more information, visit spps.org/ech.

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.

Nature Discovery Pre-Kindergarten

Nature Discovery Pre-Kindergarten offers fee-based, half-day or full-day Pre-K classes with a focus on learning in a nature-based setting. The programs are located at St. Anthony Park Elementary and the Community Education Center at J.J. Hill. Fee assistance is available for qualifying families through the state's Early Learning Scholarships. After-school childcare is available through Discovery Club. Nature Discovery Pre-K is open to children who turn 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2026. For more information, visit spps.org/natureprek.

Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)

Full-day Pre-K programs are offered at most elementary schools and the Districtwide Early Childhood Hub. Children who are 4 years old by September 1, 2026, 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 ECSE services. For more information, visit spps.org/prek or call 651-632-3760.

SPPS partners with Head Start to offer additional Pre-K seats at select schools. Families eligible for Head Start can contact the Student Placement Center for more information.

Early Admission to Kindergarten

Students whose fifth birthday falls between September 2 and December 31, 2026, may apply for an early admission to kindergarten assessment through the Student Placement Center. The deadline for applications is February 20, 2026. 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, call 651-632-3760.

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 elementary, middle and high schools in SPPS provide special education services to students with Federal Setting I and II services as indicated on their IEP. All schools also provide related services as indicated on each student’s IEP, which may include:

- School Social Work (SSW)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Developmental Adaptive Physical Education (DAPE)
- Nursing services
- Orientation and mobility services
- Audiology
- Work experience services (high schools only)

Students with more significant needs (Federal Setting III on their IEP) may require services through a specialized program for part or all of their school day. Specialized programs are located at select schools throughout the district. Specialized classrooms support students with a variety of disabilities in one class, focusing on each student's specific needs. If the IEP specifies that a student needs a Federal Setting III, the student will be assigned to a school that offers those services. Parents can work with their child’s IEP team to learn more about appropriate school choices for their child’s disability-related needs.

Special Education Sites

SPPS has four specialized schools that only serve students whose needs cannot be met in traditional school settings and those with a Federal Setting IV on their IEP. **Students are referred to these programs by their IEP team based on individual needs for intensive programming related to their disability.**





	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.

Saint Paul Public Schools Map

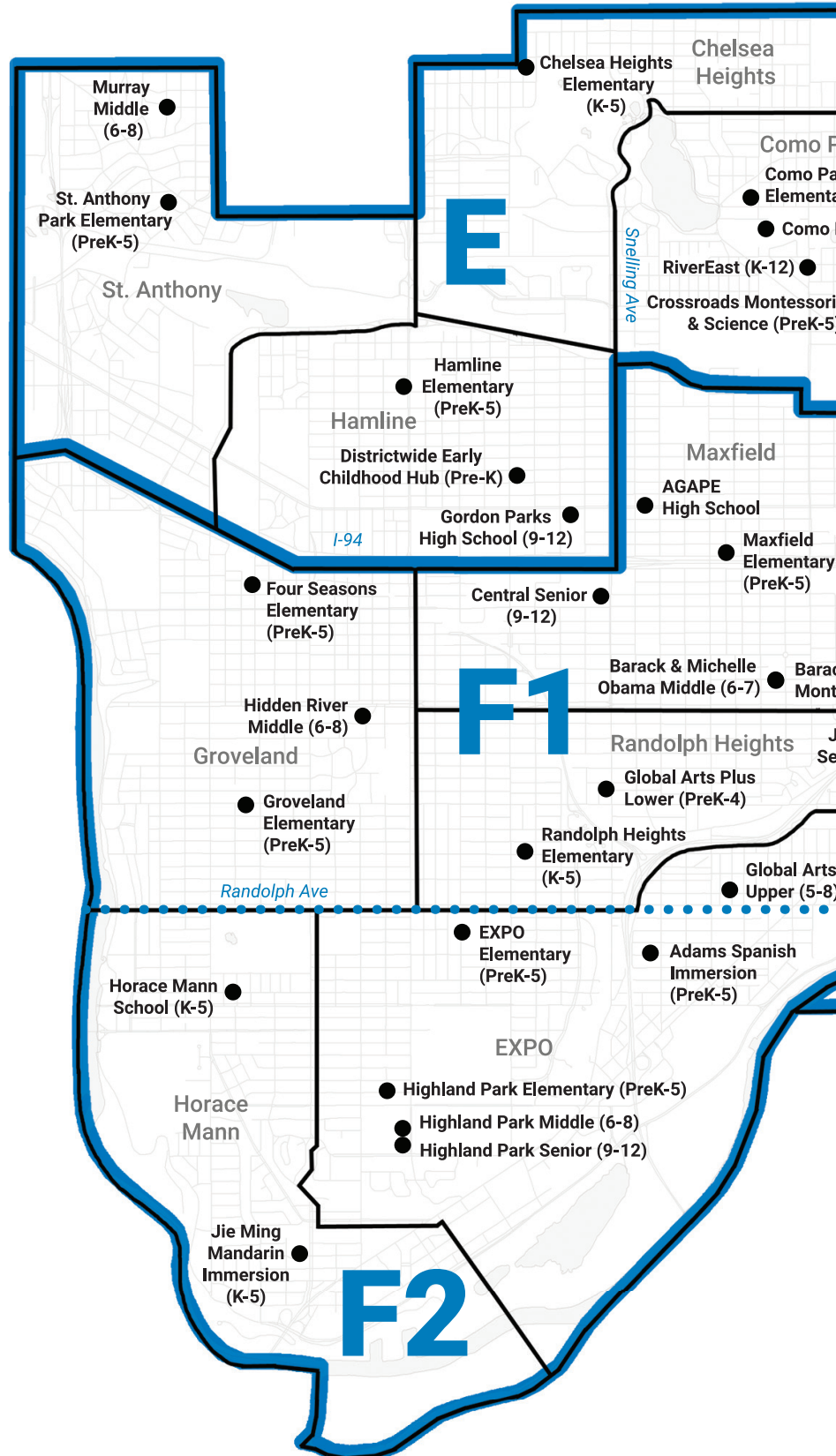
School Choice Map and Community School Zone

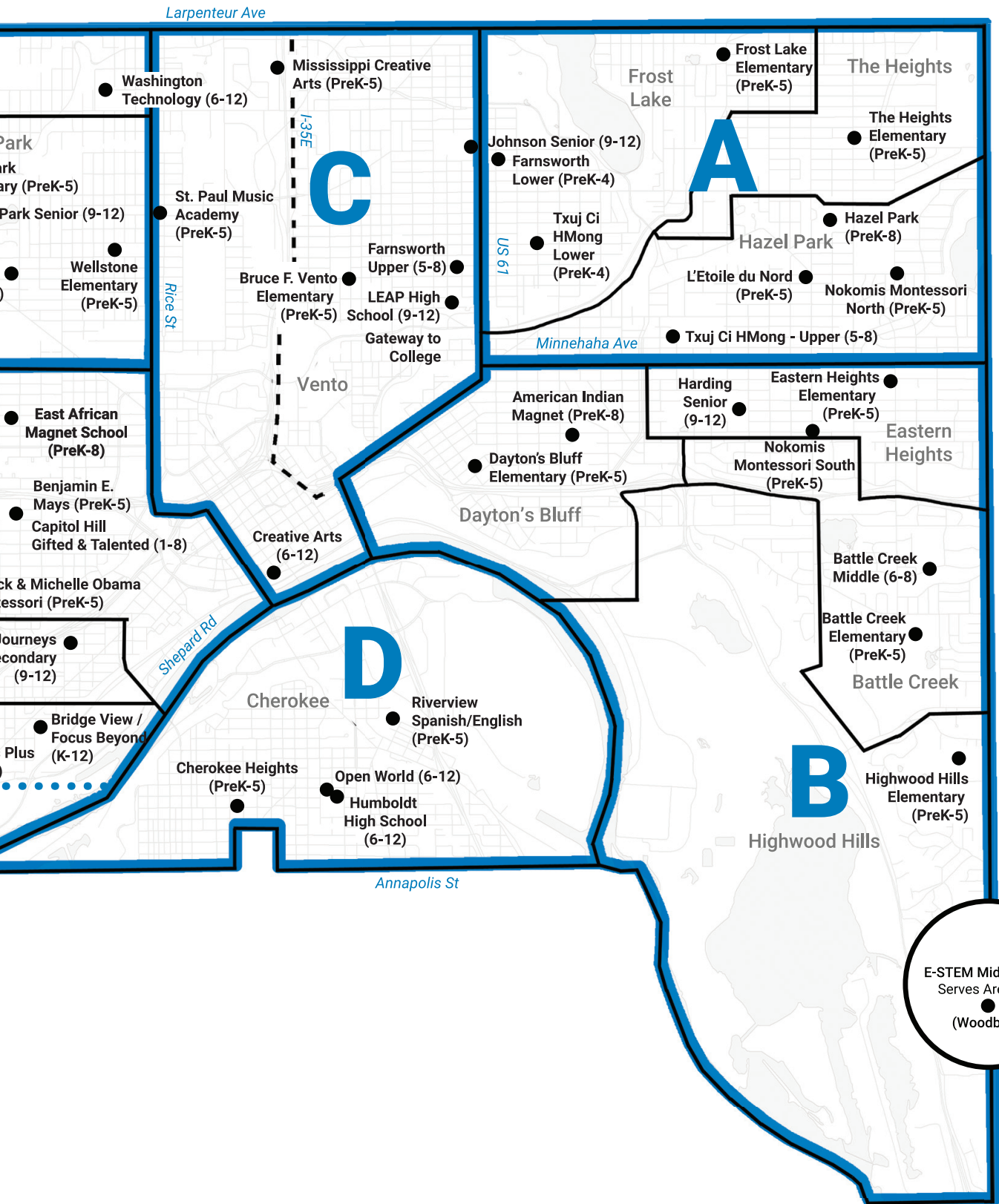
-  Area
-  Community School Zone
-  C East/C West Boundary
-  F1/F2 Boundary



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)

College-level classes and exams for high school students. Students can earn college credit or advanced placement in college courses based on their performance on the AP exams.

Aerospace/Engineering (Grades PreK-12)

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

Afrocentric (Grades PreK-5)

New magnet program opening fall 2026; focused on the African American experience, history and culture, and increasing educational outcomes.

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.

East African Language and Culture (Grades PreK-8)

Students explore the cultures and languages of East Africa: Amharic, Arabic, Oromo, Somali, Swahili and Tigrinya. Core subjects are taught in English. Students learn how to read, write and communicate in East African languages through a language class.

Environmental (Grades PreK-5)

Specialized instruction 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)

Specialized instruction with a business and finance focus at the high school level.

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.

Gifted and Talented (Grades 1-8)

Specialized instruction for students with advanced abilities in one or more of the following areas: general intellect, specific academic subjects, creativity, leadership, and visual and performing arts. An assessment is required for grades 1-5, including the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT 7), portfolio assessment or prior identification as an advanced learner.

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)

An internationally recognized program that offers a challenging and globally minded education. Students in PreK-5 participate in the Primary Years Programme, grades 6-10 participate in the Middle Years Programme, and grades 11-12 participate in either the Career Programme or Diploma Programme.

Karen Language and Culture (Grades K-2)

Students explore the Karen language and culture. Core subjects are taught in English. Students learn how to read, write and communicate in Karen through a language class. This 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)

Students learn in multi-age classrooms to build independence and confidence using specialized hands-on materials. Instruction is individualized to help each student grow based on their needs.

Online Learning (Grades K-12)

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

Science (Grades PreK-5)

Science and engineering topics are integrated into core subjects, including reading, writing and math, to inspire students to become curious thinkers and problem solvers.

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

Saint Paul Public Schools provides great schools in every neighborhood. Review transportation guidelines on page 6 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.

	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Areas Served
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
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
Barack & Michelle Obama Montessori Elementary School (PreK-5) 707 Holly Ave. 651-293-8720 obamamontessori.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Montessori	F1	C-West, D, E, F
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
Benjamin E. Mays Elementary (PreK-5) 560 Rondo Ave. 651-325-2400 benmays.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Afrocentric	F1	A-F
Bruce F. Vento Elementary (PreK-5) 409 Case Ave. 651-293-8685 vento.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Environmental	C	B, C, E
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
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
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
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
Crossroads Montessori* (PreK-5) 543 Front Ave. 651-767-8540 crossroads.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Montessori	E	A-F
Crossroads Science* (PreK-5) 543 Front Ave. 651-767-8540 crossroads.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Science	E	A, C, E
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
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
East African Magnet (PreK-8) 437 Edmund Ave. W 651-744-6420 eastafrikanmagnet.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1	A-F
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

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Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Adams > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	
American Indian Magnet (PreK-8) > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord (PreK-5)	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Obama Montessori > Obama Middle > Your Community High School	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Battle Creek Elementary > E-STEM Middle > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Ben Mays > Your Community Middle School > Your Community High School	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Bruce Vento > Washington Middle > Washington High School	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III, ECSE
Capitol Hill (1-8) > Your Community High School	On-site (1-5)	Tue/Thur	
Chelsea Heights > Murray Middle > Como Park Senior	At St. Anthony Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Cherokee Heights > Humboldt High School (6-12)	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Como Park Elementary > Murray Middle > Como Park Senior	At St. Anthony Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III, ECSE
Crossroads Montessori > Obama Middle > Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Crossroads Science > Washington Middle > Washington High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Dayton's Bluff > Battle Creek Middle > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	EBD-III, ECSE
Early Childhood Hub > Your Community Elementary School	At Rondo Complex		ECSE
East African Magnet > Your Community High School	At Rondo Complex (PreK-5)	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Eastern Heights > Battle Creek Middle > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE

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	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Areas Served
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
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 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
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
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
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 - Upper (5-8) 810 Palace Ave. 651-293-8690 globalartsupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Arts	F1	D, F
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
Hamline Elementary (PreK-5) 1599 Englewood Ave. 651-293-8715 hamline.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Community School	E	E
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
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
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
Highwood Hills Elementary (PreK-5) 2188 Londin Lane 651-744-3290 highwoodhills.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Community School	B	B
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
Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion* (K-5) 1845 Sheridan Ave. 651-744-4770 jjeming.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion	F2	A-F
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

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Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
EXPO > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
EXPO > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			
Farnsworth - Lower > Farnsworth - Upper > Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Farnsworth - Upper > Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord (5th grade)	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Four Seasons > Creative Arts Secondary	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	DHH-III, ECSE
Four Seasons > Global Arts Plus - Upper > Creative Arts Secondary			
Frost Lake > E-STEM Middle > Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Global Arts Plus - Lower > Global Arts Plus - Upper > Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Highland Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Global Arts Plus - Upper > Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Highland Park Elementary (5th grade)	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Groveland > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	At Highland Park Elementary	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Groveland > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			
Hamline > Murray Middle > Como Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Hazel Park (PreK-8) > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord (PreK-5)	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
The Heights > Battle Creek Middle > Johnson Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Highland Park Elementary > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior	On-site (after school only)	Mon/Wed	EBD-III, ECSE
Highland Park Elementary > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior			
Highwood Hills > Battle Creek Middle > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Horace Mann > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	On-site	Mon/Wed	
Horace Mann > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			
Jie Ming > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior	At Highland Park Elementary	Mon/Wed	
L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	On-Site	Tue/Thur	

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	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location	Transportation Areas Served
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
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
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 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
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
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
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
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Online Learning		A-F
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
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 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, Hmong Language and Culture (6-8)	A	A, B, C-East
				C-West, D, E, F
Wellstone Elementary (PreK-5) 1041 Marion St. 651-290-8354 wellstone.spps.org	7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.	BioSMART, Karen Language and Culture (K-2), Spanish Dual Language Immersion	E	BioSMART: A-F
				Karen: A-F
				Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A, C, E

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Enrollment Pathway	Discovery Club	Extended Day for Learning	Specialized Programs
Maxfield > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Maxfield > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			
Mississippi Creative Arts > Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis North > Obama Middle > Your Community High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Nokomis South > Obama Middle > Your Community High School	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III
Randolph Heights > Hidden River Middle > Central Senior	On-site	Mon/Wed	
Randolph Heights > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			
Riverview > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior	At Rondo Complex	Tue/Thur	
Saint Paul Music Academy > Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)	At Bruce Vento	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
SPPS Online School (K-12)			ASD-III, DCD-III
St. Anthony Park > Murray Middle > Como Park Senior	On-site	Tue/Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Txuj Ci Lower > Txuj Ci Upper > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord	Mon/Wed	ASD-III, DCD-III, ECSE
Txuj Ci Lower > Txuj Ci Upper > Washington High School			
Txuj Ci Upper > Harding Senior	At L'Etoile du Nord (5th grade)	Mon-Thur	ASD-III, DCD-III
Txuj Ci Upper > Washington High School			
Wellstone > Washington Middle > Washington High School	At Rondo Complex	Mon/Wed	EBD-III
Wellstone > Your Community Middle School > Your Community High School			
Wellstone > Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior			

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 6 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.

	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty	Area Location
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
Barack & Michelle Obama Middle School (6-7) 707 Holly Ave. obamamiddle.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Districtwide	F1
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
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
Creative Arts Secondary School (6-12) 65 Kellogg Blvd. 651-292-3480 creativearts.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Arts	C
East African Magnet (PreK-8) 437 Edmund Ave. W 651-744-6420 eastafrikanmagnet.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	East African Language and Culture	F1
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	
Farnsworth Aerospace - Upper (5-8) 1000 Walsh St. 651-293-8880 farnsworthupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Aerospace/Engineering	C
Global Arts Plus - Upper (5-8) 810 Palace Ave. 651-293-8690 globalartssupper.spps.org	9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Arts	F1
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
Hidden River Middle School (6-8) 1700 Summit Ave. 651-293-8860 hiddenriver.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Community School, French Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB)	F1
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), Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion, Spanish Dual Language Immersion	F2
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
Murray Middle School (6-8) 2200 Buford Ave. 651-293-8740 murray.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Community School	E
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
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Online Learning	A-F
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, Hmong Language and Culture (6-8)	A
Washington Technology Middle School (6-8) 1495 Rice St. 651-293-8830 washingtonms.spps.org	8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.	BioSMART, Community School	C

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Transportation Areas Served	Enrollment Pathway	Flipside (Mon-Thur)	World Languages	Specialized Programs
A-F	American Indian Magnet > Harding Senior	•	Lakota/Dakota, Ojibwe	ASD-III, DCD-III
A-F	Obama Middle > Your Community High School			
Community School: A, B	Battle Creek Middle > Johnson Senior	•	Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
A-F	Capitol Hill (1-8) > Your Community High School		Spanish	
A-F	Creative Arts Secondary (6-12)			
A-F	East African Magnet > Your Community High School		Arabic, Somali	ASD-III, DCD-III
A, B	E-STEM Middle > Your Community High School		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
A-F	Farnsworth - Upper > Johnson Senior	•	Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
D, F	Global Arts Plus - Upper > Creative Arts Secondary		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
A, B	Hazel Park (PreK-8) > Harding Senior		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
Community School: F1 French Dual Language Immersion: A-F IB: C-West, E, F1	Hidden River Middle > Central Senior		French, Spanish	EBD-III
Community School: F2 IB: D, F2 Mandarin Chinese and Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A-F	Highland Park Middle > Highland Park Senior	•	French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
Community School: D Environmental Science: A-F	Humboldt High School (6-12)	•	Karen, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, DHH-III, EBD-III
E	Murray Middle > Como Park Senior		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
A-F	Open World Learning (6-12)	•	Spanish	
	SPPS Online School (K-12)		Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
A, B, C-East	Txuj Ci Upper > Harding Senior	•	Hmong	ASD-III, DCD-III
C-West, D, E, F	Txuj Ci Upper > Washington High School			
BioSMART: A-F Community School: C	Washington Middle > Washington High School	•	Hmong, Karen, 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 6 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.

	Start and End Times	Magnet Specialty
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)
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
Creative Arts Secondary School (6-12) 65 Kellogg Blvd. 651-292-3480 creativearts.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Arts
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)
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, International Baccalaureate (IB), Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion, Spanish Dual Language Immersion
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
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
Open World Learning Community (6-12) 640 Humboldt Ave. 651-293-8670 open.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Expeditionary Learning
SPPS Online School (K-12) 651-325-2588 online.spps.org	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Online Learning
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

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

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Area Location	Transportation Areas Served	World Languages	Specialized Programs
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
E	Academy of Finance: A-F AP: E, F1 Community School: E	Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
C	A-F		
B	American Indian Language: A-F Community School: B Hmong Dual Language Immersion; IB: A, B, C-East	French, Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Lakota/Dakota*, Ojibwe*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
F2	Community School: F2 IB: D, F2 Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion; Spanish Dual Language Immersion: A-F	French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III
D	AP: D, F2 Community School: D Environmental Science: A-F	Karen*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, DHH-III, EBD-III
A	AP: A-B Aerospace/Engineering: A-F Community School: A	Hmong*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
D	A-F	Spanish	
	A-F	Hmong*, Japanese*, Karen*, Lakota/Dakota*, Somali*, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III
C	AP; Community School: C BioSMART: A-F Hmong Dual Language Immersion: C-West, D, E, F	Hmong*, Karen*, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish	ASD-III, DCD-III, EBD-III

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.

	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



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, 2026, are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2026-27 school year. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026, to qualify for the Pre-Kindergarten program during the 2026-27 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.

Visit spps.org/apply for more answers to Frequently Asked Questions.



The information contained in this guide is current as of December 2025 and is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit spps.org/apply or contact the Student Placement Center.



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Attend a

Winter Open House

January 6-February 19

Visit an open house in January or February to meet with staff, tour the school and learn about the curriculum and extracurricular activities.

Learn more at spps.org/openhouses

Un "open house" o visita guiada a la escuela es la oportunidad perfecta para aprender más sobre las escuelas que le interesan. Visite spps.org/openhouses para ver las fechas y horas de los open house de invierno de cada escuela.

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Still Deciding Which School Is Right for Your Student?

Visit a School Open House

An open house is a perfect opportunity to learn more about schools that interest you. Meet staff and discover the programs, activities and services available to your child.

- Winter open houses will take place in January and February 2026.
- Visit spps.org/openhouses for open house dates and times.

Attend the School Choice Information Session

The SPPS Student Placement Center is here to help families choose the best school for their students. Get your questions answered at the School Choice information session.

- Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at 360 Colborne St.
- Interpreters will be available in Spanish, Hmong, Somali and Karen.
- Register to attend at spps.org/apply.

