



CCSA APPLICATION/LOTTERY

Frequently Asked Questions

How does a student get into your school?

New students are welcome to complete an admission application for the **2026/27** school year and will be included in the lottery process. *Applicant siblings **residing in the same household** of currently enrolled students will take preference, as well as students who live in the Chester Upland School District.*

When can I apply?

To be considered for the lottery, you must apply between February 1 and February 28.

What happens if I apply after February 28?

Applications received after February 28th will be considered only after the waiting list, generated by the lottery, has been exhausted.

How does the lottery work?

The lottery is a random drawing process which assigns each applicant a place on the waiting list. Our student information system will electronically assign a number to each student in the pool of applicants.

When will I be notified if my student is accepted?

Kindergarten families will be notified by the end of March. Families with students in grades 1-12 will be notified after the end of the 25/26 school year in June.

What documents will I need to submit for the application?

- Student's birth certificate
- Proof of address
- Most recent report card
- IEP (if applicable)
- Custody or guardianship documents (if applicable)

How do I know if my student is eligible for kindergarten?

If you live in the Chester Upland School District your student must turn five on or before September 30. All other students must turn five by their home school district's cut-off date.

Are there special requirements for high school students?

Yes, all high school applicants must have fulfilled the following credit requirements:

- Students entering 9th Grade must have a report card demonstrating promotion from 8th grade.
- Students entering 10th Grade must have at least 7 credits, including 1 year of Math, Science, English, and History.
- Students entering 11th Grade must have at least 14 credits, including 2 years of Math, Science, English, History and 1 year of world language.
- Students entering 12th Grade must have at least 21 credits, including 3 years of Math, Science, English, History and 2 years of world language.

Does it matter if my student has an IEP or receives special services?

No. But if your child does receive services, it is important you let us know on the application and upload the current documents so we can assess the services needed.

Does it matter what school district I live in?

No. Any student living in Delaware County or surrounding counties in Pennsylvania are eligible. However, students residing in the Chester Upland District will be given preference.

If I don't live in the Chester Upland School District, will transportation be provided?

Yes. If your student is accepted and then enrolled at CCSA and you live in Delaware County, you will be given instructions on how to contact and enroll for transportation for your home district. Philadelphia County does not provide bus transportation for students outside of its district. It will, however, provide student trans passes through SEPTA.

What happens if my child is accepted?

- You will be asked to submit enrollment paperwork
- You will be given a deadline to submit required paperwork
- Kindergarten students will be required to attend an orientation and assessment
- Applicants to high school will be required to submit a transcript

If my student is accepted, does that automatically mean they are enrolled in CCSA?

NO! All accepted students will be required to submit paperwork by a deadline. If you do not submit all required paperwork by your assigned deadline we will move on to the next student on the waiting list.

Acceptance does not guarantee enrollment!