Jefferson Parish Schools
9th Grade High School Choice

2026-2027
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What is Jefferson Parish Schools 9th Grade High School Choice?

In February 2020, Jefferson Parish Schools implemented the 9th Grade High School Choice (9th Grade HSC) to provide expanded choice opportunities for high school students and their families.

The 9th Grade High School Choice gives 8th-grade students currently enrolled in a traditional Jefferson Parish school the opportunity to apply for attendance at a high school outside of their assigned attendance zone—from 9th grade through graduation.

9th Grade High School Informational Nights provide parents and students with the opportunity to visit each participating high school, tour the campus, meet members of the school community, and learn more about the academic programs, extracurricular activities, and support services offered. These events allow families to ask questions, gain insight into school culture and expectations, and better understand the unique opportunities available at each site. Attending an informational night is an important step in the High School Choice process and serves as a valuable opportunity for students and families to make informed decisions and identify the high school experience that best aligns with their interests, goals, and needs.

9th Grade High School Choice Eligibility

Current 8th-grade students enrolled in traditional Jefferson Parish schools may apply for high school choice options outside of their assigned attendance zone.

Eligibility Requirements:

Students must be enrolled in 8th grade at a traditional Jefferson Parish School during the 2025–2026 school year. Please note that eligibility is limited to Jefferson Parish public school students; students enrolled in private, parochial, or charter schools are not eligible to apply.

Application Notice:

Only families seeking to attend a high school **outside of their attendance zone** are required to apply for the 9th Grade High School Choice.

Participation in the 9th Grade High School Choice does not eliminate a student's guaranteed placement at their attendance zone school. All students will retain an enrollment seat at their traditional attendance zone high school, with transportation provided.

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9th Grade High School Choice Transportation and LHSAA

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 further details, students should consult with their counselor or athletic director.

Students who participate in 9th Grade High School Choice will be allowed to remain at their choice school from 9th grade through graduation.

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9th Grade High School Choice Seat Availability

*Available seats for JP Schools 9th Grade High School Choice:

School	Number of Choice Seats
Bonnabel High School	115
East Jefferson High School	58
Fisher High School	12
L. W. Higgins High School	47
West Jefferson High School	46

9th Grade High School Choice applications will be considered in alignment with individual school capacity.

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

*Based on 15% of the schools 9th grade October 1, 2025 enrollment.

9th Grade High School Choice Application Details

Complete directions, including instructional videos are available for families needing assistance at jpschools.novuschoice.com.

Applications, along with all required documents, must be completed and submitted online at jpschools.novuschoice.com to be considered.

9th Grade High School Choice Requirements

ALL application submissions must include the following:

- Valid photo ID of the parent or guardian submitting the application
- Student's birth certificate
- Current proof of Jefferson Parish residency (dated within two months of the application) in the name of the parent or guardian completing the application, reflecting the same address listed on the application
- Custody Judgement/Agreement (if applicable)

***JP Schools MAY REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR AUTHENTICATION, IF DEEMED NECESSARY**

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9th Grade High School Choice Preference

Preference will be given to the following:

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

Choice preference does not guarantee assignment to a Choice School.

9th Grade High School Choice 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 JP Schools Employees, Active Military Personnel, and sibling placement.

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

9th Grade High School Choice 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 2026-2027 school year will be active until the 15th day of the 2026- 2027 school year. After the 15th 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, 2026.

9th Grade High School Choice Application Timeline

High School Infomercials are currently posted on the 9th Grade High School Choice Webpage.
https://www.jpschools.org/families/asa-school-choice-program/9th-grade-high-school-coice

February 3, 2026 - February 12, 2026
9th Grade High School Choice In-person Informational Nights (**See the next slide for specific school dates**)

February 23, 2026 - March 27, 2026
9th Grade High School Choice Application Period

April 15, 2026
Notification Letters Emailed to Parents

April 24, 2026
Acceptance/Decline Response due no later than 5:00 pm

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9th Grade High School Choice In-Person Informational Nights

Parents and 8th-grade students enrolled in traditional Jefferson Parish schools are invited to join us for in-person informational nights on the dates below.

School	Date
Fisher High School	Feb. 3, 2026 @ 6pm
West Jefferson High School	Feb. 4, 2026 @ 6 pm
Bonnabel High School	Feb. 10, 2026 @ 6pm
East Jefferson High School	Feb. 26, 2026 @ 6pm
L. W. Higgins High School	Feb. 12, 2026 @ 6pm

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9th Grade High School Choice Questions or Comments

Contact Pamela.Allen@jpschools.org

Application Cycle-February 23 @ 8 AM- March 27 @ 5 PM.