



CHOICE PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE



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Transportation: Students may participate in the transportation plan as provided by the District. Choice Program transportation availability is subject to change based on available resources.

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A GUIDE TO CHOICE PROGRAMS IN THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is proud of the many Choice Programs our district offers. As you prepare for the educational journey with your child, please use this guide as a tool to discover the wide range of curriculum choices that will engage your child and prepare him or her for life. This guide will share admission criteria and walk you and your child through the steps to apply for a Choice Program or Choice School. Our award-winning programs inspire students beyond the classroom by connecting them with professionals in specific fields of study. From Advanced Academics to Engineering or the Arts, our students learn first-hand from experts in their field who share their prior experiences and vast knowledge. We offer schools with programs that meet the needs of those students seeking an academically challenging, high skilled and college-level curriculum. Students in the high school programs can earn industry credentials and a high school diploma during their four years of high school.

As students look ahead to the future needs of our workforce they'll find a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. Program instruction, internships and externships prepare our students to lead the way in science and math achievement. As a part of the Choice Programs, your child will be immersed in the field of STEM, the Arts, and Career Technical fields. These programs provide the opportunity to earn industry certifications and prepare students for the workplace.

Because of the rigor of our Choice Programs, many graduates have gone on to prestigious universities such as Harvard, Duke, and MIT. Students who have completed our specialized programs for performing arts and culinary have been admitted to institutions such as Carnegie Mellon University, New York University, and Johnson & Wales University.

Our schools work to build an academic foundation that allows every child to become successful. Our Choice Programs build upon this foundation through their unique curriculum and experiences, and this helps foster leadership skills that will connect our students to the workforce of tomorrow.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Choice guide and to learn about how the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is working to prepare students for life. If you have questions, please visit our website at choice.sccps.com. Our school district appreciates your interest in our Choice Programs and we look forward to assisting you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Note: "Choice Schools/Programs" were formerly known as Specialty Schools/Programs.

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IMPORTANT TIMELINE

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) offers an online application, lottery, and registration process for those families interested in enrolling their child in a Choice Program. The online application and registration system is a secure website that provides a convenient and quick way for parents to enter information. The chart below provides important dates for this process.



Events	Timeline
Annual Student Success Expo & STEM Festival	January 5, 2019
Application Window Opens (Applications are available at the Expo)	January 5, 2019
Application Window Closes	January 27, 2019
Appeal Process Begins	January 28, 2019
Garrison School for the Arts Auditions <i>*February 9: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Piano</i> <i>**February 16: Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance</i>	February 9, 2019* February 16, 2019**
Savannah Arts Academy Auditions	February 23, 2019
Appeal Process Ends	March 1, 2019
Lottery	March 8, 2019
Data Quality and Validation Period	March 11 – March 13, 2019
Parents Notified of Choice Results	March 13, 2019
Choice Program Registration Opens	March 25, 2019
Registration Closes	April 12, 2019
Waitlist Notifications Begin	April 17, 2019

The dates listed above are subject to change. In the event a date change is required, the information will be updated on the school district's website. Please refer to choice.sccps.com for the most up to date information.

HOW TO APPLY FOR CHOICE PROGRAMS

Parents interested in applying can follow the steps below.

STEP 1

Review Eligibility Criteria

Determine if the student meets the eligibility criteria by reviewing the details on pages 5-10.

STEP 2

Submit an application.

Applications will be accessible on our website at choice.sccpss.com starting January 5, 2019.

Completing applications online is strongly encouraged. Please call 912-395-6765 to request a paper application or for additional assistance

****Please Note:** Out of County applicants and those students **NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED (this includes out of county, home school, virtual school, and private school students)** in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System must apply online AND submit required supporting documentation. All documentation must be submitted to the SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. ALL documentation should be received (through drop-off or US Mail) within five business days of online application completion.

*Note: Current SCCPSS students who have not been enrolled in our schools for three consecutive semesters may also be asked to provide additional documentation.

STEP 3

Lottery Process and awaiting results.

A randomized electronic lottery will run in early March. Lottery result notifications will be sent to parents by email [following the lottery](#).

STEP 4

Registration

Registration is required after a student is selected through the lottery process. During the registration period, families will be asked to provide additional documentation.

STEP ONE: REVIEW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CHOICE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA QUICK OVERVIEW

ALL students applying to a Choice Program in the Savannah-Chatham County School System must meet criteria. Students not meeting criteria will be considered ineligible and will not be placed in the lottery. An overview can be found below. Make sure to review individual school criteria for additional information.

Overview

- **Required Test Scores/Required Performance Levels** are identified on the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) administered at the End of Year (EOY), Beginning of Year (BOY) or Middle of Year (MOY). These scores will be reviewed for rising 3rd – 9th graders. Requirements for rising 10th grade – 12th grade can be found under individual school criteria on the following pages.
 - MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is a mathematics and reading assessment program which is used to evaluate mathematics and reading proficiency.
 - We will review MAP scores to determine eligibility. Students who have met the minimum MAP scores in Reading and Math will be eligible for the lottery.
 - Only test scores from the past three semesters will be reviewed, the highest scores from the last three semesters will determine eligibility.
- **Proof of Address** consists of a Lease, Mortgage Statement, Electric/Gas/Water Bill, or Government issued mail. All students new to SCCPSS (not currently enrolled in an SCCPSS school) will provide proof of address during the application process.

Requirements – Kindergarten, First and Second Grades

Students applying to a kindergarten, first grade and second grade Choice Program must meet the following general criteria for eligibility:

- Satisfactory Conduct & Satisfactory Academic Performance at current educational facility. (if applicable)
- Proof of Address for Non-SCCPSS students

Requirements - Grades 3rd – 12th

Students applying to a Choice Program for grades 3-12 must meet the following general criteria for Choice Program eligibility:

- **Required Test Scores:** Please keep in mind that test scores differ from grade level to grade level and school to school.
- Satisfactory Conduct
- Choice Grade Point Average (GPA) – 80% Combined - Subjects (Math/Science/Social Studies/Language Arts/Foreign Language)
- Proof of Address for students new to SCCPSS, Proof of Address consists of a Lease, Mortgage Statement, Electric/Gas/Water Bill, or Government issued mail.

**Required criteria and tests scores listed by school can be found on the following pages.

*** Choice GPA of 80 or Higher: Choice GPA is defined as the end of quarter grades for the past three full semesters of core academic and foreign language courses (ELA/Reading/Math/Science/SS/Foreign Language).

Choice Programs - Eligibility Criteria

Elementary/K-5 Choice Programs

Students meeting the criteria below may apply to the following Choice Programs:

- Hodge Elementary Medical and Allied Health Program
- J.G. Smith Elementary Traditional
- *Largo-Tibet Elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years
- *Marshpoint Elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years

CRITERIA	APPLYING TO KINDERGARTEN & 1 ST GRADE	APPLYING TO 2 ND GRADE	APPLYING TO 3 RD GRADE		APPLYING TO 4 TH GRADE		APPLYING TO 5 TH GRADE		
	N/A			Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
TEST SCORES							MAP	MAP	MAP
				186	186	197	198	203	207
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior		Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher						

Heard Elementary - Center for Advanced Learning

CRITERIA	APPLYING TO KINDERGARTEN & 1 ST GRADE	APPLYING TO 2 ND GRADE	APPLYING TO 3 RD GRADE		APPLYING TO 4 TH GRADE		APPLYING TO 5 TH GRADE		
	N/A			Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
TEST SCORES							MAP	MAP	MAP
				189	189	202	201	210	211
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior		Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 85% or Higher						

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.

K-8 Choice Programs

Charles Ellis Montessori School, Kindergarten – 5th Grade

The chart below reflects the **performance criteria** required for students applying to grades K-5 at Charles Ellis Montessori School.

CRITERIA	APPLYING TO KINDERGARTEN & 1 ST GRADE	APPLYING TO 2 ND GRADE	APPLYING TO 3 RD GRADE		APPLYING TO 4 TH GRADE		APPLYING TO 5 TH GRADE		
	N/A			Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
TEST SCORES							MAP	MAP	MAP
				186	186	197	198	203	207
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior		Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher						

Charles Ellis Montessori School, 6th – 8th Grade

The chart below reflects the **performance criteria** required for students applying to grades **6-8** at Charles Ellis Montessori School.

TEST SCORES	APPLYING TO Sixth (6 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Seventh (7 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Eighth (8 TH) Grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
	208	215	213	219	216	223
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher					

*****Note: Students applying for Charles Ellis in grades 4th – 8th must have previous Montessori experience. Documentation will be requested during application process.**

Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts

The chart below reflects the **performance criteria** required for students applying to grades **K-5** at Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts.

CRITERIA	APPLYING TO KINDERGARTEN & 1 ST GRADE	APPLYING TO 2 ND GRADE	APPLYING TO 3 RD GRADE		APPLYING TO 4 TH GRADE		APPLYING TO 5 TH GRADE	
	N/A		Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
			MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
TEST SCORES			189	189	202	201	210	211
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior		Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher					

The chart below reflects the **performance criteria** for eligibility. All students interested in applying to grades **6-8** at Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts are **required to audition in the arts area they select.**

TEST SCORES	APPLYING TO Sixth (6 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Seventh (7 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Eighth (8 TH) Grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
	213	219	221	223	223	228
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher					

Choice Programs: Middle Schools

Students meeting the criteria below may apply to the following Choice Programs:

- *Coastal International Bacculaureate (IB) Middle Years
- DeRenne Medical and Allied Health
- Hubert Career and Technical Academy
- Hubert Paragon Male Academy
- *Southwest International Bacculaureate (IB) Middle Years

TEST SCORES	APPLYING TO Sixth (6 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Seventh (7 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Eighth (8 TH) Grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
	208	215	213	219	216	223
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher					

STEM Academy at Bartlett

TEST SCORES	APPLYING TO Sixth (6 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Seventh (7 TH) Grade		APPLYING TO Eighth (8 TH) Grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
	213	223	221	228	223	232
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher					

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.

Choice Programs: High Schools

CRITERIA FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

Students meeting the criteria below may apply to the following Choice Programs:

- Savannah High School 3DE: There is no academic criteria to apply for the new **3DE by Junior Achievement** program at Savannah High School. Students must be promoted to 9th grade. 3DE is only accepting 9th grade applications. Visit: <https://sites.google.com/sccpss.com/3de-savannahhigh/home>

CRITERIA FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

Students meeting the criteria below may apply to the following Choice Programs:

- Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School
- Beach High School Allied Health & Medical Program
- Groves High School Maritime Logistics Program
- School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School - Law & Criminal Justice
- Islands High School Biological and Environmental Scientific Research Program
- Islands High School Veterinary Science Program
- Savannah Early College High School

TEST SCORES	Requirements	
	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP
	219	227
Applicants must meet at least one of the following: Meet scores listed above or SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 950, Stanine 5		
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher	

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS GRADES 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH

Requirements for students entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grade, at the following schools are listed below:

- Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School
- Beach High School Allied Health & Medical Program
- Groves High School Maritime Logistics Program
- School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School Law & Criminal Justice Program
- Islands High School Veterinary Science Program
- Savannah Early College High School

Requirements:

- Choice GPA of 80 in academic courses (ELA, Sci, SS, Math, Foreign Language)
- Satisfactory conduct grade
- **Required test scores (must meet at least one of the following)** : SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 460 or higher on Math/Reading, Stanine 5 or higher

CRITERIA FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

Students meeting the criteria below may apply to the following Choice Programs:

- *Johnson High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
- *Windsor Forest High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
- Jenkins High School, School of Engineering requested to increase Math score requirement

TEST SCORES	Requirements	
	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP
	228	232
Applicants must meet at least one of the following: Meet scores listed above or SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 950, Stanine 5		
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher	

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS GRADES 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH

Requirements for students entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grade, at the following schools are listed below:

- Johnson High School
- Windsor Forest High School
- Jenkins High School
 - Choice GPA of 80 in all academic courses (ELA, Sci, SS, Math, Foreign Language)
 - Satisfactory conduct grade
 - **Required test scores (must meet at least one of the following)** : SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 950, Stanine 5 or higher

CRITERIA FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS

Savannah Arts Academy

TEST SCORES	Requirements	
	Reading	Math
	MAP	MAP
	223	228
Applicants must meet at least one of the following: Meet scores listed above or SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 950, Stanine 5		
GRADES	Satisfactory Behavior & Choice GPA: 80% or Higher	
AUDITION	Audition Required. Auditions are scheduled after academic criteria has been reviewed.	

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS FOR GRADES 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH

Requirements for students entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grade, at Savannah Arts Academy:

- Choice GPA of 80 in all academic courses (ELA, Sci, SS, Math, Foreign Language)
- Satisfactory conduct grade
- **Required test scores (must meet at least one of the following)** : SAT 1100 or higher, ACT 19.5 or higher, PSAT 950, Stanine 5 or higher
- Audition

AUDITION PROCESS FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOLS

The selection process for the performing arts schools (Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, grades 6-8 and Savannah Arts Academy) differs from the process utilized by other Choice Programs in the district. As a result, every student interested in attending Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts (grades 6th – 8th), must complete the application process in four phases. This ensures that applicants demonstrate ability as well as interest in their selected visual and/or performing arts area.

Phase 1: Application Process

Students interested in Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts should first apply online. Students must meet the minimum Choice Program academic requirements to be considered for an audition at Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts (Grades 6-8).

Phase 2: Audition Process

Students who meet the academic requirements for a performing arts school will be scheduled for an audition in the arts area they select. Auditions are scheduled by Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts (grades 6-8) staff members after the initial online application process is completed.

Students interested in Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts should visit those school websites for information about the audition requirements for their chosen arts area. Please visit www.sccpss.com, and click the Schools Tab.

Audition Process:

- 1) On the day of the audition, applicants report to Savannah Arts Academy or Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts.
- 2) Each applicant is assigned a number when he/she signs in.
- 3) Students are escorted in groups to their designated audition areas.

Accommodations for Auditions

A parent/guardian must notify the SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness immediately following the submission of the application if the child has a special need that requires accommodations for his/her audition. Accommodations to the audition process are permissible for students with special needs documented in an active IEP or 504 Plan. A copy of the child's current IEP or 504 Plan (public school students) or medical evaluation (private school students) must be provided to the Office of College & Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, 31408, within five business days of submitting the application in order to ensure audition accommodations.

Students who have limited proficiency in the English language are encouraged to audition in their native language, if needed. Students identified as ELL can be provided language facilitators for their auditions. Please contact Amy Perry (amy.perry@sccpss.com) or Dr. Angie Lewis (angie.lewis@sccpss.com) at 912-395-6765 if audition accommodations are needed.

Phase 3: Judging

Students will be scored using a rubric on the day of the audition by a panel of judges.

Phase 4: Ranking

- Students who audition will be ranked using a score of 1-100. The audition score will be added to each student's application. Students applying to Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts are seated or waitlisted according to their audition ranking, based on the number of seats available in each performing arts area.
- This process eliminates sibling preference at Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts for grades 6-8. All applicants entered into the Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts selection process are seated based according to their audition rankings and available seats by performing arts program area.

After the Ranking (for Savannah Arts & Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, Grades 6-8)

- An email will be sent to families serving as notification that a student is given a seat or placed on a waitlist.
- Following the initial notification email, a second email will be sent containing a "snapcode" and a "link" to access the required online registration form. Parents who do not have an email account listed will receive a letter mailed to the address provided in the application.
- Parents who receive acceptance letters must register their children by the registration deadline. Any student who is not registered by the established deadline will forfeit their Choice seats and the seats will be offered to the next child on the waitlist.
- Students who are **not** currently enrolled in an SCCPSS school will be required to submit registration documentation as outlined in the registration email. Please read the registration email carefully.

STEP TWO: SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Applications will be accessible on our website at choice.sccpss.com starting January 5, 2019.

Paper applications are available through the Office of College & Career Readiness. Please call 912-395-6765 to request a paper application. ***Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online.***

Computers will be available at the SCCPSS Student Success Expo, at Savannah Mall from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., January 5, 2019. Assistance will be available at the Expo to help with the application process.

If needed, the Office of College & Career Readiness is available to provide assistance with accessing the online application, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on a first come, first served basis (402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408). Please call 912-395-6765 to set up an appointment. Public computers are also available at any of the Chatham County Public Libraries.

Non-SCCPSS students (this includes out of county residents) should complete an online application and then submit ALL required documents to the SCCPSS Office of College & Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. ALL documentation must be submitted within five business days of online application completion. Upon completing the online application, applicants will receive detailed directions on what documentation is required. Note: It is extremely important to double check the email address provided during the online application process.

CHOICE PROGRAM SELECTIONS

The online application allows parents to select a first, second, and third choice when applying to a School Choice Program. The selection of more than one Choice Program automatically indicates that the parent is willing to accept a seat in any of the Choice Programs choices selected. Please note, once a student is selected through the lottery for one of the selected choice programs, he/she will not be on any other waitlist. Waitlist status is only provided if no seats are available among the choices selected. If a parent is only interested in one Choice Program, it is important to **ONLY** list that choice. Again, if a student is seated through the lottery at any school, he/she will not be placed on any waitlists.

Choice School Scenarios

- If you list one choice on your application and meet the requirements, you will be entered in the lottery for only that one choice. If no seats are available, you will be placed on the waitlist for that program only.
- If you list two or more choices on your application and meet the requirements, you will be entered in the lottery for each Choice Program selected and will be seated where space is available. Waitlist status is only provided if no seats are available for any of the choices.
- If your child is on a waitlist and you are contacted about an open seat, you will have **72** hours to register your child for that seat.
- If you accept a seat and register, your child will be enrolled for the upcoming school year.
- Once a student receives a seat at any of the selected choice schools, the student will not be placed on any waitlists.

Waitlist Scenarios

- If your child is on a waitlist and you are contacted about an open seat, you will have **72** hours to register your child for that seat. After 72 hours, schools will contact the next student on the waitlist. If you decline the seat, your child will be removed from the waitlist; however, if your child is on other waitlists, he/she will remain on those lists.
- If you accept a seat, your child will be removed from all other waitlists.
- At the conclusion of the lottery, if your child is on three waitlists, you can remove him/her from a waitlist without impacting the status of other waitlists. The same rules apply to removing students from online waitlist applications completed “after” the lottery.

The following information applies to all Choice Program applicants:

- Once registration is complete, students will be enrolled for the following school year.
- Applications received outside of the application period must meet admissions criteria.
- Students who are non-residents of Chatham County will not be considered for placement in a school or program until all Chatham County applicants have been considered; however, non-residents of Chatham County whose parent(s) is a full time permanent employee of SCCPSS will be placed at the top of the non-resident waitlist.
- Students who are accepted into a Choice Program become full-time students of the school that offers the program and will be enrolled for all classes.
- Once a parent has submitted an application, additional information may be requested by the Choice site. If a school requests additional information, parents should reply promptly by sending the information directly to the school. Applications will be considered incomplete if requested information is not provided.

- Submitting an application does not guarantee placement in a school or Choice Program.
- Waiting lists are not kept from year to year. Applicants must apply each year IF they **did not** receive a seat in their desired choice school.
- Submitting more than one application will void the previous application. The most recent application will be reviewed.
- Submitting false information will void an application.
- **If a student is offered a seat at any of their choice schools, they are not placed on the waiting list at any other schools.**

APPLICANTS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SAVANNAH-CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All applicants who are not currently enrolled in a Savannah-Chatham County Public School should apply online and must submit required documentation to the SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. ALL documentation should be received (through drop-off or US Mail) within five business days of online application completion.

Required documentation includes:

- Printed Choice Program Application or confirmation email (online print out)
- Transcript/Report Card (previous three full semesters, equivalent to a full year and a half)
- Proof of Address (Utility Bill (electric, gas, water), Government Agency Mail, or Lease Agreement/Mortgage Statement)
- Required Test Scores (nationally normed standardized test results that measure mathematics and literacy)

STEP THREE: THE LOTTERY PROCESS AND AWAITING RESULTS

Once the application window closes and the eligibility verification process is complete, an electronic random lottery will be conducted for all schools with the exception of Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts and Savannah Arts Academy. Results from the lottery will be sent through email with instructions on the registration process and deadline.

THE LOTTERY

- In early March, the electronic lottery will be conducted. Names will be selected electronically to fill seats at each school. Electronic selection will be based on the First Choice, Second Choice, and Third Choice of schools identified in the Choice Program application.
- Once a seat is earned through the lottery, the student's name will be removed from other school waitlists.
- The number of students accepted is based upon the number of seats available at each school. Additional names will be put on the waitlist. As seats become available at the school, they will be offered to the applicants in the order of placement on the waitlist. **A student's name is automatically removed from all waitlists once a seat is accepted, through registration.**
- If the number of applicants does not exceed the number of available seats, all eligible applicants will be seated.

AFTER THE LOTTERY

- An email will be sent to families following the lottery to serve as notification that a student is given a seat or placed on a waitlist.

- Following the initial notification email, a second email will be sent containing a “snapcode” and a “link” to access the required online registration form. Parents who do not have an email account listed will receive a letter mailed to the address provided in the application.
- Parents who receive acceptance letters for their children must “register” the students by the registration deadline. Students who do not register by the established deadline will forfeit their Choice seat and the seat will be offered to the next child on the waitlist.

AFTER THE RANKING (for Savannah Arts & Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, Grades 6-8)

- An email will be sent to families serving as notification that a student is given a seat or placed on a waitlist.
- Following the initial notification email, a second email will be sent containing a “snapcode” and a “link” to access the required online registration form. Parents who do not have an email account listed will receive a letter mailed to the address provided in the application.
- Parents who receive acceptance letters for their children must register the students by the registration deadline. Students who do not register by the established deadline will forfeit their Choice seat and the seat will be offered to the next child on the waitlist.

PRIORITY PREFERENCES

The lottery process is used to ensure that all families have a chance of being seated in a Choice Program. The lottery process is automated and applications are submitted electronically. The application period officially opens at the Annual Student Success Expo and STEM Festival held January 5 at the Savannah Mall. Each year, this event “kicks-off” the Choice Program application period. The online application form and instructions will then be available on the district’s website at choice.sccpss.com. Once the application is submitted, an appropriate priority category is applied to all students. Students applying to Choice Programs are eligible to receive **Priority Preferences** based on the following:

Priority 1 - SCCPSS Full-time Permanent Employee’s Child with Parent working at the Choice Program School

As provided by Georgia law, O.C.G.A. 20-2-293, the children of full-time employees of the SCCPSS (who reside in the state of Georgia) shall be allowed to attend and to be enrolled in the school in which a parent or guardian is a full-time teacher, professional, or other employee.

Priority 2 - Chatham County Residents and SCCPSS Full-time Permanent Employee’s Child

Children of full-time permanent SCCPSS employees, who live in Chatham County, and meet the enrollment criteria for their selected Choice program.

Priority 3 - Pre-K Child (Currently Enrolled at Selected Choice Program School)

Child who is enrolled in Pre-K at the selected Choice Program School for the current school year.

Priority 4 - Siblings

The applicant **must have a sibling who lives in the same household who will be continuing in the selected Choice Program** for the upcoming school year. Eligibility at this level will require the sibling to be actively enrolled in the program for the applied school year. For example, if the Choice is an elementary school and the sibling was in 5th grade for the current school year, the applicant is NOT eligible for this priority. This priority will not apply to schools where admission is determined by ranking (Savannah Arts Academy and Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, Grades 6-8).

Priority 5 - Chatham County Residents

All students who live in Chatham County receive this priority level. The majority of applicants receive this priority level.

Priority 6 - SCCPSS Employee’s Child (Non-Chatham County Residents)

Children of full-time permanent SCCPSS employees, who do not live in Chatham County, but meet the enrollment criteria for the selected Choice Program. These students will be wait-listed after all qualified resident students have been admitted. (See Board Policy Regulation JBCBA-R at www.sccpss.com, Click Board Tab and seek Board Policy Manual)

Priority 7 - Out of County Residents

If the student does not live in Chatham County, he/she will be coded with this priority. The student will also be charged tuition. (See Board Policy: JBCBA and JBCBA-R. Review board policies at www.sccpss.com, Click Board Tab and seek Board Policy Manual)

Note: “Choice Schools/Programs” were formerly known as Specialty Schools/Programs.

STEP 4: THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Upon notification that a child has been chosen for an available seat in a Choice Program, parents will complete the registration process.

- Once a student is selected for a choice program through the lottery, a registration email will be sent to the email address provided on the choice applications.
- The registration email will contain a “snapcode” and a “link” to access the required online registration form. Parents who do not have an email account listed will receive a letter mailed to the address provided in the application.
- Parents who receive registration emails for their children must register the students by the registration deadline provided in the email. Students who do not register by the established deadline will forfeit their Choice seat and the seat will be offered to the next child on the waitlist.

STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCCPSS

Parents with students who are currently enrolled in SCCPSS who receive notification of placement in a Choice school are also required to register. The following information will assist parents with understanding the registration process.

- Current SCCPSS students will complete the registration process through the link provided through email. Completion of the online registration is the only step that current SCCPSS students need to take to secure their seat. Current SCCPSS students DO NOT have to provide additional documentation unless contacted by the school.
- A student who is not registered by the deadline will have his/her seat given to another student on the "waitlist".
- Parents who do not have access to the internet may complete this process by using a computer in the public library or by contacting the SCCPSS Office of College & Career Readiness at 912-395-6765 to set up an appointment to use a computer.

STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN SCCPSS

Students who are **NOT** currently enrolled in a Savannah-Chatham County Public School **MUST** register online, using the “snapcode” link provided AND provide the required documents to the student’s Choice Program/School site to complete student registration by the deadline.

The following documents will be required during the registration process: Birth Certificate (Certified Copy), Social Security Card, Georgia Immunization Record Form 3231, Georgia Certificate of EED (Ear, Eye, Dental) Form 3300, Proof of Address: Utility Bill (electric, gas, or water) Government Agency Mail, or Lease Agreement, Mortgage Statement, or Home Purchase Agreement, Copy of registering parent’s picture ID.

Parents will receive more information about the registration process once a student has earned a seat through the lottery.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

APPEAL PROCESS

Parents who believe their child was not allowed an equitable opportunity to be selected for a Choice Program during the audition or eligibility process as a result of a technical problem or inequity may request an appeal by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2019.

An application for an appeal of Choice Program eligibility must be submitted to the Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408 or email amy.perry@sccpss.com or angie.lewis@sccpss.com, indicating the child's program assignment, waitlist status, or program ineligibility. To download the SCCPSS Choice School Appeal Application, go to choice.sccpss.com. Appeals are reviewed January 27 – March 1.

APPLICANTS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SAVANNAH-CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All applicants who are not currently enrolled in a Savannah-Chatham County Public School should apply online and must submit required documentation to the SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. ALL documentation should be received (through drop-off or US Mail) within five business days of online application completion.

Required documentation includes:

- Printed Choice Program Application (online print out)
- Transcript/Report Card (previous three full semesters, equivalent to a full year and a half)
- Proof of Address (Utility Bill (electric, gas, water), Government Agency Mail, or Lease Agreement/Mortgage Statement)
- Required Test Scores (nationally normed standardized test results that measure mathematics and literacy)

AFTER LOTTERY APPLICATION PROCESS

Families interested in a Choice Program that wish to apply **after the lottery** process is complete, can access an "After Lottery Application" **online at** choice.sccpss.com. Late applications will place students on the schools' waitlist in the order received upon eligibility criteria verification. Out of County applicants and those students **NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED (this includes out of county, home school, virtual school, and private school students)** in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System must submit ALL required documents to the SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. ALL documentation should be received (through drop-off or US Mail) within five business days of online application completion. If space in the school or program becomes available, parents will receive notification. Otherwise, the student is expected to enroll at their neighborhood school. After Lottery Applications will be available beginning March 15, 2019. The deadline for reviewing After Lottery Applications will be June 14, 2019. At that time, only programs with available seats will review applications.

TRANSPORTATION

Students may participate in the transportation plan as provided by the District. Choice Program transportation availability is subject to change based on available resources.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN VS. KINDERGARTEN

All families interested in Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K), must complete the Pre-K application process. Information about the Pre-K application can be found at pk.sccpss.com. The Pre-K program provides services to age eligible four year olds (**MUST be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the school year**) and reside in Chatham County. Please understand that even though some of our Choice Program schools have Pre-K classes, applicants CAN NOT apply through the Choice Program process for PreK.

Students applying for Kindergarten must be five years old, on or before September 1 of the school year in which they are applying. All families interested in Choice Program Kindergarten, must apply at choice.sccpss.com.

MULTIPLE BIRTHS: Twins, Triplets, Etc.

Multiple births refer to children that were born at the same time, during the same gestation period, *twins, triplets etc.* Families with twins, triplets, etc. have the option of applying multiple birth children on **one** application. The use of the same application for multiple birth children will allow children to be treated identically when determining eligibility. This means, if one child is **not** eligible, the other(s) will not be eligible. If all children are eligible they will be entered into the lottery together.

- Parents should include all names online (and on the same paper application) only if they want all children to attend the same program AND only if they are certain that ALL children meet the entrance criteria.
- Multiple births that use the same application form will be treated identically when determining eligibility.
- Multiple birth children who apply on the same application will be reviewed together and will be seated or waitlisted sequentially. However, in the case where parents select more than one Choice Program and the first student gets the final seat at a school, the second or third sibling could end up on multiple waitlists, or seated at a different school than the first sibling.
- Twins, triplets, etc. can apply on separate applications, but there is no guarantee that all siblings will be placed in the same school or program.
- All multiple birth children applying for Grades 6-8 at Garrison School for the Arts and Savannah Arts Academy MUST apply on separate applications because auditions are required for all students and placement is based on ranking.

If you have twins, triplets, etc. and would like further clarification, please contact the Office of College and Career Readiness at 912-395-6765.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply for entrance into a Choice Program. Applications will be reviewed in collaboration with personnel from the Department of Specialized Instruction to determine if the disability is impacting student's ability to qualify for the lottery process. Every student with a disability who applies for a Choice program will be considered for entrance based on the educational impact of the disability. Consultation with the Executive Director for the Department of Specialized Instruction is required if a school/program is excluding a student with a disability.

Note: As an example, low performance in the area of math should not impede a student from entering into the selection process of an art school if all entrance criteria except for math are met. Alternately, this same student may not be a good candidate for an engineering program because of the need for high level math skills in this program.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AUDITIONS

A parent/guardian must notify the, SCCPSS Office of College and Career Readiness immediately following the submission of the application if the child has a special need that requires accommodations for his/her audition. Accommodations to the audition process are permissible for students with special needs documented in an active IEP or 504 Plan. A copy of the child's current IEP or 504 Plan (public school students) or medical evaluation (private school students) must be provided to the Office of College & Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, 31408, within five business days of submitting the application in order to ensure audition accommodations.

Students who have limited proficiency in the English language are encouraged to audition in their native language, if needed. Students identified as ELL can be provided language facilitators for their auditions. Please contact Amy Perry (amy.perry@sccpss.com) or Dr. Angie Lewis (angie.lewis@sccpss.com) at 912-395-6765 if audition accommodations are needed.

HOME SCHOOL EDUCATION AND/OR VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

Parents must submit transcripts/portfolio to determine eligibility. Georgia's Home Study law (GA Code Ann. 20-2-690-(c)(7)), requires that all home schooled children take a national standardized achievement test every three years, beginning at the end of the third grade. The home schooling parent may use any nationally normed standardized test. The testing companies set the rules as to the qualifications of the person administering the test and under what circumstances the test should be given. The home schooling parent is responsible for the cost of the test and having their children tested. The state does not provide this service. The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will allow parents to use the latest available test scores as a part of the application criteria for a Choice Program. Parents who are unable to provide required test scores should contact Amy Perry (amy.perry@sccpss.com) or Dr. Angie Lewis (angie.lewis@sccpss.com) at (912) 395-6765 for further assistance.

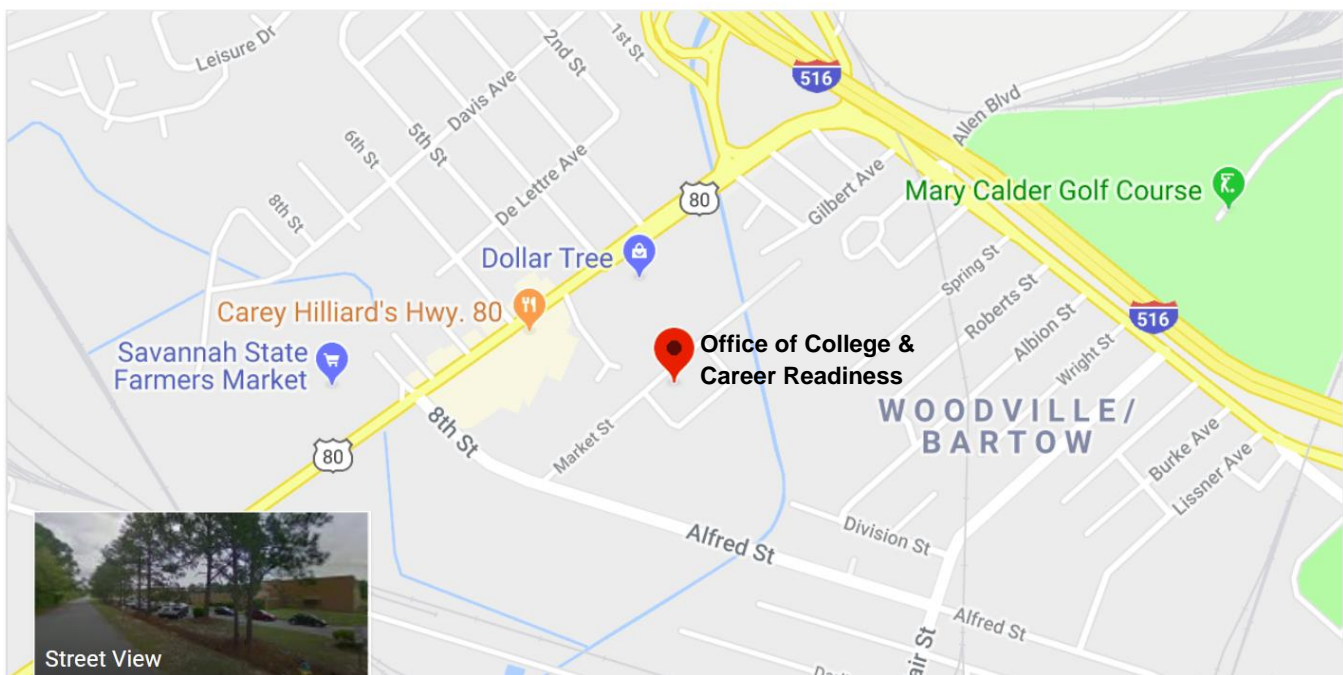
RECIPROCITY

Students who move into the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System after the initial lottery may be considered for assignment to a program for the following school year **if they are eligible**, have evidence of transferring from a like-themed program (i.e. IB, Arts, STEM, etc.) that they have attended at least one full year, and there are available seats in the requested program/school for the student. If the student is requesting a Performing Arts program at one of the two schools with auditions required for eligibility, placement will only be considered if seats are available in the requested program of study, an audition is completed, and a passing audition score is attained. However, there is no guarantee of time, place, or availability of auditions.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO OFFICE OF COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

The Office of College & Career Readiness (OCCR) is located at the Woodville Tompkins Lower Campus, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408. Directions coming from downtown area: West Bay Street will turn into US Highway 80 W, continue past Carey Hilliard's Restaurant, at the next red light, turn left on Alfred Street then turn left on Market Street. Our street is across from Roger Woods Foods, Inc. If you get to Chatham Parkway from Highway 80, you have gone too far.

***Please note, the Office of College & Career Readiness (OCCR) is not located at the main Woodville Tompkins high school building. Please review the map below.**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I apply for a Choice Program? The application process is online. The application window will be **January 5, 2019 – January 27, 2019**. During this time, the online application will be available on the district website, choice.sccpss.com.
2. What if I don't have a computer or Internet access? Computers will be available at the SCCPSS Student Success Expo, which will be held at the Savannah Mall from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., January 5, 2019. Assistance will be available at the Expo to help with the application process. The Office of College & Career Readiness can provide assistance to accessing the online application, if needed, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on a first come, first served basis (402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408). Please call 912-395-6765 to set up an appointment. Public computers are also available at any of the Chatham County Public Libraries.
3. Can I turn in a printed application? We **strongly encourage** applicants to use the online process. Paper applications are available through the Office of College & Career Readiness. Please call 912-395-6765 for more information.
4. If I am enrolled in a choice program and plan to return to the same program at the same school do I need to reapply each year? No, enrollment remains through the highest grade offered for that program at the same school. **Exception: All 5th grade students at Garrison School for the Arts must apply, meet criteria and audition to be considered for 6th grade.*
5. If I already attend a school that has a Choice Program but I am not enrolled in the choice program, do I have to apply for the choice program they offer? Yes, and the child must meet the established criteria for that choice program.
6. What programs require an audition or artistic review? Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, grades 6-8, and Savannah Arts Academy will require an audition and/or artistic review process.
7. If I want to enroll in the Microsoft IT Academy at my high school, do I need to apply at student registration? No, this program is integrated into the Business Education program at each school.
8. What happens if there are more applicants than space available for a non-audition program? Those students who meet the Choice Program criteria but are not selected through the Choice Program lottery, will be placed on the waitlist.
9. How long after the lottery will parents be notified of their child's status? What happens after the lottery? Parents will be notified through email of Choice Program lottery results on March 8, 2019. If no email address was provided, a letter will be mailed to the address provided on March 13, 2019.
10. Is there an appeal process? Yes. Parents who believe their child was not allowed an equitable opportunity to a Choice Program during the audition or eligibility process as a result of a technical problem or inequity may request an appeal by 5:00 p.m. on the last business day in February. An application for an appeal of Choice Program eligibility must be submitted to the Office of College and Career Readiness, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408 or email amy.perry@sccpss.com or angie.lewis@sccpss.com, indicating the child's program assignment, waitlist status, or program ineligibility. To download the SCCPSS Choice Program Appeal Application, go to choice.sccpss.com. Appeals will be reviewed January 27 – March 1.
11. Is transportation provided for Choice programs? Students may participate in the transportation plan as provided by the District. Choice Program transportation availability is subject to change based on available resources.
12. How can I find more information about these programs? All of the Choice program details can be found on the district web site at choice.sccpss.com.
13. Where is the SCCPSS Office of College & Career Readiness? 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408 (see page 20)

CHOICE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The following pages give a brief overview of the programs offered in each Choice school in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. Contact information for each site is also included.

ELEMENTARY AND K-8 CHOICE PROGRAMS



Think Globally, Act Locally. Virginia Heard Elementary School

Heard Center for Advanced Learning
414 Lee Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 395-6630

Heard Elementary - Center for Advanced Learning is a Georgia certified STEM elementary school. Students are provided with an enriched, accelerated curriculum that meets the needs of advanced learners. Students are engaged in lessons where they investigate and incorporate concepts from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to become innovative, lifelong learners. Student-centered inquiry lessons allow students to work collaboratively using higher-level thinking skills, problem-solving strategies and technology. A state of the art STEAM Lab, Technology Lab, and MakerSpace provide hands-on experimentation and investigation, and enhance classroom science and engineering instruction. Visual and performing arts also play an important part of this program, as they are intertwined with weekly Fine Arts classes and daily classroom instruction available at Heard.



Hodge Elementary - Medical and Allied Health
975 Clinch Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 395-5200

The **Medical and Allied Health Program at Hodge Elementary School** is designed to actively engage students through our medical and health science theme, which supports a hands-on, inquiry based model of instruction. This choice program works to create well-rounded individuals who are knowledgeable about the human body, total body wellness, and the impact of the medical field in the lives of citizens all over the world. Students who are inducted into this program, prepare for future careers in the medical field and are equipped for the 21st century.



Jacob G. Smith - Traditional
 210 Lamara Drive
 Savannah, GA 31405
 (912) 395-6530

J.G. Smith Elementary offers a teacher-directed, traditional, back-to-basics approach to teaching and learning. The curriculum is based off the Georgia Standards of Excellence and is designed to promote equity in education by building a base of knowledge for all students in the early years of school. It is cumulative and builds upon itself year after year, by increasing the framework of what students already know. Additionally, our curriculum focuses on instruction in history, geography, civics, critical thinking skills, and gifted education, as well as the study of Latin as a culture and world language. In addition, technology is strongly integrated throughout the curriculum. All students receive computer instruction weekly.



Largo-Tibet Elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) School with an emphasis on teaching students life-long leadership habits for academic, social, and emotional growth. Students will receive rigorous reading, language arts, and math instruction and learn to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. Students of all interests and academic abilities can benefit from participating in our leadership program. Our leadership vision is “Largo-Tibet Elementary, Where every leopard is a leader!”

School assignments for the IB schools are determined based on the Elementary Attendance Zone of the student. (See information regarding IB Attendance Zones for more details).

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.





Marshpoint Elementary - International Baccalaureate
135 Whitemarsh Island Rd
Savannah, GA 31410
(912) 395-4000

Marshpoint Elementary International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years offers challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. Students of all interests and academic abilities can benefit from participating in this program. School assignments for the IB schools are determined based on the Elementary Attendance Zone of the student. (See information regarding IB Attendance Zones for more details).

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Charles Ellis Montessori
220 East 49th Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 395-5470

Charles Ellis Montessori is a K-8 school that embraces the Montessori approach developed by Dr. Maria Montessori in Italy at the turn of the 20th century. The method is based on children’s natural development and encourages the growth of the whole individual – intellectually, socially, spiritually, and physically. This program encourages critical thinking, exploration and self-directed learning. The curriculum helps the students understand both concrete facts and abstract ideas in multiple subject areas. Students enrolled in this program are also exposed to individualized work plans. Charles Ellis Montessori Academy is an affiliated school with the American Montessori Society, www.amshq.org.



Esther F. Garrison – School for the Arts
649 West Jones Street Savannah, GA 31401
912-395-5975

Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts is a PreK-8 school that offers visual and performing arts. This program provides experiences to motivate students to excel in the academics as well as the arts. It is the goal of the Visual and Performing Arts Program to assist students in developing to their fullest potential. Students interested in applying for grades 6th - 8th are required to audition.

Important Note:

All students who audition for grades 6-8 at Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts will be ranked using a score of 1-100. The audition score will be added to each student's lottery application. Students applying will be seated according to their audition ranking, based on the number of seats available in each performing arts area. As a result, sibling preference DOES NOT apply to middle school students submitting applications for grades 6-8 at Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts.

CHOICE PROGRAMS-MIDDLE LEVEL



The STEM Academy
Science Technology Engineering Math
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The STEM Academy at Bartlett
207 East Montgomery Cross Road
Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 395-3500

The STEM Academy @ Bartlett is the 2016 winner of Best STEM Middle School in the United States. The school provides problem-based learning opportunities for students through the Grand Challenges of Engineering. Our students are encouraged to be problem solvers, risk takers, critical thinkers and innovators by taking positions on real world problems, designing solutions and presenting their findings to peers and community members. Each student is given an iPad for the duration of their experience at The STEM Academy to communicate and collaborate with peers and teachers. By working through a combination of learning strategies they discover the nature of a problem, understand the variables involved and gain a perspective viewpoint of those affected. Courses that provide additional support for problem-solving are Robotics (LEGO, VEX, Underwater), Latin, Computer Science/Video Game Design, Visual Arts (Applied Design and Architecture), MakerSpace, Fitness & Wellness, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Journalism and Music. Students also participate in a number of unique field experiences every year and many industry partners/experts work side-by-side with the students and staff as partners. The program delivers a school-wide accelerated curriculum in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math infused with a meaningful Arts integration, wherein all students are required to complete the majority of their 9th grade coursework in 8th grade.



Coastal Middle School
Excellence Without Limits



Coastal Middle School - International Baccalaureate
4595 US Highway 80 East - Savannah, GA 31410
(912) 395-3950

At Coastal Middle School, the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, Coastal Middle School offers a challenging international curriculum and rigorous assessment. The Middle Years Programme encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right. The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is committed to supporting multilingualism as a fundamental part of increasing intercultural understanding and international-mindedness. With this aim in mind, Coastal Middle School provides a framework that ensures students learn a second IB language each year.

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.



DeRenne Middle School

Home of the Dolphins

DeRenne Middle School – Medical & Allied Health
1009 Clinch Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 359-5900

DeRenne Medical and Allied Health offers an exciting program where students learn about and prepare for Medical and Allied Health Science careers. A hands-on curriculum allows students to be involved in their own learning every step of the way. The program introduces students to the exciting and growing field of healthcare professions. Students will be enrolled in a healthcare science class each year where they will learn about careers, safety procedures and communication skills relevant to various healthcare professions. Students also enjoy guest speakers and field trips as part of the program, providing students with the ability to interact first-hand with local professionals.



Hubert Middle School

Home of the Hornets

Hubert Middle School – Career and Technical Academy
768 Grant Street Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 395-5235

Hubert Career and Technical Academy provides an enjoyable approach to learning. The culinary pathway offers real world training needed for a foundation in the hospitality industry. Students in the culinary arts program experience the success of preparing various dishes from each of the four basic food groups as they learn the initial elements required to succeed in culinary arts. Business and computer science programs prepare students to become productive members of the business community. Students develop competencies in such areas as finance, legal operations of business, entrepreneurship, administrative support, information management, and international business. Engineering offers the students opportunities to learn how to design, build, and operate various robotics, electrical, and energy systems.

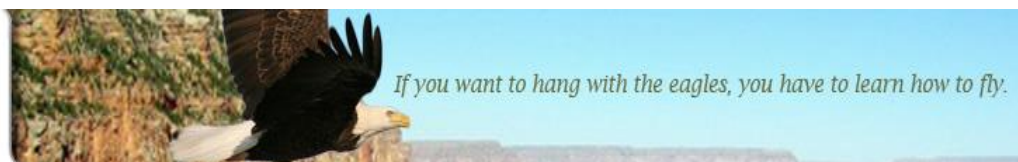


Hubert Middle School

Home of the Hornets

Hubert Middle School – Paragon Male Academy
768 Grant Street
Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 395-5235

Hubert Paragon Male Academy is the only all-male academy in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. The academy operates on three core principles: Service Learning, Leadership, and Academic Excellence. In addition to a rigorous academic schedule, the young men participate in service learning projects throughout the city. They also assume roles of leadership within the building to supplement their experience.



Southwest Middle School - International Baccalaureate
6030 Ogeechee Road
Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 395-3540

Southwest International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, Southwest Middle School offers a challenging international curriculum and rigorous assessment. The Middle Years Programme encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right. The International Baccalaureate (IB) is committed to supporting multilingualism as a fundamental part of increasing intercultural understanding and international-mindedness. With this aim in mind, Southwest Middle School provides a framework that will ensure that students learn a second IB language.

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CHOICE PROGRAMS: HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL



Alfred Ely Beach High School

Home of the Mighty Bulldogs

Beach High – Medical & Allied Health
3001 Hopkins Street
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 395-5330

Beach High School Allied Health & Medical Program offers an exciting program where students learn about and prepare for Medical Health Professions. Students will have the opportunity to learn medical terminology, the essentials of healthcare, patient care fundamentals, responses to emergencies, and much more! With a research-based and hands-on curriculum, students are engaged every step of the way. Students will be exposed to guest speakers, field trips, and community service as part of the program, providing students the ability to interact first-hand with local professionals.



Savannah Early College

Savannah, Georgia

Savannah Early College High School
400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Savannah, GA 31404
(912) 395-2535

Savannah Early College High School offers students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma with the potential to earn an Associate's Degree or up to two years of transferable college credit towards a Bachelor's Degree. This is accomplished by exposing students to a challenging high school curriculum along with college courses through Savannah State University. The small learning environment of Early College is most beneficial for students who may not be well-served by traditional high schools. The initiative also seeks to change the face of higher education by targeting those students traditionally underrepresented on college campuses.



Robert W. Groves High School

The Pride of the Westside



Groves High – Maritime Science and Logistics
100 Priscilla D. Thomas Way
Savannah, GA 31408
(912) 395-2520

Groves High School Maritime Logistics Program is designed to provide students with access to the distribution, logistics and transportation industry. In order to complete the level of training required for this pathway, students will receive specialized training necessary to connect the classroom and the distribution and logistics industry. Students will receive real-world instruction and application of supply chain management, the global logistics environment, the importance of logistical planning strategies, specialized material handling and quality control. Mastery of standards through project-based learning, interviews with industry professionals, technical skills practice, leadership development activities and involvement in distribution and logistics related associations provide students with a competitive edge for entry into government/military services, the global market and/or post-secondary education. The Capstone of the program is the opportunity for all students to become Certified Logistic Technicians through a national industry-led assessment and certification system.



ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL



WHERE THE SHARKS SCHOOL

Island High – Biological/Environmental Scientific Research & Veterinary Science
170 Whitemarsh Island Road
Savannah, GA 31410
(912) 395-2000

Islands High School Biological & Environmental Scientific Research Program is designed to introduce students to the real-world application of scientific inquiry through traditional as well as project-based learning. Students are also expected to be enrolled in Honors and/or AP level science courses in conjunction with the scientific research courses. Scientific Research is designed to introduce students to the real-world application of scientific inquiry through traditional as well as project-based learning. Students engage in developing a research idea, designing and conducting a study, and analyzing and reporting data.

Islands High School Veterinary Science Program The Veterinary Science Program includes coursework in Basic Agriculture, Small Animal Care and Veterinary Science. Students will learn the basics of animal care and about the many career opportunities available in this field. Students will be engaged in a variety of classroom and hands on experiences to include internships during their senior year.



H.V. Jenkins High School

Home of the Warriors



Jenkins High – Engineering
1800 East DeRenne Avenue - Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 395-6300

Jenkins High School, School Engineering Program provides a stimulating curriculum enriched in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The goal of the program is to produce graduates who are successful in their pursuit of higher education within these fields. Students are exposed to a rigorous curriculum and accelerated coursework in all subject areas. Parents and students can expect specially trained teachers, smaller class sizes, pairing with students with similar life goals, and the possibility of college credit without the college costs.



Sol C. Johnson High School

ATOM SMASHERS

Not to Equal, but Excel



Johnson High – International Baccalaureate Diploma
3012 Sunset Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31404
(912) 395-6400

Johnson High School has been an International Baccalaureate (IB) accredited school since 2000. This IB Program has been a "Choice Program" within the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System since 2004. In 2010, Johnson High School was accredited along with Coastal Middle School as an IB Middle Years Program (MYP). The MYP at Johnson includes the 9th and 10th grade and feeds into the Diploma Program in the 11th and 12th grade. Students who thrive in a demanding academic environment will be challenged to maximize their full potential with the IB program. Students work on individual and group assignments that encourage them to think critically and take initiative in accomplishing tasks. This program encourages students to think independently and drive their own learning. School assignments for the IB schools are determined based on the Elementary Attendance Zone of the student. (See information regarding IB Attendance Zones for more details).

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.



Windsor Forest High School

Savannah, Georgia



Windsor Forest High – International Baccalaureate Diploma
12419 Largo Drive
Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 395-3400

Windsor Forest High School is an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) School, offering both the career-related program and the diploma program to interested students. These programs encourage students to think independently and drive their own learning. The classes are academically challenging, requiring students to take initiative while organizing and completing individual and group projects. Students who thrive in a demanding environment and like having options (like selecting research topics and choosing how to present what they learn) will be challenged to maximize their full potential in the IB program. School assignments for the IB schools are determined based on the Elementary Attendance Zone of the student. (See information regarding IB Attendance Zones for more details).

*Please see page 35 concerning IB Attendance Zones.



Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School – Career and Technical
151 Coach Joe Turner Street
Savannah, GA 31408
(912) 395-6750

Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School gives students the opportunity to excel academically while gaining invaluable hands-on experience in real work, real world environments. Students benefit from an intensive level of guidance and instruction designed to equip students with the skills needed to succeed in both secondary education and highly competitive job markets. This advanced technical training provides students with the skills needed to compete in a global economy and become leaders in their field.

Students, who do not meet the criteria or are waitlisted to attend Woodville Tompkins through the Choice process, still have an opportunity to be a SHARED PROGRAM student (attending Woodville Tompkins part time for the career technical classes). For more information, see your school counselor.



School of Liberal Studies At Savannah High School

School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High – Law and Criminal Justice & 3DE by Junior Achievement
400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Savannah, GA 31404
(912) 395-5050

School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School - Law and Criminal Justice provides students with an opportunity to explore the field of Law and Criminal Justice as well as the basic processes and principles of forensic science as it relates to criminal investigations. Students learn the importance of the identification, collection and processing of evidence, and of its contribution to a criminal investigation. Students also learn the role of the criminal investigator, while studying interviews and interrogations as well as how those statements are used as evidence in court. This program also provides students the opportunity to participate in internship opportunities with local employers.

***NEW! 3DE by Junior Achievement** delivers rigorous interdisciplinary courses through authentic business experiences to accelerate students' knowledge gains as well as building the skills, perspectives, and portfolio to differentiate themselves in the highly competitive post-secondary and career environments. The fully immersive experience provides deep exposure to a variety of companies and industries through Case Challenges in addition to interaction with career professionals through classroom advisors, coaches, and career exposure. 3DE follows a school-within-a-school model in partnership with Junior Achievement. There are no eligibility criteria for students to enroll in 3DE. Visit: <https://sites.google.com/sccps.com/3de-savannahhigh/home>

*There is no academic criteria to apply for the new **3DE by Junior Achievement** program at Savannah High School. Students must be promoted to 9th grade. 3DE is only accepting 9th grade applications.



SAVANNAH ARTS ACADEMY of Visual and Performing Arts

Savannah Arts Academy – Visual and Performing Arts
500 Washington Avenue Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 395-5000

Savannah Arts Academy of Visual and Performing Arts requires all applicants to **audition**. This visual and performing arts school provides students with experiences that allow them to excel in the academics as well as the arts. The goal of the visual and performing arts program is to assist students in developing to their fullest potential. **All students who meet the academic program requirements are also required to audition.**

Important Note:

All students who audition will be ranked using a score of 1-100. The audition score will be added to each student's application. Students applying will be seated according to their audition ranking, based on the number of seats available in each performing arts area. As a result, sibling preference DOES NOT apply to applications submitted to Savannah Arts Academy.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME ATTENDANCE ZONES

Students applying at Marshpoint Elementary, Largo-Tibet Elementary, Southwest Middle, Coastal Middle, Johnson High School or Windsor Forest High School must apply based on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Attendance Zone. IB Attendance Zones are determined by the Elementary Attendance Zone of an applicant. The following procedures will be used:

Any student (regardless of grade level) who resides in the following elementary school attendance zones will only be eligible to attend the Marshpoint Elementary, Coastal Middle, and Johnson High School IB Programme Strand. (Note: These students will not be eligible to attend the Largo-Tibet Elementary, Southwest Middle and Windsor Forest IB Programme Strand):

Brock	Hodge	Port Wentworth/Rice Creek
Butler	Howard	Shuman
East Broad	Isle of Hope	Jacob G. Smith
Gadsden	Low	Andrea B. Williams (formerly known as Spencer Elementary)
Garden City	Marshpoint	Thunderbolt

Any student (regardless of grade level) who resides in the following elementary school attendance zones will only be eligible to attend the Largo-Tibet Elementary, Southwest Middle, and Windsor Forest High School IB Programme Strand. (Note: These students will not be eligible to attend the Marshpoint Elementary, Coastal Middle, and Johnson High School IB Programme Strand):

Bloomingtondale	Heard	Southwest Elementary
Georgetown	Hesse	West Chatham Elementary
Godley Station	Largo-Tibet	White Bluff
Gould	Pooler	Windsor Forest Elementary
Haven	Pulaski	

An individual can determine which elementary school zone he or she resides in by taking the following steps:

- Visit the District’s website (www.sccpss.com)
- Click on “Family & Students” at the top of the page.
- Click on New to the Area, “Find Your School.”
- Enter your address into the Search bar, click “Search” and you will see the Elementary, Middle and High Schools that match your address.
- Remember your zoned elementary school, determines your IB Zone.

Use the two lists above to determine which IB strand your child may attend.

Legend of Terms

Assessment Acronyms	Translation
BOY	Beginning of Year
MOY	Middle of Year
BLT	Basic Literacy Test
MAP	Measure of Academic Progress
EOCT	End of Course Test
PSAT	Pre-SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)
CRCT	Criterion Referenced Competency Test
Academic Acronyms	Translation
Rdg	Reading
ELA	English/Language Arts
Sci	Science
SS	Social Studies
S	Satisfactory
GPA	Grade Point Average
IB	International Baccalaureate

CHOICE PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Elementary and K-8 Schools	Program	Number
Heard Elementary	Center for Advanced Learning	(912) 395-6630
Hodge Elementary	Medical and Allied Health	(912) 395-5200
J.G. Smith Elementary	Traditional	(912) 395-6530
Largo-Tibet Elementary	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-3450
Marshpoint Elementary	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-4000
Charles Ellis Montessori K-8 School	Montessori	(912) 395-5470
Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts	Visual and Performing Arts	(912) 395-5975
Middle Schools	Program	Number
The STEM Academy at Bartlett	Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	(912) 395-3500
Coastal Middle School	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-3950
DeRenne Middle School	Medical and Allied Health	(912) 395-5900
Hubert Middle School	Career and Technical Academy & Paragon Academy	(912) 395-5235
Southwest Middle School	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-3540
High Schools	Program	Number
Beach High School	Medical & Allied Health	(912) 395-5330
Groves High School	Maritime Logistics	(912) 395-2520
Islands High School	Environmental Scientific Research & Veterinary Science	(912) 395-2000
Jenkins High School	School of Engineering	(912) 395-6300
Johnson High School	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-6400
Savannah Arts Academy	Visual and Performing Arts	(912) 395-5000
Savannah Early College High School	Early College	(912) 395-2535
School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School	Liberal Studies & Criminal Justice *New: 3DE by Junior Achievement	(912) 395-5050
Windsor Forest High School	International Baccalaureate	(912) 395-3400
Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School	Career and Technical	(912) 395-6750

*Sample Application
for Appeal*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPEAL PROCESS

CHOICE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

READ FIRST BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPEAL FORM ON PAGE 2.

Appeals are only accepted for the following reasons:

1. Technical problems during the audition process for Esther F. Garrison – Grades 6-8 or Savannah Arts Academy (any relevant malfunction, such as defective equipment or a power failure in the building).
2. Technical problems during the eligibility process (such as a mathematical error).
3. Inequity: Failure to provide appropriate accommodations according to the child's documented disability or limited English proficiency during the student's audition or eligibility processes.

Important information about the appeals process:

1. An "Application for Appeal" must be submitted to the Office of College and Career Readiness (OCCR), Woodville Tompkins Lower Campus, 402 Market Street, Savannah, GA 31408, and must include a written explanation of the alleged technical problem or inequity no later than 5 days after the problem occurs. Any pertinent information supporting the appeal should also be attached to the form.
2. After a written request for an appeal is received from the parent/guardian, the Appeals Review Committee will investigate the alleged inequity or technical problem to determine its merit. (A Choice program Appeals Committee will be established annually under the direction of the Senior Director of the Office of College and Career Readiness and will consist of a diverse group of professional educators and administrators with knowledge of Choice Programs and district policies.)
3. At the completion of the appeals committee review of the request, one of the following actions will occur within 5 school days:
 - A letter will be sent to the parent or guardian denying the appeal.
 - A letter will be sent to the parent or guardian approving the appeal and notification will be sent to the school(s) for a second eligibility review.

*Sample Application
for Appeal*



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
CHOICE PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY
APPLICATION FOR APPEAL**

Student Number (Required)
School Year

Read the preceding page, "Important Information about the Appeal Process" carefully before completing the appeal application. Submit the completed and signed form to the Office of College and Career Readiness (OCCR), 402 Market Street, Savannah, Georgia 31408 or email to amy.perry@sccpss.com or angie.lewis@sccpss.com.

Student Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade
Specialized Instruction (504/IEP) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name of Specialized Instructional Program (if applicable)		
Name of Parent or Guardian	Home Phone	Day Phone	
Address of Parent or Guardian (street, apt. #, street, state, zip code)			
Email Address of Parent or Guardian			

*A copy of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), 504 or other relevant documents must be attached to this application.

Choice Program Application School (name): _____

What attendance zone school is the student assigned? _____

Briefly explain technical or eligibility problem:

What is the reason the student is requesting an appeal? (Choose all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical problem during audition process
<input type="checkbox"/> Inequality during audition process | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical problem during eligibility process
<input type="checkbox"/> Inequity during eligibility process |
|---|---|

I have read and understand this form and agree to the following:

1. My signature below verifies that all the above information on this application is correct.
2. The form and the important information included with this form have been read either to me or by both and me are understood.
3. I understand appeals are only heard for the reasons stated above.
4. The results of the appeal will be emailed or mailed to the above address. Telephone requests for results cannot be honored.
5. This form is not valid unless signed by the parent or guardian.

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW
SCCPSS PERSONNEL ONLY**

___APPROVED ___NOT APPROVED ___VOID

Signature of Director or Designee Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
Office of College & Career Readiness

Choice Program Information

(912) 395-6765

Our Mission

To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels.

Our Vision

From school to the world: All students prepared for productive futures.

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208 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401
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