



**WELCOME
7TH + 8TH GRADE
DURKIN SCHOLARS + FAMILIES**

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HELLO!!



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HEY HEY HEY



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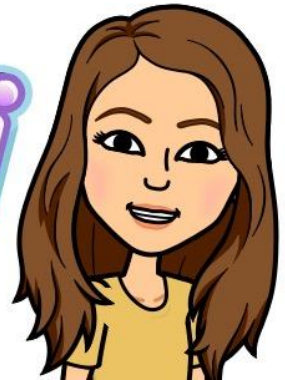


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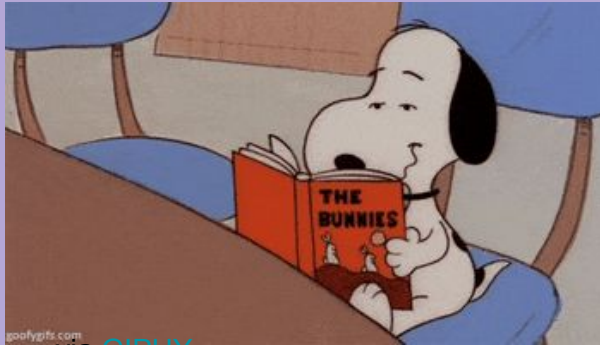
Social Emotional Learning

Social Emotional Learning is one of our top priorities. We will be spending the first week to address the Social Emotional needs of all our Scholars in order to build supportive relationships and create a welcoming learning environment. We will continue to reinforce and incorporate mindfulness activities daily, such as Calm Classroom, Morning Meetings, Gratitude Breath and Mirror Magic. We understand success comes from both academic skills and social and emotional skills.



Curriculum and Instruction

Scholars will be instructed at grade level in all subject areas. Teachers will use strategies to address any learning loss while providing grade level content.



Via [GIPHY](#)

Grading

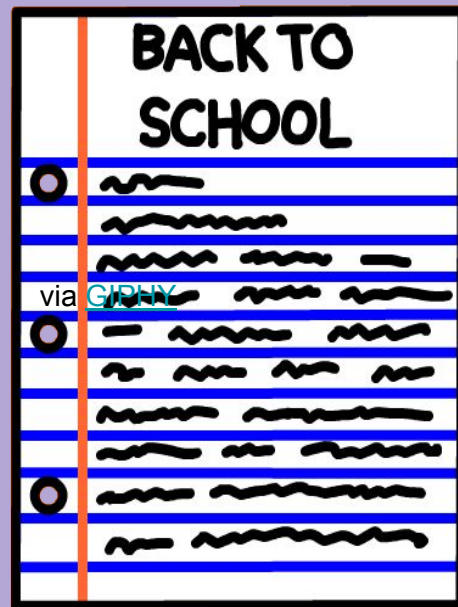
According to Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools, we will return to the normal grading system during remote learning this school year. Grading will be fair and based on student knowledge and mastery. Scholars must complete assignments and participate to accurately be graded and assessed.

Grading Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and Below	F

Categories

50% - Class Assignments
50% - Assessments



Attendance

According to CPS policy, scholars are required to log in daily for attendance. We will take attendance at the beginning of the day and end of the day during Homeroom. Teachers will also take attendance during each class daily to ensure scholars are actively engaged in remote learning for the duration of the school day. Attendance and punctuality are very important to the learning process. Requirements for when a scholar will be marked tardy, present or for half day attendance will remain comparable to a normal school day.

Please note participation in remote learning is **NOT OPTIONAL**.



High School Application Process

- **The Application window will open on October 13, 2021.**
- **The Application deadline is December 15, 2021.**
- **New GoCPS Website & New Profile Pages (Admissions Tab)**

High School Application Process

- **Most programs no longer have eligibility requirements.**
- **All High School applicants will now take a CPS High School Admissions Exam on November 9, 2021 at Durkin Park.**
- **This test will be for programs that used to require NWEA or Selective Enrollment exam scores.**
- **Students will not be able to re-rank after the application deadline so please research the high schools so that your child can rank the schools they want to attend giving their first choice the priority rank.**

High School Application Updates:

- **Activation codes are no longer required to create a GoCPS account.**
- **Every student has an “Attendance Area/ Neighborhood” school based on their address.**
- **In most cases, students can attend their designated neighborhood school without having to submit an application.**
- **For all other schools, students will have to submit an application if they want to be considered for acceptance.**
- **There are two types of Programs for High School - Choice and Selective Enrollment.**

High School Application Updates:

CHOICE PROGRAMS are:

- Neighborhood Schools
- Magnet Schools
- CTE Schools
- Military Schools
- International Baccalaureate Schools
- Charter Schools

High School Application Updates:

SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS:

- Brooks
- Hancock
- Jones
- Lane
- Lindblom
- King
- Northside
- Payton
- South Shore
- Westinghouse
- Whitney Young

High School Application Updates:

- **Students can select up to 20 Choice Programs and up to 6 Selective Enrollment Programs when they complete their applications.**
- **Students will have to rank their choices in order of preference.**
- **Students will receive a single best offer if qualified for Choice programs with available seats.**
- **Students will receive a single best offer if qualified and seats are available for Selective Enrollment.**
- **Students can receive offers at: 1. Their Neighborhood School, 2. Choice Program and 3. Selective Enrollment --therefore, some students may receive up to 3 offers.**
- **Round one offers will be released in the spring.**
- **The waitlist process will begin after the Accept/ Decline deadline.**

High School Application Updates:

- For CHOICE programs, the selection process consists of a lottery system or a points system.
- The following are taken into consideration for the Choice Program Selection Process: CPS High School Admissions Exam, Final 7th Grade Grades, Admission Screenings when applicable, Geographical Preference and Essays and Recommendations in some cases.
- The following are taken into consideration for SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT Programs: Points system, Tier System, 7th Grade Grades, and the CPS High School Admissions Exam. ***SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT DOES NOT HAVE WAITLISTS.***
- Families can attend trainings on this process by subscribing to receive updates on the GoCPS webpage.

Open House Information

- Due to the current COVID situation, schools have the option to conduct Open Houses either virtually or in person.
- The calendar of virtual Open Houses can be accessed at the GoCPS website under Dates and Events. On this page, students and families can view the events in order or can search by school or zip code.
- Parents should sign up for the GoCPS Mailing list to receive communications and updates. The website to do so is: go.cps.edu/contact.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

