



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

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HELLO!!



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8TH Grade Teachers.....

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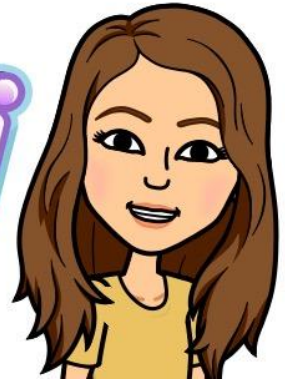
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Durkin Park counselor/case manager.....



Mrs. Reynolds

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Attendance

According to CPS policy, scholars are required to be present **EVERYDAY!!!** Attendance and punctuality are very important to the learning process. A scholar's attendance could impact their high school application process.



Grading

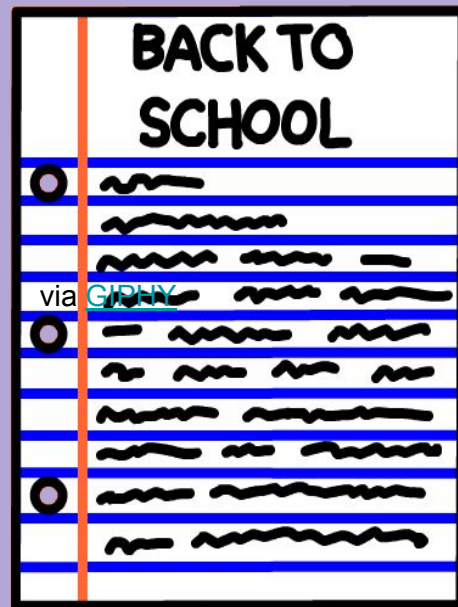
According to Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools, we will return to the normal grading system during remote learning this school year. Grading will be fair and based on student knowledge and mastery. Scholars must complete assignments and participate to accurately be graded and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



Upper Cluster - Positive Behavior Plan

The Positive Behavior Plan designed to allow students to reflect and change behaviors that earn them infractions. As a team, all of the students and teachers have reviewed the plan to set the expectations for the school year. If your child meets the requirements of the plan, they will be have earned the various trips throughout the school year.



[Positive Behavior Plan SY2022-2023](#)

High School Application Process - IMPORTANT DATES

High School Application Process Information: <https://www.cps.edu/gocps/>

- September 21, 2022- Application Period Opens
- October 26th, 2022- CPS High School Admissions Exam for CPS Students
- December 2nd, 2022- Application Period Closes
- TBD- Results Released
- TBD- Principal Discretion Process Opens
- TBD- Accept/Decline Deadline
- TBD- Principal Discretion Application Closes
- TBD- Waitlist Process Opens
- 2 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER OFFER ISSUED- Waitlist Accept/Decline Deadline
- TBD- Principal Discretion Results Released

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 10/26/22 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.**
- **You can apply for up to 20 Choice Programs and 6 Selective Enrollment Programs.**

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.
- Families can attend trainings on this process by subscribing to receive updates on the GoCPS webpage.

High School Resources

Resources can be found at:

<https://www.cps.edu/gocps/high-school/hs-resources/>

Events such as Open Houses or Tours can be found at:

<https://www.cps.edu/gocps/gocps-calendar/>

Questions? Please contact: Mrs. Reynolds, School Counselor

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Daniel Murphy Scholarship

The Scholarship window is now open to apply! The application deadline is October 3, 2022.

<https://www.dmsf.org/>

Today, DMSF is able to offer 150 new scholarships to 8th grade students each year. Those students are attending roughly 40 different parochial and independent day schools in the Chicago area, as well as 40 boarding schools from coast to coast. As of November 2021, DMSF has awarded scholarships to nearly 3,600 Scholars to allow them to attend college preparatory high schools.

7th and 8th grade applicants who demonstrate academic potential, strong character and financial need are the best candidates for a Murphy scholarship. Applicants must live in the Chicagoland area, Cicero, or Berwyn to be eligible for the scholarship. DMSF does not accept applications from students who live in other communities.

There are three distinct portions of the application to be filled out:

1. **Student component:** Several short questions and two essay questions.
2. **Parent/Guardian component:** Several short questions, financial information for all parents/guardians (including non-custodial parents and/or step-parents).
3. **Educator component:** Teachers and Principals/Counselors must fill out recommendation forms and submit report cards and standardized test results. Recommendations, report cards and test scores will be submitted electronically. Once your application has been submitted, DMSF will contact your teachers and principals/counselors to obtain recommendations on your behalf. DMSF requires recommendations from: Your 7th grade English/Language Arts teacher, Your 7th grade Math teacher, and Your Principal or Counselor.

Please begin working on this application as it is a time consuming process and recommendations are required!

We are looking forward to a great school year!

