

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program

2022-2023 School Year  
Requirements and Procedures



# What is Jefferson Parish Schools 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program ?

A student's high school years are often called "the best years of your life." Students make life-long friends, are involved in activities, and wear the pride of their schools forever.

However, for a small number of students, high school years can be extremely challenging. Students often can't find their way, have trouble making friends, and dread going to school.

In an effort to provide more choice opportunities to our high school students and parents, in February 2020, JPS implemented the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program (9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP).



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Description

Current Jefferson Parish School System 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students\* will be provided an opportunity to apply for high school choice options outside of their Attendance Zone High School for the 2022-2023 School Year,

9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP does not remove attendance and transportation zone schools. All students will have an enrollment seat in their traditional attendance zone school with transportation provided.

\*\*\*Students eligible to participate must be in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and enrolled in a Jefferson Parish School System operated school for the 2021-22 School Year.

\*\*\*Only families wishing to attend a school **OUTSIDE** of their Attendance Zone School need to apply for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice. \*\*\*



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSACP Description

Students who participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Program will be allowed to remain at their choice school until they graduate, however transportation is **not provided**.

**TRANSPORTATION TO THE SCHOOL OF CHOICE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT.**

**LHSAA ELIGIBILITY:** Students receiving approval for a 9th Grade High School Choice Transfer are subject to LHSAA eligibility regulations.

For more information, please contact JPS's Athletics, Health, and Physical Education Department at 504-349-8645.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Schools

High Schools Participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP:

School	Number of Choice Seats	School	Number of Choice Seats
Bonnabel High School	115	East Jefferson High School	85
Fisher High School	18	Grace King High School	80
Grand Isle High School	2	Helen Cox High School	51
L.W. Higgins High School	68	West Jefferson High School	105

Applications for HSCP will be considered based on individual school capacity.

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



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Preference

Choice preference will be given to:

1. Jefferson Parish Schools Employees (Employee verification must accompany application)
2. Active-duty military personnel (Current Military Orders must accompany application)
3. Placement of siblings within the same school, if capacity allows.

Choice preference does not guarantee assignment to a Choice School.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Application Details

Complete directions, including instructional videos will be available for families needing assistance.

Applications must be completed and submitted online at [jpschools.org](http://jpschools.org) along with the all required documents in order to be considered.

Families will be able to submit applications and documents from their phones, tablets, laptops, or desktop computers.





# Application Requirements

**ALL** application submissions must include a copy of the following:

- **Parent's Picture ID**
- **Student's Birth Certificate**
- **Current Proof of Residency in Jefferson Parish** in the name of the parent completing the form with the same address that is entered into the form.
- **Custody Judgement/Agreement** (If Applicable)

**\*JPS MAY REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION AUTHENTICATION, IF DEEMED NECESSARY**





# Application Requirements

If Choice Preference is being request, in addition to the **Parent's Picture ID, Student's Birth Certificate** and **Current Proof of Residency in Jefferson Parish** your application submission must include the following:

- Jefferson Parish Schools Employee Preference - **Employee verification must accompany application** (i.e. Pay Stub, Current School/District ID, Letter of Verification from Current Supervisor)
- Active-duty military personnel- **Current Military Orders must accompany application**



# Decisions and Notifications

Available openings will only be offered to those students whose applications and documents are complete and correct.

The online application system will date and time stamp each submission in the order in which applications are submitted.

Qualified applicants will be offered available openings in the order in which the applications are submitted with preference given to JPS Employees and Active Military Personnel.

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



# Decisions and Notifications

Students who are qualified, but no openings are available, will be wait listed in the order in which their **complete** application/documents were submitted.

The wait list for the 2022-2023 school year will be active until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 2022-2023 school year. After the 15<sup>th</sup> day of school, no student will be moved as a choice student.

All applicants will receive notification via email by April 18, 2022 regarding their child's admission status, whether accepted, wait listed, or denied.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Application Timeline

**January 14, 2022** -High School Infomercials will be posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Choice Webpage.

- Available on the JPS 2022-23 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Choice Webpage. <https://www.jpschools.org/Page/3765>

**January 24- February 17, 2022** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade HSCP Informational Nights. See the Next Slide for Dates.

**March 01, 2022– March 27, 2022** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Choice Application Period

- Available on the JPS 2022-23 9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Choice Webpage. <https://www.jpschools.org/Page/3765>

**April 11, 2022** - Notification Letters Emailed to Parents.

**April 18, 2022:** Acceptance/Decline Response due



# Virtual High School Informational Nights

Current Jefferson Parish School System 8th Grade Parents and Students\* are invited to tour the campus and learn more about each school and the various programs and extracurricular activities offered. School Administrators, Teachers, Students and Parents will be on hand to share information and answer any questions.

School	Date	School	Date
Bonnabel High School	TBA	East Jefferson High School	TBA
Fisher High School	Thursday, Feb 10, 2022 6 - 8pm	Grace King High School	Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022 6 - 8pm
Grand Isle High School	TBA	Helen Cox High School	Thursday, Feb 17, 2022 6 - 8pm
L.W. Higgins High School	TBA	West Jefferson High School	TBA

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# Looking Forward to Your Applications

We eagerly anticipate the arrival of your application and required documents beginning on **March 01, 2022**.

Be sure to get them in before the deadline, **March 27, 2022, 5pm**.

Remember, your feedback, questions, and comments are welcome.

Please submit to [Semaj.Allen-Raymond@jpschools.org](mailto:Semaj.Allen-Raymond@jpschools.org).

