



GIFTED AND TALENTED

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Columbus City Schools is pleased to offer families different schooling options to help meet a range of student needs. Through the School Choice Lottery program, families can enroll in schools with unique educational approaches. Columbus City Schools will once again offer Selective Admissions to specific schools, including Columbus Alternative High School and Eastmoor Academy, for the 2020-2021 school year.

To be eligible for Selective Admissions, students must meet the following criteria:

- 1) be a current 8th grade student on track for 9th grade entrance at high school for the 2020-2021 school year; **AND**
- 2) be a resident of the Columbus City School District; **AND**
- 3) have had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all the 7th grade; **AND** 4) have one of the following:
 - a. scored at the 90th percentile on both reading and math on the fall 8th grade MAP test **OR**
 - b. be identified as Gifted and Talented in either Specific Academic or Superior Cognitive Ability.

Parents/Guardians of interested eighth grade students must complete the Selective Admissions Application for either Columbus Alternative or Eastmoor Academy using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal no later than **January 31, 2020**. If you need your login information for the Parent Portal, please contact your child's school office. If you need access to a computer to submit the application, please visit a district building or your local library. Eligible students are not obligated to apply. Likewise, gifted students who are interested in their neighborhood high school or other lottery school, and the programs offered to them there, should feel free to continue their chosen path. This Selective Admissions process is just one more option for students and families.

Application does not guarantee admission. A separate lottery for Selective Admissions will be held prior to the regular high school lottery. Up to 20% of the seats in the freshman class at each building are reserved for Selective Admissions. Offers will be made and Selective Admissions seats filled in late February.

Students not selected through the Selective Admissions process will have the opportunity to participate in the regular lottery for any high school, including CAHS and Eastmoor Academy, if a School Choice Lottery Application has been submitted in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by the *February 28, 2020*, deadline.

Questions may be directed to the School Choice Division at 614-365-7459. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.ccsoh.us/Page/1181>.

FAQs CONCERNING CAHS/EASTMOOR SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

1. Why should a student wish to apply for either school under Selective Admissions?

Students who have a high interest in the International Baccalaureate Program at Columbus Alternative HS or in the college preparatory/Biomedical Science Pathway at Eastmoor Academy, and have shown the academic acumen and scholarly initiative to meet the Selective Admissions criteria, are likely to find the available opportunities fulfill their high school aspirations.

2. May students apply for both CAHS and Eastmoor Academy?

Students may only apply for one school through the Selective Admissions process.

3. What are the timelines for Selective Admissions for 2020?

Jan. 14: Counselors give letters to eligible students to take home; the Division of School Choice emails letters to eligible students with emails on file.

Jan. 31: Deadline to submit application online via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Feb. 28: Deadline to submit regular High School lottery application.

End of February: School Choice staff will begin to notify parent/guardians of selected students of offers to attend all Selective Admissions schools.

4. Can applications be submitted after the deadline if seats are still available?

No. Selective Admissions applications cannot be submitted after the January 31, 2020, deadline.

5. Can paper applications be submitted?

No. All applications for Selective Admissions, School Choice Lottery, and/or Return to Home School must be submitted using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If a family does not have access to a computer, they may use a computer at any of the district buildings or their local library.

6. What if I cannot access my Parent Portal account?

You can email a picture ID to parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us requesting your access code (if you have never set up an account) or your user name/password. Parents/guardians of students newly enrolling in the district will receive the login information at the enrollment appointment.

7. How will students and parents/guardians know if they are selected?

The Division of School Choice will notify families of a pending offer through an auto-dialer and via email (if an email address is on file in the Parent Portal). Parent(s)/guardian(s) must accept the offer through the School Choice link in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal within 2 days.

8. What if we submit a regular lottery application for other schools by February 28?

It is recommended that a regular lottery application is also submitted when submitting a Selective Admissions application. If the student is selected through the Selective lottery program for CAHS or Eastmoor Academy, other lottery applications will be canceled. If not selected or if an offer for Selective Admissions is declined, all applications on file will be included in the electronic lotteries if the lottery application was submitted by the established lottery deadline.

9. Will there be any seats left for the regular lottery?

Absolutely. Up to 20% of seats in the freshman class at each school have been set aside for Selective lottery applicants. All other seats for CAHS will be made available to students through the regular lottery process. The regular lottery process will be used to fill seats at Eastmoor after the Selective lottery students and Berwick 8th graders are placed.

10. May upperclassmen apply through Selective Admissions?

No. Selective lottery is only open to students who are entering the 9th grade for the first time.

11. May students who live outside of the Columbus City School District apply for Selective Admissions? No.

Students must currently reside within the geographic boundaries of Columbus City Schools.

12. Do Berwick students need to use Selective Admissions if planning to attend Eastmoor Academy?

No. Placement at Eastmoor Academy is automatically available to Berwick students who complete a reservation form in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by the January 31st deadline.

13. May we submit a "Return to Home School" form if we change our mind?

Yes. The "Return to Home School" form must be submitted in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by March 24, 2020.