

Select Schools – Frequently Asked Questions

What are Select Schools? CCSD Select Schools are a new option for 2015-16 for families. Students can choose from one of five (5) high schools that offer outstanding Career and Technical Education programs of study as well as many Advanced Placement and other specialized programs. Any student can apply to enroll in a Select School. Students that live within the transportation zone for the school will also receive transportation.

What grade levels are available? Students in grades 9 and 10 may apply to participate in a program of Career and Technical Education. Students in grades 9-12 may apply to Advanced Placement or other programs.

What are the admission requirements for a Select School? There are no specific requirements to attend a Select School. However, it is suggested that students do not enter into a CTE program past grade 10 so that they may complete a program of study. Parents of interested students must submit an application online by the designated application deadline.

If my child is interested in several Select School programs, how do we make the choice? Families are encouraged to review the options available at each school including the brochures and school publications, visiting the schools, talking to school counselors, and navigating to the website at <http://selectschools.ccsd.net>. Students are allowed to apply to a maximum of three schools/programs.

Are special education students eligible to attend Select School programs? It is the policy of CCSD to afford equal opportunity in education to qualified students. If parents think their child has a disability that may affect his/her ability to fully participate in Select School programs to which he/she is applying, they are encouraged to voluntarily provide information about their child's disability and related needs with the application. Accommodations will be made, where possible, to allow the student to meet the requirements.

How many seats will be open to Select School students that apply? The number of seats available varies by school and program. If the number of students who apply exceeds the capacity of the school and/or program, a random lottery will be conducted to determine which students are selected.

Who can apply? Any student who is currently in grades 8-11 who will be living within the boundaries of CCSD may apply for a Select School.

How many schools have Select School Programs? There are currently five high schools designated as Select Schools.

What programs are offered at the schools? Each of the Select Schools offers individual programs. Please contact the school for more information or visit our website at itsyourchoice.ccsd.net for the specific program offerings at each school.

Do Select Schools issue certificates for employment? Please contact the individual Select School which your child is interested in attending for information on certificates that may be issued.

Will my child receive all the educational services available to him/her in a regular school? A Select School student will receive the educational services that the District provides to students in each of its schools.

Are there any costs associated with entrance into Select Schools? No tuition or entrance fees are charged for admission to Select Schools.

May a home school, private school, or charter school student apply to Select Schools? Yes. The parent or guardian must submit an application online by the designated application deadline. If they are accepted and choose to enroll, they must attend the Select School as full-time students. They are not permitted to take individual classes.

Do you keep siblings together when they apply to the same school? It is the intent of CCSD to avoid separating siblings when possible, but there is no guarantee that both siblings will be selected to the same school. The only exception is made for twins/triplets (multiples). If one twin/triplet (multiple) is accepted, the other twin/triplet (multiple), will automatically be offered a seat at the same school.

What are my chances of getting in the Select School that I apply for? The chances of being selected into a program are based on the number of applicants compared to the number of seats available.

Where are the schools located? Select Schools are located throughout the valley. Please visit our website at <http://selectschools.ccsd.net> for information about where each school is located.

If my child does not like the Select School program, can he/she transfer to his/her zoned school? The Select School shall be considered the home school of students who are selected and who are in attendance at the beginning of the school year. Students who are accepted and confirm attendance on the Form of Intent are expected to attend the Select School for at least one school year.

How do I, as a parent, get involved with the school? Each of the Select Schools greatly benefits from parental involvement. Members of parent groups often provide support as classroom aides, tutors, clerical workers, field trip chaperones, fundraisers, and special assistants for certain school functions.

Why is CCSD proceeding with Select Schools? Select Schools offer strong programs of Career and Technical Education as well as Advanced Placement courses, many of which are not offered at most high schools. CCSD has a strong belief that when students and their parents/guardians have choices with regard to the selection of a school, they will be more engaged and ultimately students will be more successful. While the vast majority of CCSD families are satisfied with

their neighborhood schools, some families believe that a different school may more readily match the needs of their child(ren). Select Schools are one more choice provided by CCSD.

Will neighborhood school zones remain? Yes, students zoned to their neighborhood schools will continue to have priority with regard to enrollment.

Where can I find a Select School application? Select School applications may be found online at itsyourchoice.ccsd.net Public computers, with Internet access, are available at all CCSD schools, and at libraries throughout the community. Questions regarding Select Schools may also be sent to SelectSchools@interact.ccsd.net or call 702-799-8492.

Where can I find a list of Select Schools and the programs those schools have available for? In March, a list of all schools with available programs for the coming school year will be posted at itsyourchoice.ccsd.net.

How many schools can I express interest in? A parent/guardian may express interest in no more than three (3) schools/programs per child.

Are Career and Technical Academies (CTAs), Magnet and/or Select schools accepting applications? Applications for Career and Technical Academies and Magnet schools are a separate process; you may apply for these programs at <http://magnet.ccsd.net> for the upcoming 2015-16 school year, Career and Technical Academies (CTAs) and Magnet schools accept applications between November and February. Select schools accept applications between March and mid-April. Open Enrollment accepts applications between mid-April to mid-August. Information about all choice options in CCSD can be found at <http://itsyourchoice.ccsd.net>.

My child is enrolled in the English Language Learner program, is he/she eligible to apply for Select Schools? Yes.

Are there any restrictions on a parent/guardian expressing interest in Select Schools for their child(ren)? Students assigned to a Behavioral or Court Continuation School may not participate. Additionally, students currently attending a comprehensive school on a Trial or Conditional Enrollment are not eligible to participate.

Can I submit an application for my child to attend Select Schools if he/she is currently enrolled in a behavioral school? No.

Can I submit an application for my child to attend a Select Schools if he/she is referred to behavior school? No.

Can I submit an application for my child to attend a Select School if he/she was/is expelled? No.

Can I submit a Select Schools application for my child who will be in kindergarten? No, CCSD kindergarten programs are currently not included in the Select School program.

Can I submit a Select School application for my child to participate in an Early Childhood program? No.

What is the deadline for the applications? The application deadline for Select Schools is Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

How long is the Select School application? The Select School application is one page. Applications may be submitted March through mid-April for the upcoming school year.

When will I know if my child is selected to attend the school for which we submitted an application? Notifications of acceptance into a Select School program will go out in early May for the upcoming school year.

Do I have to re-submit an Application for the Select School every school year? Children selected to attend a school through Select School will remain at the school through graduation.

Is transportation provided for my child if they attend a Select School? Yes, transportation is provided for students residing within transportation zones for the school. To view the boundaries for transportation zones, please visit <http://selectschools.ccsd.net>.

Who can I contact for more information about Select Schools? Please contact the Magnet/CTA Department at 702-799-8492 or send an email to SelectSchools@interact.ccsd.net.

If my child is selected to attend a Select School, does he/she have to attend? Yes, once the child(ren) enrolls through Select Schools, the family commits to remain at that school for at least one school year.

My child applied for a magnet program; could we also apply for Select School in case we do not get selected for the magnet program? Notifications to students regarding acceptance into a magnet program should be received by early April. It is recommended that Parents/Guardians decide whether to their child will accept a seat at a CTA or Magnet school before applying for a Select School.

Can my child re-apply to another school in the following year? Yes. Students/families may submit an application for a different school during the next year's application process.

Are students allowed to participate in sports and/or other school activities at Select School schools? Yes. A student who enrolls in a Select School is eligible to participate in student athletics. If a student returns to his/her zoned school or makes any other subsequent changes in enrollment, he/she would be ineligible for the remainder of that school year and for 180 school days in any sport in which his/her name appeared on a NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association) roster during his/her attendance at the school.

Can my child attend a Select School but graduate from his/her zoned school high school? No, your child will participate in the graduation ceremony at the high school he/she is attending.

My child was selected to attend a Select School, are his/her siblings also allowed to attend?

No, each individual student must submit a Select School Application to be considered for enrollment.

Where can I research background information on the schools with Select Schools? Families are encouraged to review the options available at each school including the brochures and school publications available on the Select Schools website at <http://selectschools.ccsd.net> as well as , visiting the schools.

Will schools be holding open houses so parents can visit? Please check the schools' websites for this information or contact the school directly.

Will Select School require schools to use portable classrooms? Many CCSD schools have portables on site – including those schools that are not participating in Select Schools. The expectation is that the Select Schools will not cause the need for additional portables to be placed on participating schools' campuses.

Will my zoned school be over-populated? No, Select Schools are not expected to cause a neighborhood school to become over-populated. As with any of our schools, unanticipated growth in a neighborhood can contribute to a school's enrollment going beyond projections. CCSD will continue to monitor enrollment in this regard.

Will my zoned school be under-populated? As with any neighborhood school, student enrollment can go up or down depending on the dynamics, beyond the control of the district. We will continue to monitor schools' enrollment trends.

Where can I find street addresses for district schools? Go to www.ccsd.net and click on "search for a school" under the Parent Portal.

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