
Life After A+UP

— Guiding Scholars to High School —

You have choices

- Houston ISD - Magnet Programs
 - HSPVA, Energy, DeBakey, Carnegie Vanguard, Aviation, Early College and more!
- Other Charter Schools - Open Enrollment Lottery
 - IDEA
 - Harmony
 - KIPP
 - YesPrep
 - International Leadership of Texas
 - Yellowstone College Prep

Items Needed

1. **Report Card from 7th Grade**
2. [Matrix Formula Sheet](#)
3. [STAAR Scores](#) (need child's social security number to access and download)
4. [Matrix Score Cut-offs](#)

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/177890>

www.kipp-houston.org

www.yesprep.org

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

Deadlines

Houston ISD Magnets

Phase I: Sept. 19 - Nov. 18, 2021

- Lottery: Jan 27, 2022

Phase 2: Nov. 19 - Mar 10, 2022 *

Phase 3: Mar. 11, 2022

*Deadline for current HISD students to apply for transfers

Charters

Mostly mid-to-late February

Deadlines - HISD Magnet

The more competitive the school, the more important it is to

1. Have application in by Phase I deadline
2. Rank that school as top choice

Comparing Schools - The Small Schools

Looking for something a little closer to A+UP in size?

- Houston Academy for International Studies (495 kids) (HAIS)
- Energy Institute (760) (HISD)
- Yellowstone College Prep (3rd Ward)
- Eastwood Academy (450) (HISD Charter) - essay and letter of recommendation required
- George I Sanchez Charter
- Mount Carmel Academy (350) (HISD Charter and open to outside HISD)

Comparing Schools - Early College Schools

Early College High Schools

-Allow your child to earn an Associate's Degree (2 years of college) for free, WHILE they are in high school.

- Challenge Early College High School
- East Early College High School
- HAIS (Houston Academy of International Studies)
- North Early College High School
- South Early College High School

-All have a minimum matrix score of 65. This means your child will generally need to have earned As, Bs & Cs and at least hit "Approaches" on STAAR

-**Houston Academy of International Studies** is walking distance from A+UP

Comparing Schools - Single Sex College Prep

Mickey Leland Boys Academy

Young Women's College Prep

Offers a rigorous education focused on preparing students for college.

Both schools are **A** rated.

-Boys need to have a minimum matrix score of 70, while girls need a 75.

-This means your child will generally need to have earned As & Bs and hit meets on STAAR.

Comparing Schools - The Hot Tickets

These schools are extremely difficult to get into. You'll need almost all As and Masters on STAAR.

It is recommended that you do not rank #1 if you do not meet the minimum Matrix score.

Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) - Auditions required

DeBakey High School for Medical Professions - Matrix score of 80 required

Carnegie Vanguard - Must have been identified as G/T previously in Houston ISD

Bellaire High School for Languages- (Matrix 80)
Must be fluent in language other than English.

Lamar High School International Baccalaureate
- Matrix 80

Comparing Schools - The Cool Programs

These schools offer solid introductions to interesting careers and college preparatory experiences.

They aren't as difficult to get into as the "Hot Tickets" but they are still competitive. They definitely look great on a college or job application

- Austin High School (No minimum Matrix score) if you are interested in maritime careers (jobs on boats) or other career and tech programs
- Energy High School (75 matrix) - oil, gas, energy and engineering
- High School for Law and Justice - (70 matrix) Police, lawyers, Homeland Security, FBI, etc.
- Sterling High School (60 matrix) - Aviation
- Heights High School - (80 matrix) - Tech

Comparing Schools - The Big Charters

These schools don't have a matrix score or admission requirements, but have a lottery and usually a wait list.

It's based on pure luck whether you get in, but they have good track records with preparing students for college

- Yes Prep - Pushes all kids to college and has several very high ranking high schools. Kids go to top colleges, but if your child struggles with behavior even a little bit, this is not a good fit.
- KIPP - Lots of resources to help your kids get into college. For hard workers.
- Harmony - offers some of the best STEM and international education in the state, but not as relational as other schools.
- International Leadership - Big schools, mixed results, will learn multiple languages.

Other Info

HISD has an online Virtual Fair

- **Saturday Oct 30, 9 AM - 12 PM**
- **On Microsoft Teams**

HISD's Energy Institute

- **Recruiting Fair**
- **Wed Oct 27, 5 PM - 7 PM**
- **3501 Southmore Blvd.**