

Academic Center & High School Application Process



THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN

Who?



- Any 6th grader who wishes to attend an Academic Center
- All 8th graders
- Academic Center application process – parents
- High School application process – Ms. Jacobson

What?



- What are Academic Centers?
- What is the application process for AC?
- What High School Options are there?
- What is the application process for High School?

Where?



- Applications are done online at go.cps.edu

When?



- **4th Grade**
 - Inform yourself about your middle school options
 - Attend Academic Center Open Houses (Fall)
- **5th Grade**
 - Cumulative Grades will apply toward AC acceptance
 - Typically Spring NWEA scores count toward AC acceptance
 - Attend AC Open Houses
- **6th Grade**
 - Apply for AC if desired (October – December)
 - Take AC entrance exam if desired (January-February)
 - Attend AC AND High School Open Houses

When?



- **7th Grade**

- Cumulative Grades will apply toward High School points
- Typically Spring NWEA scores will apply toward High School points
- Whole Group Goal Setting with Ms. Jacobson
- Individual and Small Group Meetings with Targeted Students
- Attend High School Open Houses

When?



- **8th Grade**

- Individual High School Meetings with Ms. Jacobson
- Explore all types of High Schools/Assess Point totals
- Attend High School Open Houses
- Apply for High Schools (October – December)
- Take Entrance Exam (December-February)
- Attend IB Information Sessions (October-February) **NOT REQUIRED THIS YEAR**

Academic Center or Not



SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

Academic Center Pros



- Rigorous Curriculum
- Challenging Setting with High Achieving Students
- Earn High School Credits
- Additional Elective Classes
- Larger Variety of Clubs and Activities
- Additional Social Opportunities
- More Independence
- Guaranteed High School Spot

Successful AC Students



- Students Want to Be There
- Able to Ask For Help
- Strong Study Habits
- Good Time Management Skills
- Strong Organizational Skills
- Enjoy Being Challenged

AC Considerations



- How Much Do You Manage Your Child?
- How Much Communication Do You Expect from Teachers?
- Is Your Child Self Motivated?
- How Busy is Your Child's Schedule?
- Is This the High School You Want Them To Attend?
- How Well Does Your Child Handle Change/Transitions?
- Should My Child Test for "Practice"?

Pros of Staying at SN

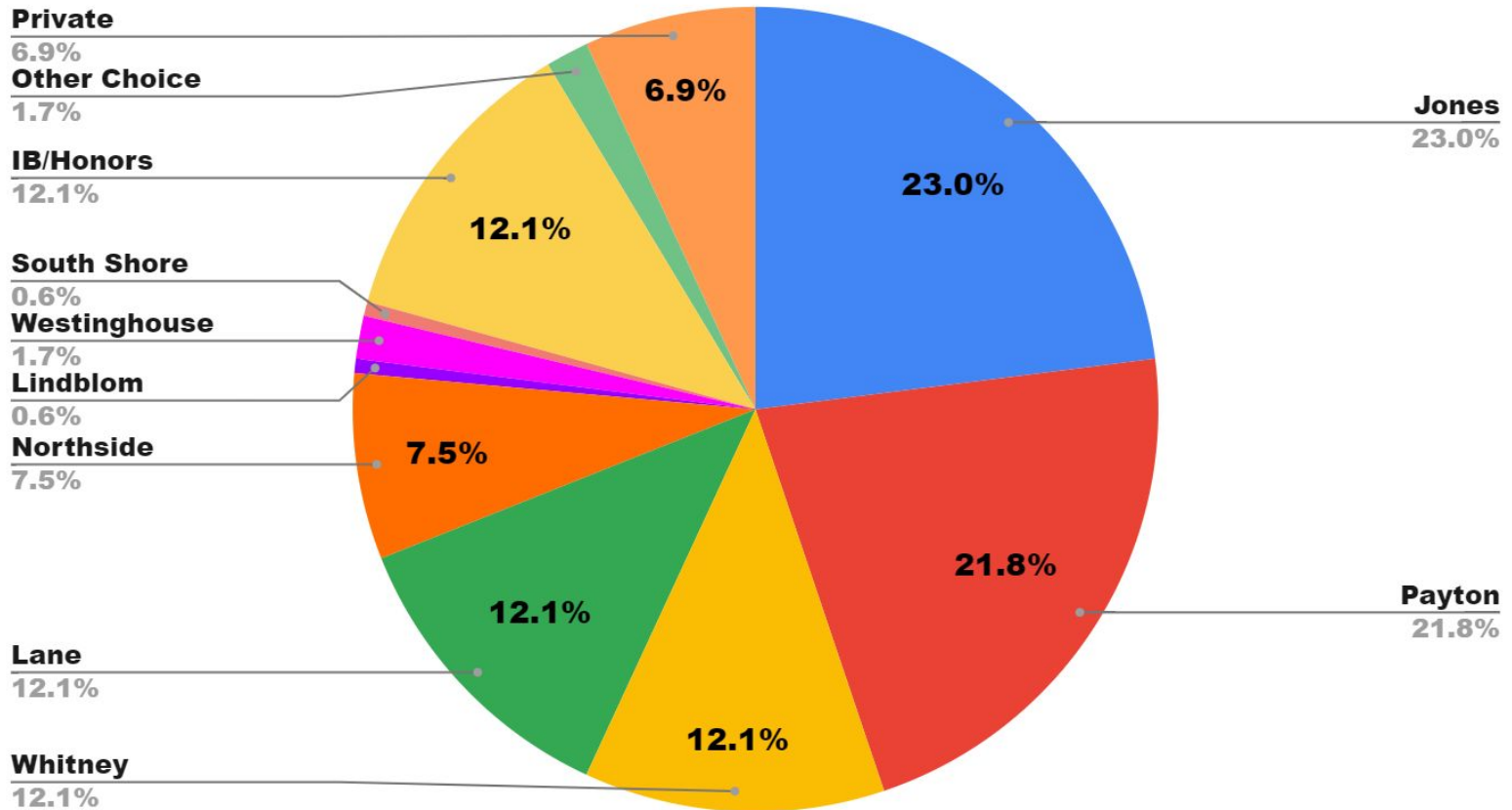


- Small Setting, Individual Attention
- Focus on Social/Emotional Learning
- Grades and Test Scores
- Individual Assistance With HS Applications
- Leadership Opportunities
- Teacher Communication and Relationships
- Explicitly Taught EF Skills in Middle School
- Less Transition

Skinner North High School Acceptance



Skinner North Alumni High School Attendance



2020 High School Acceptance



2020 Graduates High School Attendance

