

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
- 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
- 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)

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

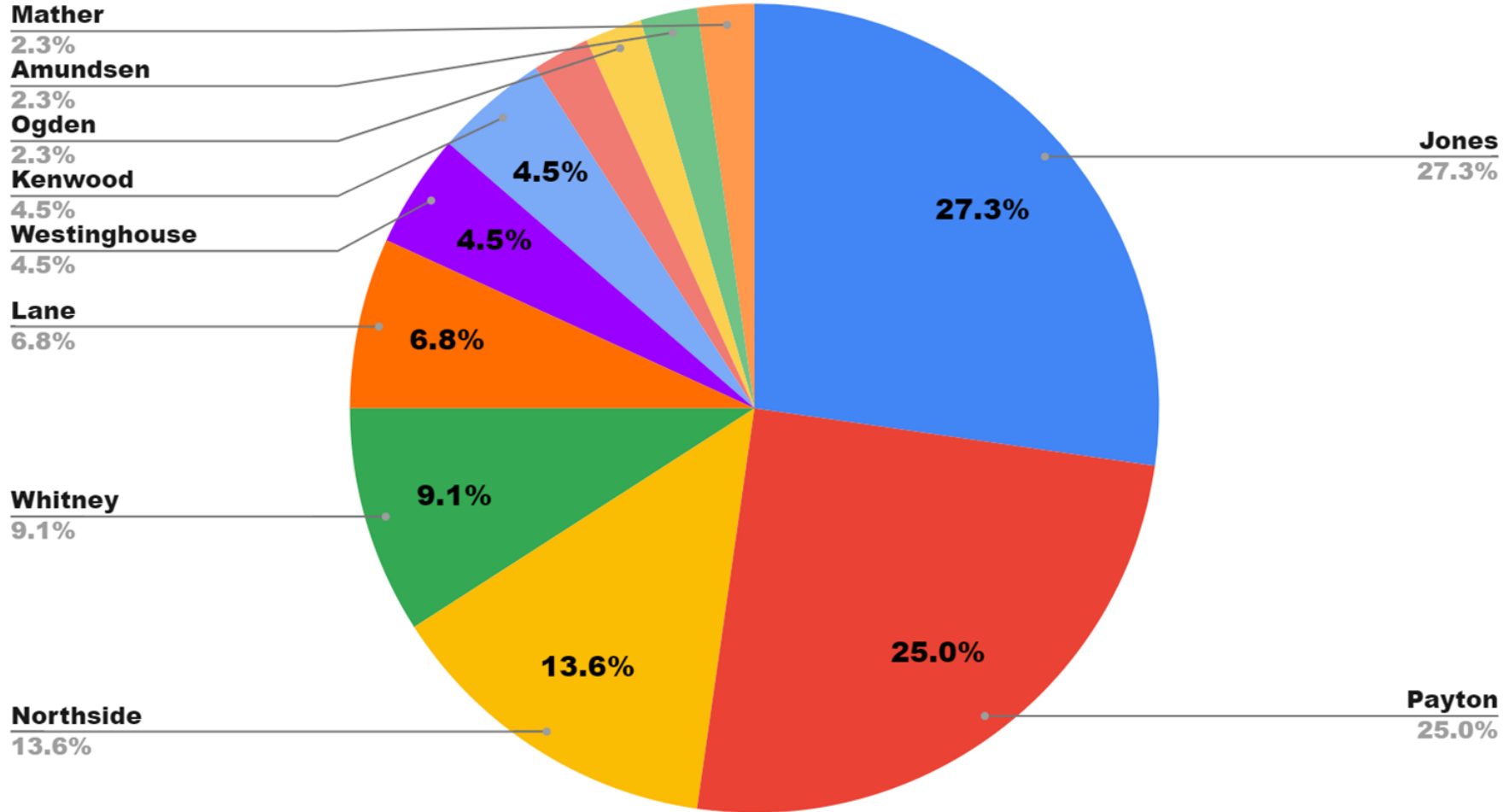


- Small Setting, Individual Attention
- Focus on Social/Emotional Learning
- Grades and Test Scores
- Individual Assistance With HS Applications
- Leadership Opportunities
- Teacher Communication and Relationships
- Explicitly Taught EF Skills in Middle School
- Less Transition

Skinner North High School Acceptance



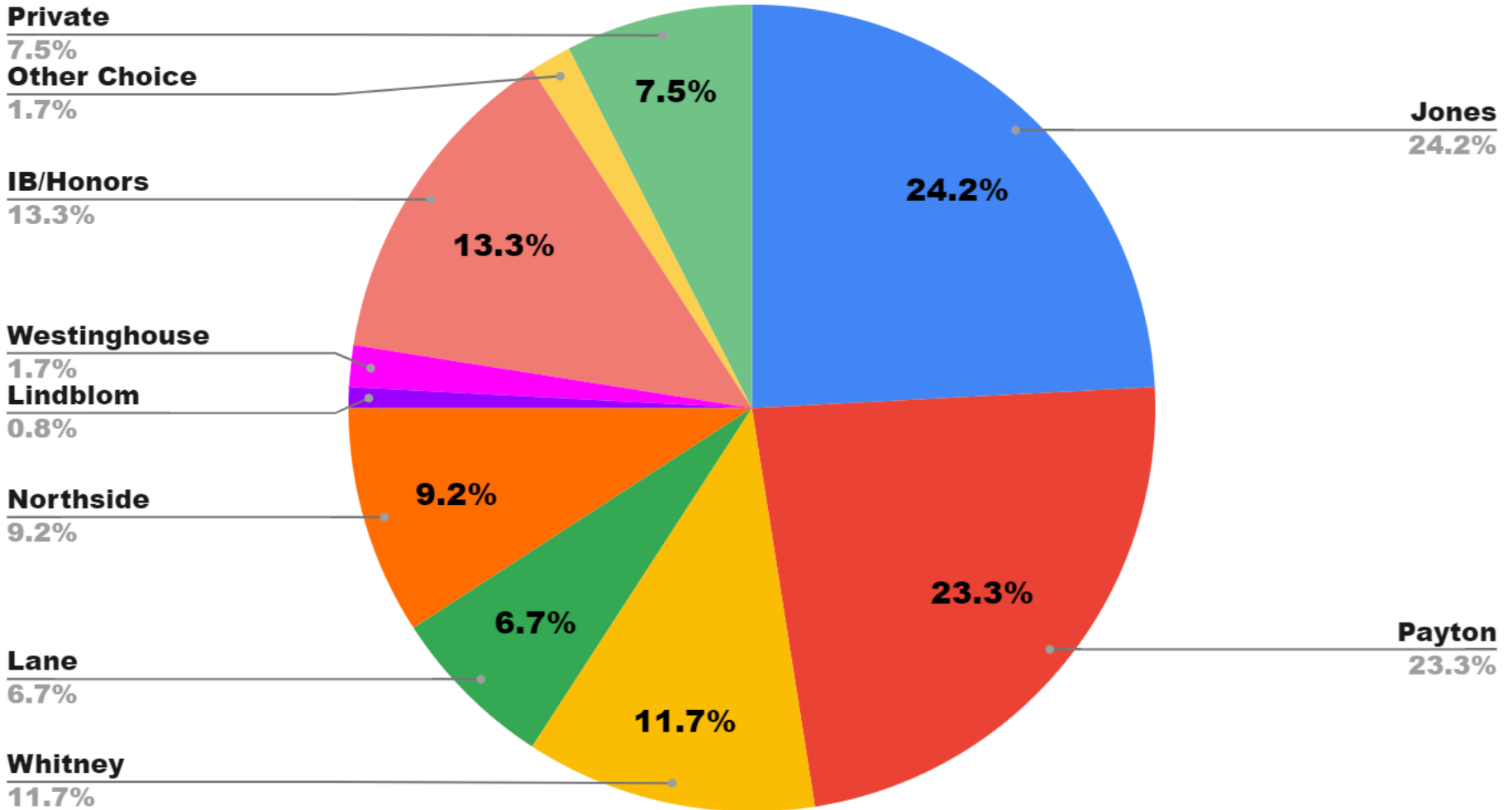
2019 Graduates High School Attendance



Skinner North High School Acceptance



Skinner North Alumni High School Attendance



Skinner North High School Acceptance



- SN 2019 Graduates Attending SEHS = 88.6%
- CPS Overall SEHS Acceptance 2019 = 29%
- Overall SN Alumni Attending SEHS = 77.5%
- Best Fit vs. “Best” School
 - This data is presented because I understand that it is important to our parents to know possible options for their children and it shows that we have a high rate of SEHS acceptance. That being said, I will always focus my high school exploration with students on the BEST FIT for them. Not all students will attend a SEHS and for some students a SEHS is not the best fit. Please be mindful of that when speaking with your children about high school, as the added pressure of getting into a “top ranked” high school can be very difficult for our already stressed students. It also contributes to an environment where students are made to feel “less than” if they are not accepted to or don’t choose to attend a SEHS (particularly Payton, Jones, Northside, Lane and Whitney Young). I appreciate your support in this matter!