



GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy for Amundsen High School and Lake View High School

GROWCommunity (GROW) is working to support a seamless K-12 system of public neighborhood schools in our community anchored around [Amundsen High School](#) and [Lake View High School](#), neighborhood high schools that offer exceptional educational opportunities for students.

Students from any of the [17 GROW elementary schools](#) who apply to Amundsen or Lake View through GoCPS will be guaranteed admission, regardless of where they live. The GROW elementary schools are Audubon, Bell, Blaine, Budlong, Burley, Chappell, Coonley, Greeley, Hamilton, Hawthorne, Inter-American, Jahn, Jamieson, McPherson, Nettelhorst, Ravenswood and Waters.

We are excited that all GROW eighth graders have two excellent high school options to choose from.

If you are an 8th grader at a GROW elementary school, here's important information about admission to Amundsen or Lake View for the 2018-19 school year:

General GoCPS application information:

1. The GoCPS application period runs from October 10 through December 22. The application deadline is December 22, 2018.
2. In order to submit a GoCPS application, you will first need to activate a GoCPS account. Visit go.cps.edu/how-to-apply/high-schools for complete application information from CPS.
3. Amundsen and Lake View are neighborhood high schools. (Not sure what your neighborhood high school is? Enter your home address at cps.edu/ScriptLibrary/Map-SchoolLocator/index.html.) You can apply to your neighborhood high school through GoCPS, but you do not have to: If you do not apply to any school, you will be automatically enrolled in your neighborhood school at the end of the GoCPS process.

If Amundsen or Lake View is your neighborhood high school:

1. If Amundsen is your neighborhood high school, you do not have to apply through GoCPS. You are guaranteed admission to Amundsen by virtue of living within its attendance boundary. (Please note: Neighborhood students are still required to apply for Amundsen's Game Programming & Web Design and/or International Baccalaureate programs.)

2. If Lake View is your neighborhood high school, you do not have to apply through GoCPS. You are guaranteed admission to Lake View by virtue of living within its attendance boundary.

If Amundsen or Lake View *is not* your neighborhood high school but you attend one of the GROW elementary schools, you must apply for the programs listed in the application which read “Lake View STEM Grow Community” or “Amundsen General Education Grow Community” through GoCPS and you must include Amundsen or Lake View in your ranking of Non-Selective Enrollment programs in order to be guaranteed admission through the GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy. Complete details below.

Important GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy details:

1. If you want to be guaranteed admission to Amundsen through the GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy, you must include “AMUNDSEN HS – General Education Grow Community” among the Non-Selective Enrollment programs you rank.

IMPORTANT: GROW students are *not* guaranteed admission to Amundsen’s Game Programming & Web Design or International Baccalaureate programs.

- If you are a GROW student and want to be considered for these programs and also guaranteed admission through the GROW policy, you must include “AMUNDSEN HS – General Education Grow Community” in your ranking as well as “AMUNDSEN HS – Game Programming & Web Design” and/or “AMUNDSEN HS – International Baccalaureate (IB).”
 - Rank the Amundsen Game Programming & Web Design and/or International Baccalaureate programs higher than “AMUNDSEN HS – General Education Grow Community.”
2. If you want to be guaranteed admission to Lake View through the GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy, you must include “LAKE VIEW HS – STEM Grow Community” among the Non-Selective Enrollment programs you rank.

IMPORTANT: Lake View is also listed in the GoCPS application as “LAKE VIEW HS – Early College STEM.”

- This is the same program as “LAKE VIEW HS – STEM Grow Community.” This program has eligibility requirements to be considered for admission.
- HOWEVER, GROW students must rank “LAKE VIEW HS – STEM Grow Community” to be guaranteed admission to Lake View. GROW students do not need to rank “LAKE VIEW HS – Early College STEM.”

GoCPS matching information:

1. Students are only matched to one program.
2. You will be matched to the highest-ranked school on your GoCPS application for which you qualify.

What this means for the GROWCommunity Enrollment Policy:

- If Amundsen or Lake View *is* your top choice school, you should rank it accordingly.
- If Amundsen or Lake View *is not* your top choice school, you should rank other programs accordingly. If you get matched to a program ranked higher on your list than Amundsen or Lake View, you will get an offer to that program and not to Amundsen or Lake View.
- If you apply to both Amundsen and Lake View's Grow Community program, you will be guaranteed admission to the school you rank higher.

3. Further explanation from GoCPS about the matching process:

After your application is submitted and students complete any required admissions screenings, applicants are then matched to the highest-ranked school on their application for which they qualify. Once a student has been matched, they will be notified of their offer via their GoCPS account. If a student turns down their first-round offer, they can participate in a second round of matching to produce a new offer. Only school programs that have available seats will be listed in the second-round application. If the student is not matched or declines their second-round offer, they are guaranteed a seat at their neighborhood school.

Visit go.cps.edu for complete GoCPS information.

If you have questions about admission to Amundsen or Lake View, please contact the school:

- At Amundsen, contact Irwin Lim, ilim@cps.edu, 773-534-2320
- At Lake View, contact Erin Kitson, eckitson@cps.edu, 773-534-5453