

Accepting & Declining Offers



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Definition

Once an offer is extended, applicants will need to accept or decline the offer to make it official. Once an offer is accepted, the student will have a seat in the program which was accepted. If the offer is declined, the seat will no longer be available to the applicant.

High School

















Up to 20 Choice Offers

Single Best Academic Center Offer

Single Best Classical/ RGC Offer

Single Best EL RGC Offer

Neighborhood Offer

Continuing Offer

Single Best Choice Offer

Single Best Selective Offer

How many offers can be accepted & when does it affect my other applications?



Selective Choice Waitlis (not offered) Waitlist (not offered) **Not Affected**

Only one offer can be accepted at a time. Accepting an offer will automatically decline all other offers that are open or previously accepted.



Choice Waitlis (not offered)

HS: ES (same category) Selective Selective Waitlist Waitlist (not offered)

ES (different category): Selective Waitlist

when accepted

Not **Affected** **Automatically Withdrawn**

Not Affected

when offered

How long does my offer last before it expires?



Initial Selections: Applicants will have 3 weeks to go into their GoCPS online portal and accept/decline an offer. All submissions are final on the Accept/Decline deadline



Waitlist: Waitlist offers go out on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday offers expire on Thursday and Friday offers expire on Monday.

How many offers can I accept?

There is no cap on the number of offers an applicant can receive but they can only accept one at a time. Accepting an offer will automatically decline other offers received.

I accepted an offer, either from the initial round or from the waitlist. I then received another waitlist offer, can I accept that offer?

Yes. You will be able to accept an offer made to you from a waitlist regardless of previous status. Remember, that accepting an offer will automatically decline all other offers received.

How will I know when I receive an offer?

You will receive a notification from the Office of Access and Enrollment when you receive an offer, either for initial selections or a waitlist offer. You will receive an email and/or text depending upon what notifications you have signed up to receive.

How do I accept/decline an offer?

Log in to see your offers and accept or decline them by clicking on the button before the deadline. Make sure to submit--you will see confetti when you accept an offer and you will also have a receipt in your application.

Can I accept an offer and still apply for SEHS Principal Discretion?

Yes. As long as you applied for the school in the initial round, you can apply for SEHS Principal Discretion.

What happens if my offer expires? Am I able to get it back?

Once an offer expires, it will go to the next student on the waitlist. If you allowed an offer to expire by mistake, rejoin the waitlist for that program, and hopefully you will get another chance.





