

Understanding Ranking – How Does it Work?

You are placed in line for every program you apply to based on your lottery number or point total.

Make sure to rank programs in the true order that you would want to attend them. You may receive a single best offer to the highest-ranked program with available seats for which you qualified.

Rank the following programs:

- ES Selective Enrollment Programs
- ES Choice Programs
- HS Choice Programs
- HS Selective Enrollment Programs

Ranking a program higher does not increase your chances of getting an offer. Make sure you rank programs in the true order of preference with your most preferred program as your first choice, and so on.

An Example Program Ranking List with Potential Outcome

Program Rank #1		The Program You Ranked #1 Not Offered – The school has 2 spots. You are 3rd in line, so you do not get a spot. You will be placed on the waitlist for this program if it is a Choice program.
Program Rank #2		The Program You Ranked #2 Not Offered – The school has 3 spots. You are 4th in line, so you do not get a spot. You will be placed on the waitlist for this program if it is a Choice program.
Program Rank #3		The Program You Ranked #3 Offered – The school has 3 spots. You are 3rd in line, so YOU GET A SPOT!
Program Rank #4		The Program You Ranked #4 Since you got a spot at the program you ranked #3, the PROGRAM IS REMOVED.
Program Rank #5		The Program You Ranked #5 Since you got a spot at the program you ranked #3, the PROGRAM IS REMOVED.

Understanding Minimum Point Totals

Minimum Point Totals: the lowest score to receive an offer to a program.

Includes: Selective Enrollment, IB, Military programs, Fine & Performing Arts programs, CTE programs, Academic Centers, etc. (Minimum Point Totals are not shared when the number of seats offered is too low.)

What programs have minimum point totals?

Any program that selects students based on points will have a minimum point total.

Who decides the Minimum Point Total?

Minimum point totals are determined based on applicant scores and program capacity. Each program has a number of seats and the lowest score to receive an offer becomes the minimum point total. Each Spring after offers are released, the minimum point totals for each program (and tier if applicable) are published. The minimum point totals are different each year as they are based on the applicant pool in that year and the number of seats available. Any minimum point totals from a previous year should be used as a guide only; the minimum point totals for the current cycle may be different.

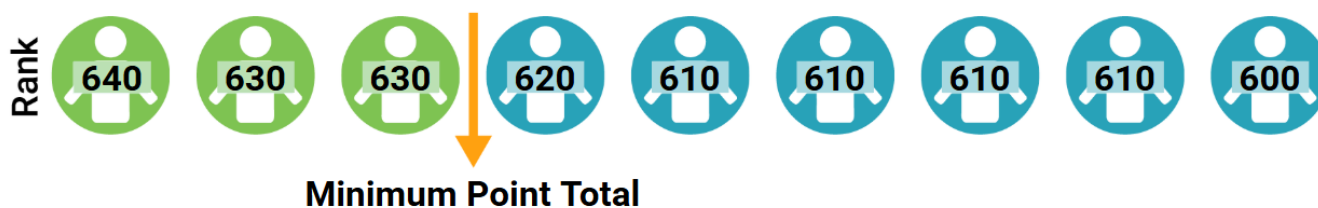
How does it work?

Choice – High School Programs that Select Based on Points

Students are all placed in descending point order. The lowest score admitted is the minimum point total for that year. Minimum point totals are determined when initial offers are released in the spring.

Selective Enrollment – Elementary & High School Programs

Students are all placed in descending point order. The first 30% of the available seats are for the highest performing students, regardless of their tier.



The remaining students are all placed into their tiers in descending point order. The remaining seats are divided across the 4 tiers. The lowest score admitted in each tier is the minimum point total for that year.

The minimum point totals in this example will be as follows:

Rank: 630

Tier 1: 520

Tier 2: 590

Tier 3: 600

Tier 4: 590

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
590	610	620	610
580	600	610	600
530	590	610	590
520	570	600	580
510	560	580	560