



Perspectives Charter Schools (PCS) has established the following policy regarding student admissions:

On February 12, 2026 at 12:00pm, a public lottery for all grades other than 9th grade, will be held to determine admission to Perspectives Charter Schools (PCS) for applications received by 5:00pm on February 11, 2026 at PCS Central Office. The address of the PCS Central Office is listed below:

Perspectives Charter Schools
1530 S. State St., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

New student applications are available in paper format and online. For families choosing to apply online, Perspectives' website features a link to SchoolMint, Perspectives' electronic enrollment management system.

Applications collect student's name, parent/guardian information, contact information, sibling status, and the grade to which they are applying. The application does not ask questions regarding special education status, test scores or grades, and does not have any required quizzes or surveys. For clarity, the application submitted is distinct from any post-lottery enrollment paperwork.

Any student who attends Perspectives for ninth grade is admitted through the GoCPS universal high school application.

Applicants are invited to attend the lottery if they so choose. CPS or its designee may attend the lottery in-person if they choose to do so by contacting Perspectives' Vice President of Enrollment at tfletcher@pcsedu.org.

The lottery is network-wide and not specific to any single PCS campus. Priority is given to applicants who have a sibling already attending a Perspectives school.

The lottery is administered on SchoolMint, a student enrollment platform that manages the randomized lottery of new student applications submitted by the lottery inclusion deadline. The lottery process is video-recorded.

Once the applicant has been accepted through the lottery, they are contacted within three (3) business days via email and USPS with next steps for enrollment. Applicants enroll at the campus of their choice based on seat-availability. Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Admission to PCS is based on the applicant successfully completing their previous years' grade. Rising 10th, 11th and 12th grade students must submit transcripts for review prior to enrollment to ensure the student either has an achievable credit recovery plan or is placed into the grade that would enable them to earn all required credits before graduation.

All applications received prior to 5:00pm on February 11, 2026 will be eligible for participation in the admissions lottery. Applications received after the lottery will be offered a seat based on seat availability at the campus they want to attend. Once seats are full in a particular grade at a Perspectives campus, applicant students will be waitlisted until a seat becomes available.

Waitlists are generated at each campus and managed by office and enrollment staff. When a seat becomes available, the parent is contacted and provided with enrollment information. If making contact with the parent is unsuccessful, staff will leave a voicemail if that is an option, and an email will be sent to the parent to follow up the phone call. Applicants have 24 hours to confirm their interest via phone or email, and must come in to complete enrollment within 48 hours. Should applicants not respond to outreach or fail to come in to enroll, the next applicant on the waitlist will be contacted.

Transfer students who apply after the lottery are enrolled based on campus preference and seat availability.

Perspectives is required to submit a waitlist to CPS on a quarterly basis.

CPS is provided with a lottery summary and video of the lottery within ten days of the lottery taking place, or by 5:00pm on February 22, 2026. PCS will provide to CPS the lottery summary and video by any reasonable method CPS may choose to specify at a future date (direct email, Epicenter submission, etc).

This policy shall be posted on Perspectives' website.