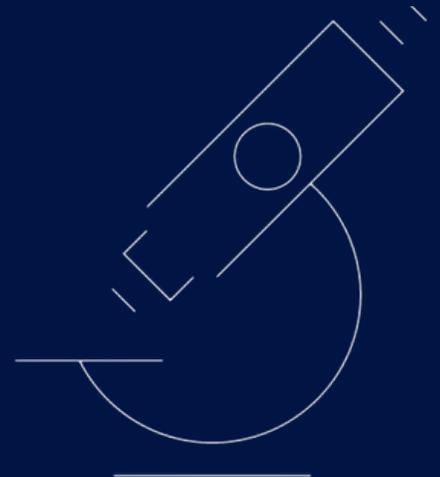
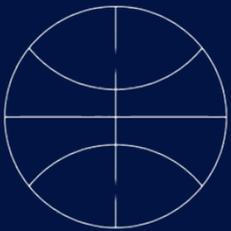


The District of Choice.

YOUR GUIDE TO OUR PROGRAMS



A MESSAGE FROM

Superintendent

DR. GRENITA LATHAN

Options matter. At SPS, we offer more as the District of Choice.

It's not a tagline; it's more than a mission statement. Springfield Public Schools is proud to be The District of Choice in Missouri. We open doors to our students and their families by offering learning options that create opportunities for everyone.

Springfield Public Schools provides an innovative and expansive range of choices for both students and staff to discover their possibilities. Our commitment to student-centered education provides students with boundless opportunities, including Choice programs, and the flexibility to choose a learning path that matches their goals and interests.

At SPS, we create a space where every student feels celebrated and innovation, inspiration and imagination are cultivated. This work is strategic and foundational to SPS, and we believe in its impact. That's why we've developed a brand around our district that reinforces that our doors are open, with personalized learning experiences for students and their families to choose what is best for them.

At SPS, Choice is more than doing school differently. We are committed to the strategic work of creating new ways for students to learn and succeed. This work directly connects to our Strategic Plan, which prioritizes real-world educational opportunities for all students.

This is school choice in public education. Welcome to Springfield Public Schools. Our doors are always open.



Sincerely,



Dr. Grenita Lathan
Superintendent

SPS CHOICE PROGRAMS

MAGNET SCHOOLS

- WOLF
- Academy of Exploration
- Academy of Fine & Performing Arts
- AgAcademy
- Health Sciences Academy
- OTC Middle College
- The Alliance for Healthcare Education

COLLEGE AND CAREER

- STEAM Academy at Jarrett Middle School
- Fine & Performing Arts Academy at Reed Middle School
- International Baccalaureate
- JROTC
- GO CAPS
- Fly SPS
- Career Technical Education
- OTC Career Center

ONLINE LEARNING

- Launch Virtual Learning



Scan this code to learn more about Choice programs.



Strategic Plan

Our Mission:

SPS is committed to the well-being of each student by providing high-quality academic opportunities.

Our Vision:

SPS will be the district of choice that equips each student to pursue their goals and highest potential as an engaged contributor to society.



Our Commitments

Success-Ready Students:

Preparing all students to be college and/or career ready, with an emphasis on each student reaching their full potential.

Organizational Efficiency and Excellence:

Being responsible leaders and stewards of district resources.

Collaborative Culture:

Engaging in proactive communication and collaboration with all stakeholders.

Quality Learning Environments:

Providing safe and secure facilities that optimize learning.



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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Our Students

Lunch Status

Full Price: 48.58%

Free: 42.20%

Reduced Price: 9.20%

25,199 Students

Race & Ethnicity

68.49%	White
10.12%	Hispanic or Latino
8.77%	Black
8.19%	Multiple Races
3.3%	Asian
0.63%	Native American
0.49%	Pacific Islander



Exceptional Learner Services

11.7% Special Education

5.3% English Language Development

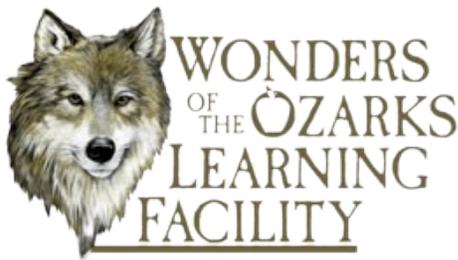
2.9% Gifted

ALL DATA AS OF FALL 2024



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Make the outdoors your classroom at WOLF.



WOLF is an innovative learning opportunity for 46 fifth-graders with a special interest in nature and the outdoors.

Students explore a comprehensive curriculum through the context of environmental sciences and conservation using inquiry-based learning experiences. WOLF is a partnership with the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Bass Pro Shops.

Classrooms are located in Bass Pro's John A. & Genny Morris Conservation Education Center.

Students should apply if they ...

-  Play outside, always
-  Like to hike or camp
-  Enjoy "roughing it"
-  Love studying nature
-  Like to help others





The District of Choice.

Don't just discover problems, invent solutions at AOE.



Academy of Exploration is an immersive STEM magnet school for 150 students in grades 4-6 at SPS.

Students focus their learning on science, technology, curriculum and math to achieve grade-level curriculum objectives. With a heavy emphasis on engineering, AOE offers a custom-designed facility where students are immersed in a learning environment that fosters skills in design thinking, building and constructing, iteration and problem-solving.

Students should apply if they ...



Like to invent



Enjoy taking risks



Ask lots of questions



Take items apart



Like to help others



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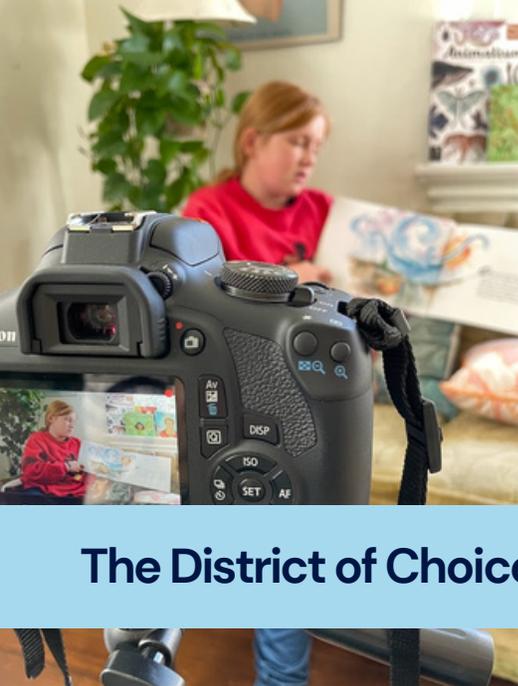


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The District of Choice.

All the school's a stage at Academy of Fine & Performing Arts.



Academy of Fine & Performing Arts is a unique learning environment for 50 fifth-grade students to explore the arts.

AFPA is an immersive magnet school that allows students to explore the world around them through the application of fine and performing arts. Curriculum centers around an arts-integrated approach to Missouri Learning Standards and explores a variety of fine and performing arts disciplines.

AFPA is housed at the Judith Enyeart Reynolds School of the Performing Arts for Springfield Little Theatre.

Students should apply if they ...



Enjoy being creative



Like to sketch



Love to perform



Enjoy field trips



Like to help others



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The District of Choice.

Cultivate a passion for agriculture at AgAcademy.



This multi-year agricultural magnet school is a partnership with Missouri State University and The Darr Family Foundation.

Open to 150 students in grades 4-6, AgAcademy offers authentic learning experiences based in agriculture. Instruction focuses on Missouri Learning Standards with lessons reinforced by the unique facility, which features a greenhouse, garden, chicken coop and demonstration kitchen.

AgAcademy is located on the campus of Missouri State University's Darr Agricultural Center.

Students should apply if they ...



Enjoy caring for animals



Like to grow plants



Prefer to be outdoors



Love hands-on learning



Like to help others



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The District of Choice.

Learn about careers in medicine in a classroom within a hospital.



The Health Sciences Academy is a unique learning opportunity for 50 eighth-grade students to explore the medical field.

Students spend a year at Mercy Hospital in specially-designed, state-of-the-art-classroom facilities, using health care as the lens for problem-based learning. Within the hospital setting, they explore different careers, learn from professionals in the medical field, and implement projects to impact the health of our community.

Students should apply if they ...

-  Are interested in the medical field
-  Like to solve complex problems
-  Want to learn more about careers
-  Enjoy meeting new people
-  Like to help others





The District of Choice.



OTC Middle College

OTC Middle College is a consortium high school for Springfield and area school districts. This innovative approach to traditional secondary education is located on the Ozarks Technical Community College Springfield campus.

The program is designed for students who desire a flexible course of study to fit their specific needs. Students attend high school full-time at OTC while taking college courses. They finish their junior and senior years of high school at OTC and can explore a variety of careers and technical fields including computer science, culinary arts, graphic design and much more.

Students learn valuable academic and social skills while earning college credits to make them more employable in any field they choose.

Students should enroll if they...



Desire a different educational setting



Want a head start on college



Seek more social skill development



Want a more flexible schedule



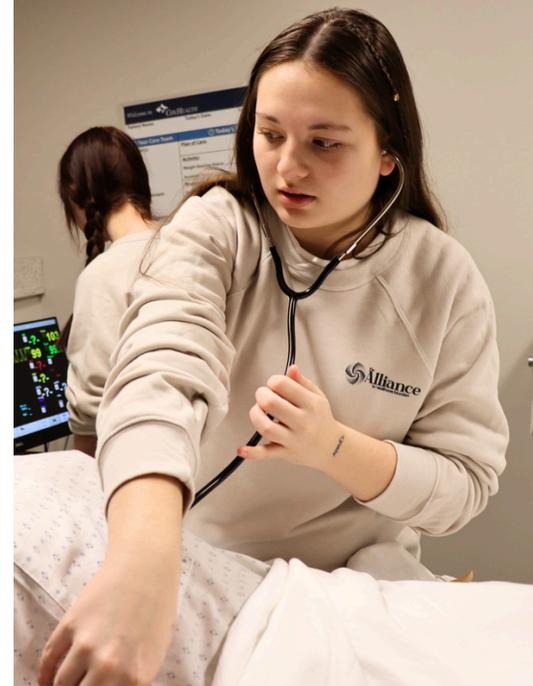
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The District of Choice.

Make caring your career with The Alliance for Healthcare Education.



The Alliance for Healthcare Education is a healthcare-focused program for SPS juniors and seniors.

The Alliance prepares students to be future healthcare workers through interdisciplinary education and industry experiences. Through the Alliance, students can participate in health education programs offered by Ozarks Technical Community College, earning both high school and college credits.

Students can earn Certified Nurse Assistant certification, Emergency Medical Technician certification or Associate of Arts in Bioclinical Sciences.

Students should apply if they enjoy...



Science classes



Teamwork



Clinical settings



Monitoring vitals



Helping others



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Lessons come alive with STEAM-focused learning.

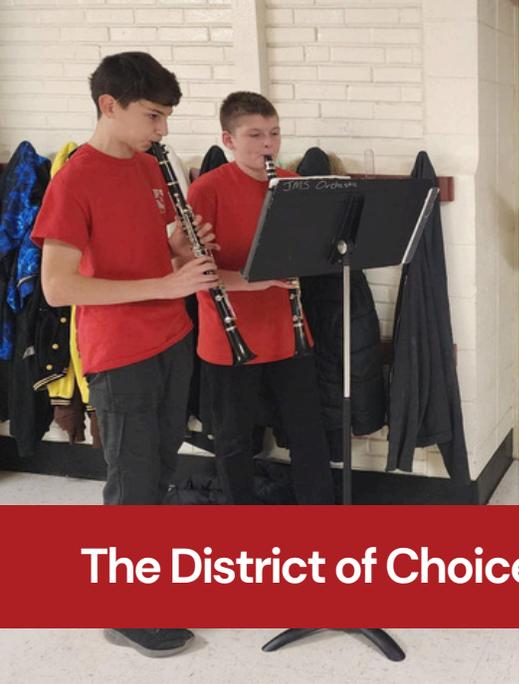


The STEAM Academy at Jarrett Middle School is a whole school Choice program for students grades 6-8.

Jarrett inspires success, innovates, and empowers all students to reach their full potential through science, technology, engineering, arts and math. This innovative STEAM-focused learning model helps students acquire the skills to pursue their passions before they even reach high school. Jarrett students are also encouraged to participate in traditional middle school activities, including athletics, extra-curriculars, clubs and more.

Students should apply if they ...

-  Enjoy being creative
-  Enjoy taking risks
-  Ask lots of questions
-  Take items apart
-  Like to help others



The District of Choice.

Step into the spotlight and shine.



The Fine and Performing Arts Academy at Reed Middle School is a whole school Choice program for students grades 6-8.

Reed empowers students to strive for their own success in an immersive fine and performing arts school. This innovative whole-school learning model focuses on fine and performing arts, including dance, music, performance, visual arts, media production and more. In addition, Reed students are encouraged to participate in traditional middle school activities, including athletics, extra-curriculars, clubs and more.

Students should apply if they ...

-  Enjoy being creative
-  Like to sketch
-  Love to perform
-  Enjoy field trips
-  Like to help others



SPS **CHOICE**

Developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people.



The International Baccalaureate Programme is a holistic framework for learning at five SPS sites, spanning K-12.

IB transforms learners into leaders. Through rigorous courses and a global lens, IB equips young people with adaptable skills to tackle society's complex challenges.

Guided by passionate IB educators, students develop the knowledge, skills and sense of purpose they need to thrive throughout their lives and help make the world a better place.

Students should apply if they aspire to be:



Inquirers



Knowledgeable



Thinkers



Communicators



Principled



Open-minded



Caring



Risk-takers



Primary Years Programme

Grades K-5



Middle Years Programme

Grades 6-10



Diploma Programme

Grades 11-12



Career-related Programme

Grades 11-12



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Central High School



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The District of Choice.

Preparing to lead, learning to serve with JROTC.



JROTC is a rigorous career preparation program offered at Hillcrest High School in conjunction with the U.S. Army.

Cadets participate in a myriad of co-curricular activities to demonstrate their attainment of lesson outcomes. Some activities include precision and exhibition military drill competitions, air rifle competitions (optional), Raider Challenge competitions, JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Camp, and a physical fitness competition known as JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge.

Cadets who complete four years of JROTC co-curricular activities and its challenging curriculum are better prepared to pursue their college or career goals.

Students should apply if they enjoy...



Engineering



Teamwork



Physical fitness



Leadership



Helping others



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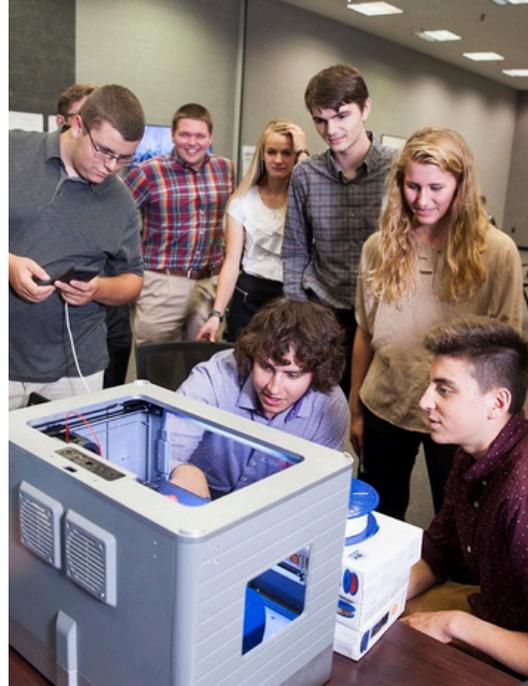


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The District of Choice.

Job shadowing in the workplace, test driving careers.



GO CAPS is an innovative program that provides real-world job shadowing in cooperation with major Springfield employers.

Through GO CAPS, students are fully immersed in a professional culture, solving real-world problems, using industry standard tools and are mentored by area employers, all while receiving high school credit. GO CAPS is an example of how business, community and public education can partner to produce personalized learning experiences that educate the workforce of tomorrow, especially in high-skill, high-demand jobs.

The program is open to high school juniors and seniors and includes the following pathways: Business and Entrepreneurship, Engineering and Manufacturing, and Medicine and Healthcare.

Students should apply if they enjoy...

-  Science classes
-  Teamwork
-  Working hard
-  Visiting employers
-  Helping others



The District of Choice.

Take learning to new heights with Fly SPS.



Fly SPS is an aviation program for SPS juniors and seniors.

Fly SPS has been developed to provide aviation career opportunities to SPS students. Students will learn through classroom work, simulator use, and flight hours. Upon successful completion of Fly SPS, students will earn their private pilot license. The skills they acquire will also prepare them to pursue other high-demand careers in aviation such as commercial and airline pilots, co-pilots or flight engineers.

Fly SPS is a partnership with Ozarks Tech and Premier Flight Center.

Students should apply if they enjoy...

-  Aerodynamics
-  Plane construction
-  Weather theory
-  Navigation
-  Instruments and systems



The District of Choice.

Developing college, career and life ready students.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is offered within each SPS middle and high school and virtually. CTE courses are designed to be hands-on and engaging while giving students the opportunity to learn skills for life.

CTE courses offered within Springfield Public Schools include:

- Agriculture
- Business & Marketing
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Technology Education

Students have the opportunity to earn a wide range of Industry Recognized Credentials and can also join the aligned Career and Technical Student Organizations such as DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA and TSA.

Students should enroll if they enjoy...



Hands-on projects



Career exploration



Guest speakers



Developing technical skills



Engaging with the community



The District of Choice.

OTC Career Center

At the OTC Career Center, students get a jumpstart on college education, explore possible careers and develop skills needed in today's workforce.

When students attend the Career Center, they earn both high school and college credit, as well as industry recognized certifications. With 20+ programs available, students have a variety of options for an immersive technical learning experience.

This program is made possible by a partnership with Ozarks Tech.

Students should enroll if they...



Desire a different educational setting



Want a head start on career



Seek more job skills



Want a more flexible schedule



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Flexible online learning leads to endless possibilities.



Launch Virtual Learning gives K-12 students the flexibility to take online courses their way—whether they need to make up a class, earn credits on their schedule, or enroll as a full-time virtual student.

Beyond SPS, Launch partners with 400+ school districts statewide and offers hundreds of thousands of Missouri students both per-course and full-time options. With a catalog of 100+ courses designed in-house, including Launch Missouri's Workforce pathways, high school students graduate career-ready.

Launch is based at Springfield Public Schools, but classes can be taken anytime, anywhere!

Students should enroll if they...

-  Desire a more flexible schedule
-  Need to make up required credits
-  Are ready to explore new interests
-  Want to graduate career ready
-  Need a full-time virtual option



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