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## IPS Choice Programs: An Achiever Special Section



## Families Continue to Choose IPS

Innovative curriculum and options offered through our Choice programs attract students throughout the city

With so many educational options, finding the right place for your child's academic needs and desires can be daunting. Throughout the past few years, Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) has worked hard to find the right balance and variety of educational choices to appeal to all families. IPS offers 66 schools, including traditional, innovation, autonomous and choice.

As we approach the deadline of our annual Choice Lottery Application for the 2017-2018 school year, this week's Achiever highlights our coveted Choice programs. IPS defines Choice through specialized curriculum, innovative themes and unique teaching techniques.

Featuring 26 programs that range in focus from visual and performing arts to STEM/Medical and health and fitness, as well as a variety of educational approaches including Reggio Emilia, International Baccalaureate and Montessori, there are many reasons why families throughout the city and beyond are choosing IPS.

Throughout this issue, you'll learn about some of our newest Choice programs, meet the man at the helm of our award-winning Career Technology Center inside Arsenal Technical High School, and get an inside look at our unique educational approaches.



### Leading Longfellow in a New Direction

[Eric Parquet](#) is spearheading the school's new STEM/Medical focus.



### Reggio Approach is a Success at Butler Lab

"We're not a desk and straight rows sort of [school](#)," said Ron Smith.



### Educating Future Doctors at Crispus Attucks

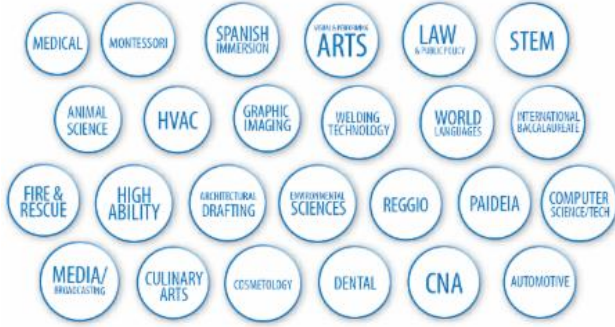
Historic school is laser-focused on its [new medical pathways](#).



# INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AN INSIDE LOOK: WHAT IS CHOICE?

## Breaking down IPS Choice programming

Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), a leader in innovative urban education, has 66 schools, including 26 Choice program options, across the district. Defined by a specialized curriculum, innovative themes and unique teaching techniques, our Choice programs offer attractive options for many families. Those options include Montessori, Reggio Emilia, International Baccalaureate, Spanish Immersion, Career Technology, Medical, Action-Based Learning, Visual and Performing Arts, STEM and more!



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\*IPS schools include traditional, innovation, autonomous and choice schools.

8,500+

CHOICE PROGRAM STUDENTS

### TOP THREE IPS CHOICE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

K-8	Students
Edison School of the Arts School 47	496
Rousseau McClellan Montessori 91	491
Butler Lab School 60	439

HIGH SCHOOLS	Students
Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet HS	1,020
Broad Ripple Magnet HS	841
Arsenal Technical HS *	626

\*Numbers reflect enrollment in top IPS Choice programs for the 2016-2017 school year.

\* At Arsenal Technical HS, there are 626 students in Choice Programs. The total number of students at Tech is 1,091.

### IPS CHOICE PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS



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Part 2 - Multiple Choice & Tech Enhanced  
Grades 3-8 and 10

APR. 17 THROUGH MAY 5



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## Teaching & Learning

### Taking Career and Technology Education to the Next Level

The award-winning Career & Technology Center (CTC) at Arsenal Technical High School is educating and graduating some of our district's top scholars and future employees. Director Ben Carter takes the motto of "enroll, enlist and employ" to heart.

### International Baccalaureate is the Perfect Choice for Many Families

Shortridge International Baccalaureate High School and IPS' four Center for Inquiry schools educates students through the highly-rated International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Learn why IB is the preferred approach for one of our families.



## Efficient Operations

### Families Continue to Vie for Spots at Choice Schools

Nearly 9,000 applications have been received through the IPS Choice Application Lottery, in which families are vying for coveted spots in some of our district's most sought-after Choice schools and programs. The lottery's third and final round ends April 21.

### Curricula at IPS Choice Schools, Programs is Vast

With 26 Choice program offerings throughout the district's 66 schools, finding the right school for child can be difficult. Our Choice Schools flyer explains and categorizes each program — in English and Spanish.



## Family & Community

### A Bridge for Newcomers

In less than a year, the Newcomer Program has become a sturdy bridge for students from distant lands. The program, which has experienced unprecedented growth, serves the city's newest ESL students and their families.

### Hot Topics: Putting Students to Work is Top Priority for Indianapolis Mayor

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett is dedicated to helping 2,000 teenagers secure employment this summer. Also in this week's Hot Topics, we take a look at events during Library Week, and provide a list of local Easter Egg Hunts.

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