

AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-0827-EX9
APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board approve the establishment of the George Westinghouse High School ("Westinghouse") as a selective enrollment high school and a career academy.

This December 2008 amendment is necessary to make updates to the school designation, school profile, and enrollment sections of this Board report.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: George Westinghouse High School is scheduled to open at 3223 West Franklin Boulevard in the fall of 2009 as a selective enrollment school as defined in the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2) and a career academy ~~with a 30% proximity advantage for community residents.~~

School History: In 2004 it was identified that Westinghouse was in need of major physical repair. Therefore, it was determined that Westinghouse would phase out beginning September 2004, when the school stopped accepting incoming freshmen classes. It was also determined the Westinghouse building would be torn down, and a new building would be constructed on an adjacent site. The Board approved the closing of Westinghouse (07-0725-EX6) effective August 28, 2007.

School Profile: George Westinghouse High School is scheduled to open as a selective enrollment and career academy high school in the fall of 2009 serving approximately 300 students in Grade 9 with 150 students enrolled in the selective enrollment program and 150 students enrolled in the career academy program. In subsequent years the school will grow and serve up to 1200 students in Grades 9 through 12, 600 students in the selective enrollment program and 600 students in the career academy program. The focus of Westinghouse is to develop college- and career-readiness skills in all students. The career academy at Westinghouse will offer career clusters in Radio/TV Broadcasting, Medical Academy Allied Health and Information Systems. The selective enrollment high school program at Westinghouse will offer a rigorous curriculum with honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students are expected to be self-driven, develop critical and analytical thinking skills, and be highly engaged with their studies.

Enrollment: Westinghouse will enroll ~~70% of its students citywide through for the selective enrollment seats in accordance with the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2) and career academy application process with 30% of the students being selected from the community.~~

Westinghouse will accept citywide applications for the career academy and approve the career academy applications in accordance with published requirements prior to conducting the lottery. Only applicants who have their applications approved will be eligible for the lottery. A proximity lottery will first be held to select students for 30% of the seats, and then all remaining applicants (proximity and non-proximity students) will be selected through a second lottery. Students living within a 2.5 mile radius around the school will be considered for the proximity lottery. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to conduct a sibling lottery for the career academy in the future.

All selections for Westinghouse will comply with provisions of the Second Amended Consent Decree in United States v. Board of Education. Principal discretion as outlined in the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2) will apply to both the selective enrollment and career academy seats.

Westinghouse will enroll approximately 300 freshmen every year beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and will add sophomore, junior and senior classes annually. Beginning the 2012-2013 school year, the school will function as a four-year institution with 1,200 students Grades 9 through 12.

~~The selective enrollment high school program at Westinghouse will accept students through the established selective enrollment high school process. The career academy at Westinghouse will accept students through random lottery. Thirty percent of students who live in close proximity to Westinghouse who meet the entrance criteria for the selective enrollment process or who are chosen through random lottery for the career academy will be enrolled.~~

Governance Section: A Local School Council will be established in a timely manner.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Westinghouse will employ CPS teachers and staff and is subject to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the waiver provisions of those agreements.

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



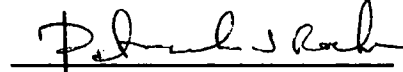
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