



Who should apply to College Success Academy?

Motivated fourth graders who are hardworking, love to learn, want help in accessing college, and are committed to attending five summers with CSA. Applicants must be Boston residents.

How much does College Success Academy cost?

CSA is a tuition-free program. Families will be asked to contribute an \$80 summer fee and \$50 after-school attendance deposit. If this contribution is a hardship, it can be waived upon request.

Can students apply for just one summer session?

No. When a family applies to College Success Academy, they make a commitment to attend three six-week summer sessions as well as Tuesday and Thursday after-school classes each week throughout their fifth and sixth-grade years. It is important that both families and students understand the time commitment involved before applying to Steppingstone. Summer and after-school classes are not offered in 7th and 8th grade, however Scholars and families are expected to stay in contact with their College Success Academy Advisor.

How many students are accepted into College Success Academy?

Although we do not have a set number for each class, we hope to admit approximately 30 fourth-grade students.

How are students selected for the program?

The admission process is divided into four parts: 1) Written Application, 2) Teacher Recommendation, 3) Transcript (includes past grades and standardized test scores), and 4) Interview. Final decisions are made based on all of the admission components. We are looking for students who enjoy learning and challenging themselves, families and students who are committed to making Steppingstone a priority, and families who demonstrate a need for tuition-free college access programming.

Is transportation provided?

Bus transportation is provided by Steppingstone for the summer sessions. Families are required to provide transportation for their students during the after-school except in Allston-Brighton.

Where and when does the program take place?

Summer Session

During the Summer session, Scholars spend five days a week for six weeks at Milton Academy working to supplement and enrich all they have learned during the previous academic year. The summer will also prepare Scholars for the year ahead.

Academic Year Session (After-School Classes)

During the academic year, CSA focuses on supporting and developing Scholars' skills so they can be successful in middle school, and beyond.

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