

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Middle School Choice Application

Included in this packet is the application form for current 5th graders who are choosing a middle school for the 2017-18 school year. Before completing the form, students and families should read these instructions thoroughly. For more detailed information, please visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice to review the *Middle and High School Choice Guide for 2017-18*. Also, each of City Schools' elementary schools has designated at least one person as a School Choice Liaison. If you currently attend a Baltimore City public school, please talk with this liaison about the choices that might be best for you.

Current City Schools students must submit applications to their School Choice Liaison by Friday, January 20, 2017. All other students must return this application to the Office of Enrollment and Attendance, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202, by Friday, January 20, 2017. **Applications postmarked after January 20 may not be processed.** Call 443-984-2000 for more information.

Things to Consider

Priority Group: Students who currently attend an elementary school that is *not* zoned to a K-8 school for 6th grade are in priority group 1 and receive placement preference during middle school choice. For a list of Priority 1 schools, please see the back page of this sheet.

Geographic Location: In order to keep young students as close as possible to their communities, City Schools gives placement preference to students who want to attend schools within their quadrant of residence. For a list of schools by quadrant, see the back page of this sheet.

Siblings: If you have a sibling already enrolled at one of the middle schools you list on your application, City Schools will try to place you there. (Exceptions are students applying to the Ingenuity Project and Advanced Academics programs). A sibling is a brother or sister living in the same household as the applicant, or a child who is the legal responsibility of the applicant's parent or legal guardian. To prove sibling status, the applicant's family must submit birth certificates, adoption documents or custody/guardianship papers for each student.

Charter Schools: Charter schools require open enrollment, meaning that priority group and geographic location are not considered in student placements. Charter schools are identified on the following page of this application. Note that many charter schools give placement preference to siblings of current students and to children of school founders.

Advanced Academics Programs: Advanced Academics middle school programs provide differentiated academic opportunities for 6th to 8th graders who learn at a fast pace and who can benefit from greater depth and breadth of instruction. Students are accepted on the basis of specified criteria and available space, not on priority groups. Advanced Academics middle school programs are offered at Cross Country Elementary/Middle School # 247, Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School #76, Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School #66, Roland Park Elementary/Middle School #233 and Waverly Elementary/Middle School #51.

Applicants Who Are Not Current City Schools Students or Are Not Residents of Baltimore City

If you are a resident of Baltimore but do not currently attend a Baltimore City public school or if you are not a resident of Baltimore City, you may use this form to apply to a Baltimore City public middle school. A representative of your current school must complete Section 2 of the form, providing numerical grades, test data (national percentile scores on a norm-referenced standardized test not more than one year old) and attendance information. If testing is needed, please contact the Office of Achievement and Accountability at 443-984-2000. Copies of report cards, test results, birth certificate and appropriate residence documentation must be attached to the application form and submitted to the Office of Enrollment and Attendance, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202, by Friday, January 22.

For more information, see page 14 of the middle and high school choice guide. Note that students who are not residents of Baltimore City will be accepted to schools only after all qualified Baltimore City students have been placed.

Steps for Success

Research your options by...

- Attending the Middle and High School Choice Fair
- Attending school open houses
- Visiting www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice and reviewing the printed choice guide
- Talking to your School Choice Liaison

Decide

Think about which schools you like most. You should make five school choices and rank them. In the list on the application, Choice 1 is the school you would most like to attend in 2017-18.

Middle Schools to Consider for Your Choice Application

Only the schools listed in this table can be included on the choice application. Other middle schools listed in the middle and high school choice guide require a separate application.

Middle Schools by Quadrant

Priority group and quadrant not considered in placement at charter schools.

Northwest

- Academy of College and Career Exploration #427
- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West #364
- Connexions: A Community Based Arts School #325 (charter)

Northeast

- Baltimore IT Academy #378¹
- Banneker Blake Academy #357 (charter)
- Friendship Academy of Engineering and Technology #339
- NACA Freedom and Democracy II #349
- Stadium School #15
- Vanguard Collegiate Middle School #374

Southwest

- Booker T. Washington Middle School #130
- KASA (Knowledge and Success Academy) #342
- New Era Academy #422

Southeast

- Baltimore Design School #382
- National Academy Foundation #421

Middle Schools with Advanced Academics Programs

Students admitted according to entrance criteria; priority group and quadrant not considered

- Cross Country Elementary/Middle School #247
- Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School #76
- Waverly Elementary/Middle School #51
- Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School #66
- Roland Park Elementary/Middle School #233

¹ The Board of School Commissioners is considering a recommendation to close this school as of June 2017. For more about this recommendation, visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/portfolioreview.

Priority 1 Schools

Students attending these schools must complete a middle school choice application

Abbottston Elementary School #50	Harford Heights Elementary School #37
Brehms Lane Elementary School #231	Hilton Elementary School #21
Callaway Elementary School #251	The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School #122
Calvin M. Rodwell Elementary School #256	Johnston Square Elementary School #16
Cecil Elementary School #7	Langston Hughes Elementary School #5
Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School #34	Liberty Elementary School #64
Dallas F. Nicholas, Sr., Elementary School #39	Lyndhurst Elementary School #88
Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr., Elementary School #250	Mary E. Rodman Elementary School #204
Edgewood Elementary School #67	Moravia Park Elementary School #105
Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School #11	Northwood Appold Community Academy #330
Federal Hill Prep #45	Northwood Elementary School #242
Fort Worthington Elementary School #85	Robert W. Coleman Elementary School #142
Furley Elementary School #206	Samuel F. B. Morse Elementary School #98
Furman Templeton Elementary School #125	Sarah M. Roach Elementary School #73
Gardenville Elementary School #211	Sinclair Lane Elementary School #248
George Washington Elementary School #22	Steuart Hill Academic Academy #4
Govans Elementary School #213	Westside Elementary School #24
The Green School #332	William Paca Elementary School #83
Gwynns Falls Elementary School #60	Yorkwood Elementary School #219

