

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 2019-20 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 2019-20*. 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 18, 2019. All other students must return this application to the Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfer, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202, by Friday, January 18, 2019. **Applications postmarked after January 18th 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 include students that are 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 City but not currently enrolled within City Schools *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, PARCC test results (data must not be more than one year old), and attendance information. For any student who did not take PARCC assessments, City Schools will accept i-Ready diagnostic results. If i-Ready 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 residency documentation must be attached to the application form and submitted to the Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfer, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202, by Friday, January 18th. For Baltimore City residents, note that failure to attach residency documentation will result in the treatment of your application as a *nonresident*—lowering your priority for placement. Students whose parents/legal guardians are not residents of Baltimore City will be accepted only after 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 2019-20.

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
- ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School #325 (charter)

Northeast

- Banneker Blake Academy #357 (charter) ¹
- NACA Freedom and Democracy II #349
- Stadium School #15
- Vanguard Collegiate Middle School #374

Southwest

- Booker T. Washington Middle School #130
- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West #364

Southeast

- 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 2019. For more about this recommendation, visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/portfolioreview.

Priority 1 Schools

*Students attending these schools **must** complete a middle school choice application*

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