

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Middle School Choice Application

Included in this packet is the application form for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are choosing a middle school for the 2023-24 school year. Before completing the form, students and families should read these instructions thoroughly. For more detailed information, please visit [www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice) to review the *Middle and High School Choice Guide for 2023-24*. 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, 2023. 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 20, 2023. **Applications postmarked after January 20th may not be processed.** Call 410-396-8600 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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. For any student who did not take MCAP assessments, City Schools will accept i-Ready diagnostic results. 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 20th. 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](http://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 2022-23.

**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)
- Dr. Nathan Pitts-Ashburton Elementary/Middle School #58
- Hampden Elementary/Middle School #55
- The Mount Washington School #221

**Northeast**

- Garrett Heights Elementary/Middle School #212
- Leith Walk Elementary/Middle School #245
- Stadium School #15
- Vanguard Collegiate Middle School #374
- Walter P. Carter Middle School #134
- Waverly Elementary/Middle School #51
- Woodhome Elementary/Middle School #205

**Southwest**

- Booker T. Washington Middle School #130
- Beechfield Elementary/Middle School #246
- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West #364
- Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School #76
- Katherine Johnson Global Academy #75
- Rosemont Elementary/Middle School #63
- Westport Elementary/Middle School #225

**Southeast**

- National Academy Foundation #421
- Collington Square Elementary/Middle School #97

**Middle Schools with Advanced Academics Programs**

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

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

**Priority 1 Schools**

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

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| Callaway Elementary School #251                 | Gwynns Falls Elementary School #60                          |
| Cecil Elementary School #7                      | Harford Heights Elementary School #37                       |
| Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School #34 | Hilton Elementary School #21                                |
| Creative City Public Charter School #384        | The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School #122 |
| Dallas F. Nicholas, Sr., Elementary School #39  | Johnston Square Elementary School #16                       |
| Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr., Elementary School #250 | Liberty Elementary School #64                               |
| Edgewood Elementary School #67                  | Mary E. Rodman Elementary School #204                       |
| Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School #11           | Moravia Park Elementary School #105                         |
| Federal Hill Prep #45                           | Northwood Elementary School #242                            |
| Furley Elementary School #206                   | Robert W. Coleman Elementary School #142                    |
| Furman Templeton Elementary School #125         | Sinclair Lane Elementary School #248                        |
| Gardenville Elementary School #211              | Steuart Hill Academic Academy #4                            |
| George Washington Elementary School #22         | William Paca Elementary School #83                          |
| Govans Elementary School #213                   | Yorkwood Elementary School #219                             |
| The Green School #332                           |   |

