

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfer

High School Choice Application

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- Do you want to decline the high school placement made for you through the initial school choice process?
- Were you not accepted into any of your original choices?
- Did you miss the deadline for submitting your original choice application?

If your answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then please complete this high school choice application. Simply follow the suggestions below to help ensure that you will be admitted to one of your preferred schools. For more detailed information, please visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/choice and review the *Middle and High School Choice Guide*. Each school in the district has designated at least one person as its School Choice Liaison. If you attend a Baltimore City public school, please talk with this liaison about what choices might be best for you.

Things to Consider

When students decline a placement, they will *not* be placed into one of the higher choices on their original choice application. The original placement in a school lower on the list of a student’s original five school choices was made either because the student was not chosen in a lottery conducted by a preferred school or, for entrance criteria schools, was not ranked sufficiently high. In either of these cases, students may be placed on a wait list for a preferred school option and may be selected off that wait list in the event that spaces become available at a school. Schools contact students directly if they are selected from a wait list, though this may not occur until late summer.

Please remember that students have until April 21, 2023 to decline their placement in writing to the Office of Enrollment, Choice & Transfer, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202. Updated placement letters will be sent by May 19, 2023.

Charter Schools and Transformation (Middle/High) Schools: When an 8th grader is enrolled in a school that also has a 9th grade and would like to remain in that school for high school, the student should place that school as the first choice on the application. Students who are applying to the same school they are currently attending, and who place that school as their first choice, are automatically accepted to continue in that school. If the current school is among the five high schools on the application and the student is not accepted into a higher-ranked choice, the student will be automatically accepted into the current school.

Non-City Residents or Baltimore Residents Not Currently Enrolled at City Schools

Students whose parents or legal guardians are not residents of Baltimore City will only be assigned to a Baltimore City public high school after all Baltimore City students have been placed.

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 high school. If you are applying to a school with entrance criteria (see next page), a representative of your current school must complete Section 2 of the form, providing numerical grades.

High Schools by Category

Only the schools listed in this table can be included on this school choice application. Other high schools listed in *The Middle and High School Choice Guide* requires either a separate application or a referral, or they no longer have spaces available for additional applicants.

HIGH SCHOOLS

- Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts High School #430
- Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove #239
- Frederick Douglass High School #450
- The REACH! Partnership School #341
- Reginald F. Lewis High School #419
- Renaissance Academy #433
- P-TECH @ Carver #875
- P-TECH @ Dunbar #877
- P-TECH @ Digital Harbor #878

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS

- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West #364

HIGH SCHOOLS WITH ENTRANCE CRITERIA

- PORT Virtual Learning Program #897

HIGH SCHOOLS WITH INTERVIEW

- Bard High School Early College Baltimore #362
- National Academy Foundation #421

