

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfer

High School Choice Application

Updated March 2019

- 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 *Choose Your School: 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 26, 2019 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 24, 2019.

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, 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.

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* require either a separate application or a referral, or they no longer have spaces available for additional applicants.

HIGH SCHOOLS	HIGH SCHOOLS WITH CTE PROGRAMS WITH ENTRANCE CRITERIA
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Era Academy #422• Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West #364• NACA II Freedom and Democracy #349	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carver Vocational-Technical High School #454<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Business Administrative Services○ Careers in Cosmetology○ Computer Science○ Construction Design and Management○ Construction Trades NCCR – Carpentry○ Construction Trades NCCR – Masonry○ Early Childhood Education/Child Care○ Food and Beverage Management – ProStart○ Graphic Communications – PrintED○ Manufacturing Technologies• Edmondson-Westside High School #400<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Health Professions (Surgical Technician)○ Automotive Technician○ Business Administrative Services○ Business Management○ Careers in Cosmetology○ IT Networking Academy (CISCO)○ Commercial Baking○ Construction Trades NCCR – Carpentry○ Construction Design and Management○ Early Childhood Education/Child Care○ Finance and Accounting○ Food and Beverage Management – ProStart○ Interactive Media○ Pre-Engineering – Project Lead the Way
HIGH SCHOOLS WITH ENTRANCE CRITERIA	
HIGH SCHOOLS WITH INTERVIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bard College Early High School #362• National Academy Foundation #421	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School #410<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Accounting and Financing○ Construction Trades NCCR - Carpentry○ Construction Trades NCCR – Masonry○ Construction Trades NCCR - Welding

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Statement to Decline Middle or High School Choice Placement

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Student Last Name

Student First Name

Student ID

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I would like to decline this student's placement for the 2019-20 school year at

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School Name

School #

Please read and initial the following statements:

I understand that, upon declining this placement for my student, the school will find another student who will fill the vacant seat.

Initials: _____

I understand that my student will not be placed into a school that was placed higher among the five school choices on the original choice application. (Had the student been chosen through the lottery or rank process at the preferred school, she or he would have been placed in that school in the initial choice process.)

Initials: _____

On behalf of my student and family, we are declining this placement for the following reason(s):

_____ The student has moved a significant distance from where we lived when the original choice application was completed.

_____ The student attended an open house/information session and learned that the school does not meet his or her interests.

_____ We would prefer that the student attend one of the choices that was placed lower on the original application.

_____ The student will be attending a private school or other school not part of Baltimore City Public Schools and will

not require a City Schools placement for the 2019-20 SY. Name of new school: _____

_____ Other reason not listed: _____

Please submit this form to the Office of Enrollment, Choice and Transfer, 200 E. North Ave., Room 106, Baltimore, MD 21202, by April 26, 2019. If you would like to apply for another City School placement, this form should be accompanied by the Middle or High School Choice Application updated as of March 2019.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Telephone Number