

Open Enrollment and School Choice for 2020-21

February 3 – 14, 2020

Open Enrollment is the two-week annual period when students may first **apply to attend a different school or program** for the next school year. To apply, students and families will submit a school choice form that lists their top five preferred schools and programs. Choice **forms received during Open Enrollment are eligible for priority tiebreakers, sibling and GeoZone**, if applicable. The last tiebreaker is a randomly assigned lottery number; the lower a lottery number, the higher a student is ranked.

The annual School Choice period continues until May 31. Choice forms received after Open Enrollment, but before the School Choice period ends on May 31, will be accepted, but are considered late and do not qualify for priority tiebreakers. Late submissions will be ordered by the date the form is received and randomly assigned lottery numbers.

There is no guarantee that a student will receive a choice assignment by participating in School Choice; choice assignments are based on space availability in the school, grade, and program. When more students apply than can be assigned, waitlists will be established.

Students and families who would like to participate in School Choice should follow these steps:

1. Register (or Update Documents)

If your student is **new to the District**, you must first register your student with Seattle Public Schools before submitting a school choice application. Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins on January 6, 2020. Parents and guardians will receive a confirmation of their new student's registration, including your student's ID number.

If your **family has recently moved**, please provide updated address verification documents and contact information to the Admissions office, before participating in School Choice.

2. Select School and Program Preferences

You may select up to **five schools and programs** on the choice form. Please list the choices **in preference order**. If your student cannot be assigned to their first choice, they will be waitlisted for their first choice. Students can only be on one waitlist at a time. Students may be assigned to one of their other choices and remain on the waitlist for their first choice.

3. Submit a School Choice Form

Online school choice forms for the 2020-21 school year will be available at the start of Open Enrollment. Paper choice forms will also be available in person at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence (2445 3rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134). Families may **submit school choice forms electronically, by mail, or in person**. The Admissions office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

All school choice forms received during Open Enrollment will be processed together - there is no advantage or preference given to applications submitted on the first day - all choice forms received during Open Enrollment are eligible for applicable tiebreakers. After Open Enrollment, the School Choice period continues until May 31, but forms are late, and are no longer eligible for tiebreakers.

If you have questions, please contact Admissions:
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