



**MY SCHOOL DC**

**The Public School Lottery**

[MySchoolDC.org](https://myschooldc.org)

# GUIDE TO *MY SCHOOL DC*

DC's common application and lottery for  
DCPS and public charter schools

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# IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES.

# CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL. START HERE.

## MAKE YOUR SCHOOL LIST

Use this worksheet to make a list of schools you want to learn about. Once you’ve done research, rank them in the order you like them (your 1st choice, 2nd choice, and so on). You can apply to up to 12 schools on the My School DC application, and you will need to put them in the order you like most.

SCHOOL NAME	DATE OF SCHOOL VISIT	NOTES What matters most to you and your child in a school? Which schools are a good fit?	RANK
<i>Example: School ABC</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>	<i>School focuses on science and math, which is a good fit for my child; but school is located 3 miles from where we live (need to research transportation options)</i>	<i>3</i>



**TIP:** My School DC is a random lottery. There is no advantage to applying first; however, applicants must apply by the application deadlines.



## WHO NEEDS MY SCHOOL DC?

Submit a My School DC application if your child will be a **NEW** student at a:

- Participating public charter school (PK3-12)
- DCPS school outside your boundary or feeder pattern (PK3-12), including DCPS citywide schools
- PK3 or PK4 program at any DCPS school (including your in-boundary school)
- DCPS selective high school or program (9-12)

You do **not** need to submit an application if your child will:

- Remain in his or her current school (contact your school to re-enroll)
- Attend his or her DCPS in-boundary or feeder school (K-12)

The My School DC application opens on **December 10, 2018**. The application deadline for high school (grades 9-12) is **February 1, 2019**. The application deadline for PK3 - grade 8 is **March 1, 2019**. Visit **MySchoolDC.org** to learn more and apply. The application is available in English and Spanish.

Application guides are available for download in Amharic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and French on MySchoolDC.org. Call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336 for application assistance in your language.

Lottery results will be available online in your My School DC family account on **March 29, 2019**.



## LEARN

There are several ways to learn about your public school options:

- Visit [MySchoolDC.org](https://www.myschooldc.org).
  - › Use the School Finder to search by address, grade and program type and find DCPS and public charter schools near you, including your DCPS in-boundary schools.
  - › Check out the My School DC school profiles to learn about participating schools and view their open house schedules.
- Visit schools or call schools directly if you have questions about their programs.
- Talk with your neighbors or friends who attend the schools you are interested in and go to EdFEST and other school fairs.

Consider what is most important to you and your child.

- How important is school location? How will I get my child to school?
- How important is before and after care to my family?
- What kind of learning environment is best for my child?
- What academic offerings are important for my child?
- What extracurricular offerings are important for my child?

For a full list of schools participating in My School DC and their profiles, visit [MySchoolDC.org](https://www.myschooldc.org) or pick up a printed My School DC School Directory at a school or library.



## TIPS

- ★ Make sure your children's applications are all under the same account.
- ★ Listing your choices in the order you like most matters. Remember: Only list schools you want to send your child to.

## APPLY

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY? ☒

#### ☐ First, create a My School DC Family Account at [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org).

Create **one family account**. Complete a My School DC application for each child in your family applying to a new school within that family account.

You will need to provide an **email address** or create a **username** and set a **password**. You can use the same email address or username each year.

#### ☐ Next, start a My School DC Lottery Application.

You need the following information to complete a My School DC application:

- **Information about your child**

- ☐ Name, date of birth, current school, and grade

- **Basic information about your family**

- ☐ Legal guardian's name (first and last)
- ☐ Contact information, including guardian's home address

- **School selections**

- ☐ You can choose up to 12 schools.
- ☐ List your 1st choice (the school that you want the most), then your 2nd choice, and so forth.

Review your choices to ensure that they are ranked in the **order you like most**. Students can only be matched with one school and are waitlisted only at the schools they ranked higher than the school where they are matched or enrolled. You have until the date of the deadline to make any edits on your application and until March 15 to update your school rankings.



**TIP:** Students: Write your essay in a Word document first to check for spelling and character count (the application does not have spellcheck). Some schools require a word and character limit on their essays. Save, then copy and paste onto the application when ready.

# APPLY

## APPLYING TO DCPS SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

Is your son or daughter applying to a DCPS selective high school or program? These schools have additional requirements. Please refer to the chart below to familiarize yourself with each school's and program's selection criteria. Visit "Apply" on MySchoolDC.org for more information, including essay questions.

SCHOOL	MINIMUM GPA / MINIMUM STANDARDIZED TEST / ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS	ESSAY	ADMISSIONS PROCESS	RECOMMENDATIONS <small>(completed online through My School DC application)</small>
<b>Bard High School Early College*</b>	Transcript required for 11th graders only	Yes (to be completed at Bard, and not through the My School DC application)	Application review; Essay (on-site); Interview	Math teacher
<b>Benjamin Banneker</b>	Minimum 3.0 GPA (SY18-19 First Quarter) Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any standardized test	Yes	Application review; Family interview	English teacher; Math teacher; Counselor; Principal
<b>Columbia Heights Education Campus</b>	Minimum 2.5 GPA (SY18-19 First Quarter) Attendance rate of 90%	No**	Application review (including attendance / tardies & grades); Individual interview	English teacher; Math teacher; Counselor
<b>Early College Academy @ Coolidge</b>	3.0 GPA (SY18-19 First Quarter) recommended Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any state standardized test recommended	Yes	Application review; Family interview	English teacher; Math teacher; Counselor
<b>Duke Ellington School of the Arts</b>	None	Yes	Application review; Audition; Admissions test; Family interview	English teacher; Math teacher; Art teacher (or other)
<b>McKinley Technology High School</b>	Minimum 2.75 GPA in 4 Core Classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies); 3.0 Preferred (Final SY17-18 Report Card & SY18-19 First Quarter) Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any state standardized test	Yes	Application review; Interview	English teacher; Math teacher; Counselor
<b>Phelps Architecture, Construction, and Engineering High School</b>	Minimum 2.4 GPA (SY18-19 First Quarter) Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any standardized test Attendance rate of 95% or higher (last 4 marking periods)	Yes	Application review; Family interview	English teacher; Math teacher
<b>School Without Walls</b>	Minimum 3.0 GPA in core subjects on final SY17-18 report card Score of "met" or "exceeded expectations" in both math and reading on the PARCC exam or any standardized test	No	Application review; Admissions test; Student & Parent interview	None

\*Check online profile for most recent details about Bard at MySchoolDC.org.

\*\*A student interest survey is required.





**TIP:** Did you know that your child needs an up-to-date Universal Health Certificate and Oral Health Assessment before she / he can attend school? Bring these to their next doctor and dentist appointments and then submit to your child's school.



## ENROLL

ENROLL BY MAY 1, 2019.

### What should you do when you receive your results?

Lottery results will be released on **March 29, 2019**. Log in to your family account at [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org) to see your lottery results and positions on waitlists.

If you were matched with a school through the lottery, you have until **May 1, 2019** to enroll at that school. A parent or guardian must enroll each child, in person, at the matched school. **Enrolling at your matched school does not remove you from other schools' waitlists.**

### To enroll, you must:

- Prove that you are a DC resident. Go to [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org) for a list of documents you can use to show your home address.
- Follow your school's additional enrollment requirements.
- Submit a My School DC seat acceptance form. Download the form at [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org).

Families that do not enroll by the deadline may lose their space at the school.

Go to [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org) for information on understanding your lottery results and on how waitlists work.

# THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LOTTERY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 8, 2018** | EdFEST – the annual public school fair

**December 10, 2018** | My School DC Application opens

**February 1, 2019** | Application Deadline for Grades 9-12

**March 1, 2019** | Application Deadline for Grades PK3-8

**March 29, 2019** | Release of Lottery Results

**May 1, 2019** | Enrollment deadline for matched families

## HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?



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