EQUITABLE ACCESS PREFERENCE

MY SCHOOL DC
The Public School Lottery

What is Equitable Access?

Equitable Access is a lottery preference for applicants who are:

- Experiencing homelessness;
- In the District's foster care system;
- Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or
- In high school and are one year older, or more, than the age for the grade in which they are currently enrolled.

How does an applicant qualify for Equitable Access?

Applicants do not need to provide documentation to prove eligibility for this preference.

Instead, if families apply to a school offering the Equitable Access preference, they simply need to select "I give my consent" on the last page of the My School DC application.

Which schools participate in Equitable Access?

To learn more about which schools offers the Equitable Access preference, please visit the Applying to Equitable Access Schools page on our website!

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Questions or want more information?

You can visit the Applying to Equitable Access Schools page for additional information regarding how the Equitable Access Preference works in the 2026-27 school year.

Additionally, the My School DC Hotline is available for your questions at **(202) 888-6336** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by email at info.myschooldc@dc.gov.