MY SCHOOL DC
The Public School Lottery
MySchoolDC.org



APPLYING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR

The District is home to 70 public and public charter middle schools/education campuses. Students can apply to up to 12 middle schools on the My School DC application. They also have the option of enrolling directly at their DCPS in-boundary middle school, their feeder school, or applying to a school that does not participate in My School DC.

APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2027

- **Set up a family account**
  Tip for students: If you create a family account with your personal email address, make sure to include your guardian's email address in step 2 of the application.
- **Gather all of the information you need to complete your My School DC application.**
  You will not be able to submit the application if you do not have all required information. Scan the QR code to find the link to this information.
- **Add the schools on your list to your My School DC application and rank them in the order you prefer.**
  The order you rank your schools lets us know the order in which you want to be matched to schools; it does not affect any preferences you may qualify for such as sibling or transfer preference.
- **Submit your application by March 1.**
  You can make edits to your submitted application any time before March 1. You can update your school rankings up until March 12 at 5 p.m.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

- **Make a list.**
  Use the **School Finder (http://find.myschooldc.org)** and search for schools by address, grade and program type. You can also map your potential commute to school with this tool. Note: There is no guarantee of a lottery match or waitlist offer at the schools you apply to so apply to all the schools you want to attend. You can apply to up to 12!
- **Check out the middle schools' school profiles.**
  School Profiles show basic information about each school and you can view their open house schedules. Make note of grades for which they take applications*, as well as past lottery data showing the number of seats made available in a grade, the waitlist length at time of results and the waitlist movement. Scan the QR code to find the link to this information.
- **Attend EdFEST, school fairs and open houses.**
  Ask questions directly to schools you are interested in to help narrow your choices.

*IMPORTANT: A number of middle schools begin at 4th or 5th Grade. This is something to be aware of when deciding when to apply for middle school.

- **Use your networks.**
  It is helpful to talk with people you know (e.g., neighbors, friends, school counselors) who are knowledgeable about the schools you are thinking of applying to.
- **Decide your ranking.**
  You will rank your final list of schools in the order you prefer. Ranking your list in this order is important. You will only be waitlisted at the schools you rank above your matched school.

READING ON PAPER? SCAN HERE TO FIND ALL LINKS REFERENCED

TYPES OF PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- **DCPS In-boundary Schools**: A My School DC application is **not** required.
- **DCPS and Charter Feeder Schools**: A My School DC application is **not** required. If you accept a seat at a school outside your feeder pattern, you may lose the right to that feeder pattern. Please check with your school for more information or call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336.
- **DCPS Out-of-boundary Schools**: A My School DC application is required.
- **DCPS Citywide Schools**: A My School DC application is required.
- **Public Charter Schools**: A My School DC application is required.

APPLYING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 4-8)? CONSIDER ASKING THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

- How do you prepare students for high school and beyond?
- What staff and resources are available to support 8th graders in the high school application process?
- What extracurricular activities, special programs, and travel opportunities do you offer?