

Parent FAQs about Middle School Applications

OVERVIEW

This FAQ is meant to support elementary school staff with responding to common questions they receive from parents during the middle school application process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I have to complete a middle school application?

Yes, all 5th grade students are required to complete a middle school application. This includes students who are planning to attend their zoned school or stay in their current school that continues into sixth grade.

2. How will I get access to the MySchools system?

In early October, you will get a letter in the mail that has instructions along with your child's unique access code. (If your address on record is outdated, it needs to be updated by Friday, September 13 for the letter to arrive at your correct address.) You can also request this letter from me directly in early October.

3. My older child already goes to middle school. Can my 5th-grade student have a priority to their school because of sibling preference?

There is no sibling priority in middle school admissions.

4. I've heard that there will be waitlists this year. Does this affect how I fill out my middle school application?

No, this does not affect how you fill out your middle school application. The most important thing you can do is complete the best possible middle school application by the December 2 deadline

5. There's one school that I'm really interested in. Should I put only that school on my application to increase my chances of getting in?

No. You have the same chance of getting into your top choice whether it's the only choice on the application, or there are additional choices listed below. This means that after you list your top choice or choices, you should consider adding some additional schools to your application. Doing so will not lower your chance of matching to a top choice.

6. Why would I not get an offer to any of these schools on my application?

The only reason that you would not get an offer to a school on your application is if there are more applicants than seats at every school you've applied to. This means that if you apply to only very in-demand schools, you should consider adding some additional schools to your application.

7. What happens if I don't get an offer to a school I've listed on my application?

You'll get an offer to a school in the district that has available seats at the end of the admissions process. To help maximize your voice in where your child goes to school, you should consider adding additional choices to your application after you've added your top choices.