

My School DC SY2018-19 Lottery Fact Sheet

What is My School DC?

My School DC is the **common application** and **public school lottery** for all DC public schools (DCPS) and participating public charter schools that serve grades PK3-12.

What makes My School DC unique?

- 1. My School DC is a random lottery.** It is not a first come, first served lottery. This means that there is no advantage to applying first; however, applicants must apply by the application deadlines.
- 2. Ranking matters.** Applicants have the option of applying to up to **12 schools** on their application. They must list their options in order of preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc.).
- 3. Applicants can only receive one match to a school through the lottery.** Applicants are waitlisted at schools they ranked above where they are matched. The schools listed below an applicant's match are removed from their application because they are less preferred.

How to apply

Step 1: Go to MySchoolDC.org and click on "Apply".

Step 2: Create a family account. Families can create an account with an email address **or** with a username. Families use **one** account to submit an application for each of their children who is applying to a new school.

Step 3: Complete an application. Families will need the following to do so:

- **The student's USI, DCPS Student ID, or DC One Card number** if the child is a current DCPS or charter student. If the child is NOT a DCPS or charter student, no ID is necessary.
- **Student's date of birth**
- **Guardian name and address**
- **Schools of choice.** A family can select up to 12 schools listed in order of preference.

Note: There are additional requirements for the six DCPS selective high schools. Visit MySchoolDC.org to learn more.

Step 4: Submit the application by the deadline. Families can edit and re-submit their application until the date of the deadline.

Who should apply?

Families should submit an application if their child wants to be a **NEW** student at:

1. A participating public charter school (PK3-12)
2. A PK3 / PK4 DCPS program (even if it is the child's in-boundary school)
3. An out-of-boundary or citywide DCPS school (PK3-12)
4. A DCPS selective high school (9-12)

Note: Students do **NOT** need to apply through the lottery if they are re-enrolling at their current school or will attend their DCPS in-boundary school (K-12). In these instances, students re-enroll or enroll at the school directly.

SY18-19 key lottery dates

December 9, 2017: EdFEST – annual school fair

December 11, 2017: Lottery application opens

February 1, 2018: Deadline for grades 9-12

March 1, 2018: Deadline for grades PK3-8

March 30, 2018: Lottery results are released

May 1, 2018: Enrollment deadline

Questions about the My School DC lottery?

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