HOW TO CHOOSE A SCHOOL · STEP 6

Enrollment Deadline Tracker

Keep lotteries, applications, and transfer dates for every school in one place.

Dates vary. Charter lotteries, magnet applications, inter-district transfers, and private school admissions often have deadlines in winter or early spring for the next fall. Confirm every date directly with each school or district, and put them on your calendar early.

School / program	How to enroll lottery, application, transfer	Tour / info session	Application opens	Application due	Documents needed	Submitted	Decision expected	Respond / accept by	Notes
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Month-by-month planner

Write in the month, then key dates

Month: _____	**Month:** _____	**Month:** _____	**Month:** _____	**Month:** _____	**Month:** _____
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Don't miss out

Tips from School Choice Basics

- ☐ Get dates and rules from the right source, usually the district office or the school's administrator
- ☐ Find out which preferences apply to you, such as sibling or neighborhood preferences
- ☐ At a school with several programs, ask whether you can apply to more than one
- ☐ Ask early about auditions, portfolios, or testing so your child has time to prepare
- ☐ Ask your district about transfers within and between districts
- ☐ Check for new schools or programs, which may have seats after the main enrollment period
- ☐ Turn in complete paperwork on time, and keep copies and confirmations
- ☐ After an offer, finish every step: accept by the deadline, register, and submit forms

Documents schools often ask for (confirm each school's list)

☐ Proof of address ☐ Birth certificate or proof of age ☐ Immunization records ☐ Recent report card ☐ IEP or 504 plan ☐ Other:

General information only, not legal, tax, or placement advice. Rules, dates, and requirements vary by state, district, school, and program. Always confirm details with each school, district, or official source.