

Delaware Department of Education

School Choice Application for 2009—10

General Information

- Deadlines for applying without meeting good cause: (applications are to be received by the desired choice district office)
Students applying for grades 1-12: **Wednesday, January 14, 2009**
Students applying for kindergarten have until the first day of the school year. Check with the school district(s) to which you are applying to determine other kindergarten information.
- Delaware students may apply to one or more districts. Local school districts establish the number of choices within their districts.
- Separate applications are required for each student; one application for each student and for each district.
- Some school districts require more information than is on the state application form. Please check with the district(s) to which you are applying to determine what additional information is required.
- Parent, guardian or Relative Caregiver acceptance of an invitation to enroll in a school of your choice commits the student to remain in that school for two years, or until the program or grade level configuration is completed, unless released by the district.
- Late applications may be accepted by the choice district office for “good cause”. Call the appropriate district office for their policy on “Good Cause”.

Grade 1-12 Applications:

1. School boards must consider the application before the end of February 2009. Applicants will be notified about the school district’s action within a few days of the board meeting. The response will include one of three answers: (1) invited to enroll, (2) placed on a waiting list, or (3) not accepted.
2. Applicants who are special education students must have a current copy of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) attached to the application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to get the copy from the present school and attach it to the application. The application will not be considered without this information.
3. Initial invitations must be accepted or rejected by the applicant in writing. Responses must be received by the choice district office on or before March 16, 2009. If no response is received from the applicant, the invitation will be considered to have been rejected.
4. If more than one school district extends an invitation, please make your selection as soon as possible so the rejected position for next year can be offered to another student.
5. As openings in a school and grade become available, the school district may invite applicants who are on the waiting list. Please respond to these invitations as soon as possible.
6. Invitations to waiting list applicants who live in another school district must be accepted by a written confirmation and be received by the choice district office at a time established by the district, but no later than April 20, 2009. After this date, the invitation will no longer be valid.
7. Invitations are for specific schools and specific grades — if a student is not promoted this year he/she may not be eligible to enroll in the choice school because of space limitations. If this happens, immediately contact the accepting school district.

Kindergarten Applications

School boards must consider the application before June 15, 2009, or within 45 days of receipt. Applicants will be notified about the school district’s action within five (5) days of the board meeting. The response will include one of three answers: (1) invited to enroll, (2) placed on a waiting list, or (3) not accepted. The student must have had his/her fifth (5th) birthday on or before August 31, 2009. Check with the school district(s) to which you are applying to determine other kindergarten information.

Transportation

If parents choose to send their children to a public school outside of the district where they live, they are responsible for getting their children to the school or to a bus stop on that school’s route. The Transportation stipends were discontinued by legislative action in FY09 (2008-09 School Year).

School District Contact Persons for the Choice Program for the 2008-2009 School Year

The number of students that a district can accept in a particular school and grade will be determined by the receiving district's board of education based on the building's capacity, class size policy, the program requirements and the projected enrollment for each school and grade for the next school year or other criteria determined by the board.

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Contact Person: Barbara Summers
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Brandywine School District

Administrative Office 793-5049
1000 Pennsylvania Avenue
Claymont, DE 19703-1237
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Caesar Rodney School District

Paul L. Dunbar Administration Building 697-2173
219 Old North Road, P.O. Box 188
Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934-1252
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larry.harrison@cr.k12.de.us

Cape Henlopen School District

District Office 645-6686
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Lewes, DE 19958-1798
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Capital School District

Central Office 672-1951
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Dover, DE 19904-3498
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Christina School District

School Choice Office 552-2618
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Wilmington, DE 19801
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Colonial School District

Administrative Office 323-2873
318 E. Basin Road
New Castle, DE 19720-4200
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Delmar School District

Central Office 846-9544
200 N. Eighth Street
Delmar, DE 19940-1399
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Indian River School District

Indian River Educational Complex 436-1000 ext 105
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Selbyville, DE 19975
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Lake Forest School District

Central Business Office 284-3020 ext 106
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Felton, DE 19943-9801
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Laurel School District

Central Administrative Office 875-6100
1160 South Central Avenue
Laurel, DE 19956-1413
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Milford School District

Enrollment Office 424-6483
315 Kent Place
Milford, DE 19963-1799
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Red Clay School District

Administrative Office 552-3789
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Wilmington, DE 19808
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Seaford School District

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Seaford, DE 19973-1433
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Smyrna School District

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Woodbridge School District

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