



Demographics & Student Assignments

School Choice

 Explore **your options**

2017/18 Information

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What is School Choice?

- School Choice provides parents the option to apply to a school (in grades Kindergarten through 12) other than their boundary school.
- School Board Policy 5004.1 outlines all of the School Choices available to parents.
- The School Board of Broward County, Florida supports:
 - Reassignments
 - Magnet Programs
 - Nova Schools
 - Innovative Programs
 - Opportunity Scholarship Program
 - College Academy at Broward College
 - Broward Virtual Schools
 - McKay Scholarship



When Can I Apply?

- Each School Choice option has a defined application window specified in School Board Policy 5004.1.
- Magnet Programs, Nova Schools and Reassignments have an initial application window **December 1, 2016 - February 8, 2017 (School Choice)**.
- Reassignments and Magnet Programs have additional application windows beginning on **May 2, 2017 (School Choice Phase II)**.
- This document contains information about School Choice options available during the School Choice application window December 1, 2016 - February 8, 2017



New School Choice Legislation

- On April 14, 2016, Governor Rick Scott signed a new education bill (HB 7029) into law that allows parents to choose any school in the state of Florida for their child.
- This new law will go into effect beginning in the 2017/18 school year.
- Broward County Public Schools already has a controlled open enrollment process that aligns with the new law's provisions.
- The new law requires each school district to determine capacity and does not allow students to be placed at schools that do not have space.
- Parents may request a transfer to a different school during an identified application window.
- The new law also has revised terms of athletic eligibility for students who transfer to another school.



School Choice Timeline

| School Choice | Important Dates | For more information, click on a link below |
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| Magnet Programs | Apply: December 1, 2016 to February 8, 2017 Parent notification: March 2017 | School Choice website |
| Nova Schools | Apply: December 1, 2016 to February 8, 2017 Parent notification: March 2017 | School Choice website |
| Reassignment | Apply: December 1, 2016 to February 8, 2017 Parent notification: March 2017 | School Choice website |
| Broward Virtual School | See website | Broward Virtual School website |
| College Academy @ BC | See website | College Academy @ BC website |
| McKay Scholarship | See website | John M. McKay Scholarship website |



Apply beginning December 1st

- Visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice.
- Parents may submit three applications for their child – one in each of the following categories:
 - **Magnet programs** focus on specific areas of interest
 - **Nova schools** provide four schools on one campus (K-12)
 - **School reassignments** allow a student to attend a school other than his or her boundary school based on space availability.
- Parents may apply **online** beginning December 1, 2016 at midnight
- Parents will need their child's BCPS Student Identification Number. If the child is not a current BCPS student, parents may visit **any** BCPS school to request a Student Identification Number.
- Parents will receive application status notification via the U.S. Postal Service and email no earlier than March 2017.



Explore Your Options

- Visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice to “Explore Your Options”
- Parents can click on a school to visit the school’s website

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School Choice 2017/18
Application window: December 1, 2016 – February 8, 2017

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is proud to offer high-quality educational programs at each of our schools. Our District is a national leader in providing innovative learning opportunities to help students reach their highest potential.

Through the School Choice process, you may submit three applications for your child – one in each of the following categories:

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EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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We have something for everyone!

School-aged children living within Broward County are assigned to a school based on their primary residential address and grade level. This is the child's boundary school. We understand families want to have options for their child's education, which may include a choice other than their boundary school. Parents may request for their child to attend a different school during the 2017/18 School Choice application window, December 1, 2016 - February 8, 2017. Broward County Public Schools offers the following choices:

- Magnet Programs:** offering in-depth experiences in specific areas of interest. Apply online Dec. 1st - Feb. 8th
- Nova Schools:** providing four schools on one campus (K-12). Apply online Dec. 1st - Feb. 8th
- Reassignments:** allowing attendance to a non-boundary school. Apply online Dec. 1st - Feb. 8th

Additional school choice options with varying application timelines include Broward Virtual School, College Academy @ Broward College and the John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.

It's easy to explore your options!

Use the navigation tool below to search schools by name, magnet theme, category, school configuration and reassignment availability.

By Magnet Theme: By Category: By School Configuration: By Reassignment Availability: Clear all filters

| School Name | Application Window | Magnet Theme | Requirements | Transportation | Reassignment |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Anderson, Boyd High | Dec. 1st | Health and Wellness | Unweighted Grade Point Average Requirement: 2.5 or greater PSA Score (English language arts and mathematical) Requirement: 3.0 or greater | Transportation provided upon request for Magnet students who live more than 2 miles from the school. | |
| Apollo Middle | Dec. 1st | Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics | There are no academic requirements | Transportation provided upon request for Magnet students who live more than 2 miles from the school. | No general reassignment seats available. Apollo Middle is accepting Magnet program applications. |



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