

Greetings Parents & Guardians!

Welcome to our workshop on school choice in Baltimore City Public Schools where you will learn more about the available options. This informational session is designed to help you navigate the process successfully and with confidence as your student prepares to transition into middle or high school. City Schools has a vision that every student will graduate ready to achieve excellence in higher education and the global workforce. Understanding how to navigate school choice will help you find the school(s) that will get your student ready for what comes next.

Neighborhood Elementary & Elementary/Middle Schools

- City Schools has **all grade levels** available to students in their own neighborhood or attendance zone.
- Most elementary students (pre-k to grade 5) attend school in their school zone.
- Elementary/middle schools educate students in pre-k to grade 8, and many middle school students stay in their neighborhood schools until they're ready for high school.
- Some middle schools and **all high schools are "citywide"** — that is, they do not have attendance zones and serve students who live in all areas of the city.
- Middle and high school students should think about location when making their school choices. Many decide to attend schools that are in or close to their neighborhoods.
- Depending on how far your neighborhood school is from your home, your child may be eligible for transportation services.

Academic Entrance Criteria

Baltimore
City College (City)
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly) Carver Vocational
 Technical High School (CTE)
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
 Western High School (female only)
 Mergenthaler Vocational Technical
 High School (Mervo) (CTE) **Edmondson**
Westside High School (CTE)

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Cross Country EMS Francis
Scott Key EMS Mount Royal EMS
Roland Park EMS Waverly
 EMS

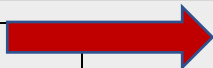
**These schools require a minimum composite score for eligibility.*

"Citywide" Middle, Middle/High, and High Schools

In City Schools, students have some choice about the middle or high school they attend. With a variety of schools offering a range of programs, families can explore options to identify schools that would be a good fit. All current eighth-grade students and all current fifth-grade students who attend an elementary only (K-5) school **must** fill out a choice application by January 18. Fifth-grade students currently enrolled in an elementary school with middle grades (K-8) may choose to remain at their school or fill out a choice application to attend another middle school. **Choice applications for the 2019-20 school year will be posted soon and will be due back to schools by January 18.**

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Charter schools are public schools open to all students, regardless of where they live in the city.
- Each school has a charter, or performance contract, detailing its program, goals and methods of assessment.
- These schools may have a specific approach to instruction or serve specific populations.
- When more students would like to attend a charter school than the school has room to serve, an admissions lottery is held. ("Neighborhood" charter schools give placement priority to students who live nearest the school. Many charter schools give priority to siblings of current students.)
- While charter schools have increased autonomy in decision making, they are accountable to the authorizer that grants the charter (in this case, City Schools), the parents who choose to send their children to the school, and the public that funds them.



- Afy Public Charter School
- Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys
- Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women
- Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School
- Banneker Blake Academy of Arts and Sciences
- City Neighbors Charter School
- City Neighbors Hamilton
- City Neighbors High School
- City Springs E/M School (neighborhood charter)
- ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School
- Coppin Academy
- The Crossroads School
- Empowerment Academy
- Green Street Academy
- Hampstead Hill Academy (neighborhood charter)
- Independence School Local I
- KIPP Academy
- Lillie May Carroll Jackson School
- Midtown Academy
- Monarch Academy Public Charter School
- Northwood Appold Community Academy
- Patterson Park Public Charter School
- Rosemont E/M School (neighborhood charter)
- Southwest Baltimore Charter School
- Tunbridge Public Charter School

Operator-run Schools

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Operator Schools – also often known as Transformation Schools – are run under contracts by "operators" outside the traditional district management structure. While they are City Schools, these schools are operated by independent education entities with specific themes and/or a unique approach. As part of its commitment to ensuring school effectiveness, City Schools periodically evaluates outside operators with respect to student academic performance, climate, and management and governance. These evaluations are used to inform decisions on whether to renew operators' contracts.

(To learn more about schools with outside operators, contact the New Initiatives Dept. in the CEO's office.)

Separate public day schools, serving students with disabilities

When the severity or nature of students' disabilities affects their performance and academic success within their community-based school setting, placement in a separate public day school may be appropriate, as determined by an Individualized Education Program team. City Schools' separate public day schools provide programming, facilities, and specialized staff to meet students' needs.

(Source for school types:
<http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/Page/24374>)

Alternative Programs

City Schools recognizes that circumstances outside of school can make attending a traditional school difficult for some students, while some students thrive in settings that offer specific supports. Alternative schools and programs are designed to help all students succeed academically and graduate ready for college or career training.

Accelerator options - Students can face circumstances that result in their falling behind their grade-level peers. City Schools offers several programs that help middle and high school students get back on track at an accelerated pace. Credit recovery and acceleration programs are available at many high schools that also offer traditional courses and scheduling. In these programs, students can make up credits they've missed, or get ahead on credits to graduate in a shorter time frame or open space in schedules for internships or other opportunities.

Health concerns - When students cannot attend school because of medical, physical or emotional conditions, City Schools' Home and Hospital program can arrange for instruction to be delivered at home or in hospital settings, through telecommunications and home visits.

Behavioral concerns - When there are concerns about a student's behavior or a student is in emotional or behavioral crisis, several programs offer both academic and behavioral supports. Students are referred to these programs by district staff in Enrollment, Choice and Transfers or Suspension Services.

(Please contact City Schools at 410-396-8600 to find out about the option that's right for you.)

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE OPEN HOUSES AND ADMISSIONS – ALSO AVAILABLE ON WWW.FFEE.ORG

SCHOOL	OPEN HOUSES	SHADOW DAYS	HOW TO APPLY	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Academy for College and Career Exploration (middle and high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Afya Public Charter School (middle)	12/6/18, 10 AM 1/10/19, 10 AM 1/17/19, 10 AM RSVP on Afya PCS website		Application available in December on Afya PCS website	TBD
Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts (high)	11/13/18, 9 AM 12/11/18, 5 PM	11/20/18 12/13/18	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Baltimore City College (high)	10/17/18, 6 PM 11/8/18, 6 PM	10/17/18 11/13/18 11/15/18 12/4/18 12/6/18	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/18/19
Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys (middle)			Applications not yet available. Check Baltimore Collegiate website for application.	TBD
Baltimore Design School (middle and high)	<u>MS interest survey days & HS tours and portfolio review days:</u> 10/17/18, 4:30 PM (HS graphic design only) 11/14/18, 4:30 PM 12/12/18, 4:30 PM 1/12/19, 10 AM 2/20/19, 4:30 PM (HS portfolio review day; MS interest survey) 3/20/19, 4:30 PM (HS portfolio review day; MS interest survey)		Submit BDS application online or mail a hard copy + Attend interest survey day (or open house) HS: Submit BDS application online or mail a hard copy + Attend high school tour + Submit portfolio and participate in a portfolio review day	1/25/19 See list of dates in 'Open House' column 1/25/19 See list of dates in 'Open House' column
Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women (middle and high)	12/13/18, 6 PM		Submit BLYSW application online	TBD
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter Middle School			Submit Baltimore Montessori application online or in-person at the school	2/8/19
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (high)	10/28/18, 1 PM 11/15/18, 5 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/18/19
Ingenuity at Poly	10/28/18, 1 PM 11/15/18, 5 PM		Application available on Ingenuity website on 11/1 + Take the Ingenuity-administered CogAt tes + List Poly in the 1 st choice spot on the City Schools choice application	TBD 1/12/19 1/18/19
Baltimore School for the Arts (high)		Many dates through December 19, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM; schedule with your school counselor or choice liaison	Email BSFA application form to Lisa Peels at highschoolauditions@bsfa.org or mail to her at the school to request an audition. + Audition for the school	11/21/18 Jan. 25-30, 2019
Banneker Blake Academy for Arts and Sciences (middle, male only)			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
BARD High School Early College	10/18/18 11/1/18 11/15/18 11/29/18 12/13/18 1/10/19 All at 5:30 PM		Register online for a BHSEC open house + Attend BHSEC open house and complete writing assessment + Individual interview + List on City Schools choice application	1/10/19 1/18/19
Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West (middle and high, male only)			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Booker T. Washington Middle School			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19

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Carver Vocational-Technical High School	12/13/18, 4:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 needed for eligibility)	1/18/19
P-TECH at Carver			Contact Carver at 410-396-0553	TBD
City Neighbors Charter School (elementary and middle)	12/18/18, 6 PM 12/19/18, 9 AM 1/16/19, 9 AM 1/17/19, 6 PM 1/28/19, 9 AM 2/7/19, 6 PM		Email, fax, mail or deliver City Neighbors application to the school for admissions lottery	2/8/19
City Neighbors Hamilton (elementary and middle)	1/9/19, 6:30 PM 1/12/19, 1 PM 1/29/19, 6:30 PM 2/4/19, 9 AM		Email, mail, or deliver City Neighbors Hamilton application to the school for admissions lottery	2/8/19
City Neighbors High School	11/15/18, 6 PM 12/11/18, 6 PM		Email, mail or deliver City Neighbors High School application to the school for admissions lottery	2/8/19
City Springs Elementary/Middle School (neighborhood charter)			If you do not live in school attendance zone, submit City Springs EMS application for admissions lottery	TBD
ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School (middle and high)		11/13/18 12/6/18	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Coppin Academy (high)	10/18/18, 6:30 PM 11/5/18, 9 AM 11/29/18, 6:30 PM 1/26/19, 1 PM Register online for an open house	Many dates through January 14, 8-11 AM Register online for a shadow date	Submit Coppin Academy application online	2/8/19
Cross Country Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics			List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
The Crossroads School (middle)		Mon. – Thurs., 9-10 AM; schedule with your school counselor or choice liaison	Submit Crossroads application for admissions lottery	TBD
Digital Harbor High School	11/28/18, 4 PM 1/4/19, 5 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Edmondson-Westside High School	11/7/18, 4 PM 12/4/18, 4 PM	11/14/18 12/12/18, 8:15 AM – 12 PM	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 needed for eligibility)	1/18/19
Empowerment Academy (elementary and middle)	1/9/19		Submit Empowerment Academy application for admissions lottery	TBD
Forest Park High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics	11/12/18, 9 AM 1/16/19, 9 AM	11/12/18 1/16/19, 9 AM - 12 PM	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
Frederick Douglass High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Green Street Academy (middle and high)	12/12/18, 5 PM		Submit Green Street Academy application online	2/5/19
Hamilton Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics	10/25/18, 8:30 AM 11/14/18, 4:30 PM 11/20/18, 8:30 AM 12/12/18, 4:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
Hampstead Hill Academy (elementary and middle, neighborhood charter)	11/13/18, 8:20 AM		If you do not live in school attendance zone, email the Hampstead Hill application to geriswann@hotmail.com or mail to her at the school.	2/8/19
Independence School Local I High School	11/14/18, 9 AM 12/12/18, 9 AM		List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
<i>Ingenuity Project at...</i>	10/17/18, 5:30 PM 11/10/18, 10 AM		Application available on Ingenuity website on 1/1	TBD
<i>Hamilton EMS</i>	AT POLY		+ Take the Ingenuity-administered CogAt test	1/12/19
<i>Mount Royal EMS</i>			+ List these three schools on the City Schools choice application	1/18/19
<i>Roland Park EMS</i>				
KIPP Ujima Village Academy (middle)			Submit KIPP Ujima Village application for admissions lottery	TBD

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Lillie May Carroll Jackson School (elementary and middle, female only)			Submit Lillie May application online for admissions lottery	TBD
Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School	11/14/18, 5 PM 11/17/18, 10 AM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 475 needed for eligibility)	1/18/19
Midtown Academy (elementary and middle)			Complete Midtown Academy application for admissions lottery	TBD
Monarch Academy Public Charter School (elementary and middle)			Complete Monarch Academy application for admissions lottery	TBD
Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics	11/7/18, 9 AM 12/12/18, 5 PM	12/4/18 12/6/18 12/18/18 12/20/18 8-11:30 AM	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
NACA Freedom and Democracy Academy II (middle and high)	11/19/18, 10 AM 11/20/18, 5 PM		Complete NACA application for admissions lottery	TBD
National Academy Foundation (middle and high)	11/15/18, 4 PM	12/14/18	List on City Schools choice application. For HS applicants: interview required. Schedule through your school counselor or choice liaison or call NAF and schedule directly with Mr. Richardson.	1/18/19
New Era Academy (middle and high)			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
P-TECH at New Era (high)			Contact New Era at 443-984-2825	TBD
Patterson High School			List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Patterson Park Public Charter School (elementary and middle)			Complete PPPCS application for admissions lottery	TBD
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School	11/14/18, 5 PM 12/12/18, 5 PM	1/4/19, 8:30 – 11:30 AM	List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/18/19
P-TECH at Dunbar (high)			Contact Dunbar at 443-642-4478	TBD
The REACH! Partnership School (high)	11/14/18, 4 PM 12/12/18, 4 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Reginald F. Lewis High School		12/6/18, 9-11 AM	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Renaissance Academy (high)	10/23/18, 4:30 PM	10/23/18, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics	11/15/18, 10:30 AM 12/4/18, 5 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
Rosemont Elementary/Middle School (neighborhood charter)			If you do not live in school attendance zone, complete Rosemont EMS application for admissions lottery	TBD
Southwest Baltimore Charter School (elementary and middle)			Fax, mail or deliver SBSCS application for admissions lottery	2/8/19
Stadium School (middle)	12/5/18, 9 AM	1/9/19, 8:45-11:15 AM	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Tunbridge Public Charter School (elementary and middle)	12/7/18, 8 AM 1/5/19, 8 AM 1/23/19, 9 AM 2/2/19, 9 AM		Tunbridge PCS application available in December	TBD
Vanguard Collegiate Middle School	12/5/18, 9 AM – 2 PM 12/18/18, 9 AM – 2 PM		List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (high)	11/17/18, 10 AM – 1 PM 12/6/18, 5:30 PM	November 19-30 & December 10-22	List on City Schools choice application	1/18/19
Waverly Elementary/Middle School – Advanced Academics			List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 355 required for eligibility)	1/18/19
Western High School	10/27/18, 12 PM 11/13/18, 5:30 PM		List on City Schools choice application (minimum composite score of 610 for eligibility)	1/18/19