

MY SCHOOL DC APPLICATION USER GUIDE School Year 2017-18

Purpose: The purpose of this guide is to assist you through the My School DC online application process. Refer to this guide as you complete the online application. The application is available in English and Spanish at MySchoolDC.org. This guide is meant to accompany the English version of the application.

Please note that this guide is <u>not</u> a substitute for the application, which is only available at MySchoolDC.org.

For assistance completing the online application, please call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. Staff are available to assist you in your language through a live interpreter and can complete an application with you over the phone.

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STEP 1: Access the 2017-18 My School DC Online Application

You can access the 2017-18 My School DC online application in three ways:

- 1. Go to MySchoolDC.org and click on Apply;
- 2. Go to MySchoolDC.org and click on the "Sign in or Create Account" button on the home page;
- 3. Go directly to https://apply.myschooldc.dc.gov/





STEP 2: Create a Family Account

To create a Family Account, click on the "Create Account in English" button in the "New Users" prompt.

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	Crear la cuenta en Español	
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There are two ways in which an applicant can create a family account:

- Email address; or
- Creating a username

You can only choose one of these two methods. Creating an account using an email address is strongly preferred.



Method 1: Creating a family account using an email address

First, click on the "Register with an email address" button.

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	Create a Family Account	
	Create a family account to start, save, edit and submit an application for each child in you applying to a new school. You will also use this account to see your lottery results.	ır family
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with an email address"	Register with an email address	ldress
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- 1. Enter your email address
- 2. Confirm your email address
- Click on "Submit" in the lower right-hand corner NOTE: To confirm your registration, please check your email for a message from <u>myschooldc@dc.gov</u>. Click on the link in the email to return to this site and choose your password. If you do not get an email from myschooldc@dc.gov, call 202-888-6336.
- 4. Once you've confirmed your registration, create a password. Your password must be 8 characters long.



6. Click on "**Submit**" in the lower right-hand corner





Method 2: Creating an account using a username

Click on the "I do not have an email address" button.

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		Create a Family Account		
		Create a family account to start, save, edit and s applying to a new school. You will also use this a	submit an application for each child in your family account to see your lottery results.	
		You have chosen to register without an email add You will need both to log back into your account. contact the My School DC Hotline at 202-888-633 information. ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED.	dress. Please write down your username and password. If you forget your username or password, you may 36, Monday-Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), to retrieve that I do not have an email address	<mark>"I do not have</mark> an email address"
1		Username:	Confirm Username:	2
3		Security Question 1:	Security Question Answer:	4
		Security Question 2: Choose One	Security Question Answer:	
5		Password: (Must be at least 8 characters)	Confirm Password:	6
			Submit	
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- 1. Enter your username. A username can be all letters, numbers, or a combination of both. Please write down the username created, and save for your records.
- 2. Confirm your username
- 3. Choose two security questions from the drop down menus. You will need to answer two of the following questions:
 - a. What is your grandmother's first name?
 - b. What is your mother's middle name?
 - c. What is your favorite movie?
 - d. What is your favorite color?
 - e. In what city were you born?
- 4. Type in your response to Security Question 1 and Security Question 2
- 5. Create a password. Your password must be 8 characters long. Please write down responses to security questions used, and save for your records.
- 6. Confirm your password



7. Click on "Submit" in the lower right-hand corner

STEP 3: Start an Application



To start a new application, go to the "Start a New Application" section at the bottom of the page.

- 1. Select your child's current grade
- 2. Select the grade that your child will be entering in Fall 2016
- 3. Click on "Start Application"



STEP 4: Entering Student Information



- 1. Student's First Name
- 2. Optional: Student's Middle Name
- 3. Student's Last Name
- 4. Student's Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
 - NOTE: Enter the Month, then Date, then Year
- 5. Student's Gender
 - Female
 - Male
- 6. Current grade level
- 7. Grade level next year (Fall 2016)



- 8. School that student is currently enrolled in
 - If you don't see your child's school, you will need to select "Other". You will be asked to enter the school's name, address, and phone number.
 - If your child is currently enrolled in a DCPS school or charter school, you will see a field for Student ID#. Please enter your child's Student ID#. If you do not know this number, call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-

enter the school's name, address, and phone	School that student is currently enrolled in
number.	Bancroft Elementary School
If your child is currently enrolled in a DCPS	Student ID#
school or charter school, you will see a field	
for Student ID#. Please enter your child's	More Information about Student ID# 8a.
Student ID#. If you do not know this number,	
call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-	
6336. You can also use your child's DC One Card	number. <u>You will only see this field if</u>

8b. Student ID#

Error Message 1. If you do not enter the Student ID#, you will see the following message:

your child is currently enrolled in a DCPS or charter school.

a. <mark>Enter Student ID</mark>	Please provide a student ID number. To learn more about this number and where you can locate it – click here. Still having My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email us at info@myschooldc.org and	trouble locating your child's ID number? Call the we can assist you.
	Enter Student ID	Continue without Student ID
		b. Continue without Student ID

This message says: "Please provide a student ID number. To learn more about this number and where you can locate it - click here. Still having trouble locating your child's ID number? Call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email us at info.myschooldc@dc.gov and we can assist you."

You have two options if you see this message:

- a. Click on "Enter Student ID" to enter your child's Student ID #.
- b. Click on "Continue without Student ID" to continue with the application. Please note that we strongly urge you to call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336 to secure this information before proceeding with your application.
 - **NOTE:** If you elect this option and your child is applying to a selective citywide high school, • their standardized scores will not be automatically uploaded and you will need to provide this information yourself.





Error Message 2: If you enter your child's Student ID# incorrectly, you will see the following message:

This message says: "We're sorry, but we do not recognize the student information you provided. Please double check that the student's ID number, name, and date of birth were entered correctly. If you continue to receive this message, please contact the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email us at info.myschooldc@dc.gov."

You have two options if you see this message:

- a. Call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336 to verify you have the correct Student ID# for your child. When you obtain the correct information, click on "Double Check Info/Edit" to edit the Student ID#.
- b. If you want to proceed with the information as you have entered it without checking to see if the Student ID# was entered correctly, click on "Continue with the information as is". If you elect this option and your child is applying to a selective citywide high school, their standardized scores will not be automatically uploaded, and you will need to provide this information yourself.
 - 9. <u>Optional</u>: Click on "Save and Come Back Later" to save the application and return to it at a later time. You will need to log back into your family account to access the application.
 - 10. Click on "Save and Continue" to continue to the next step of the application.

Once you click on "**Save and Continue**" you may receive one of two error messages. If you receive an error message, please follow the instructions below. If you do not receive an error message, please continue with the application.



Error Message 1. If you have already started an application for the same child in your family account, you will see the following error message after you click on "**Save and Continue**":



"Okay"

The message says: "We're sorry, but it looks like an application has already been created for this student. If you would like to edit the existing application, please go back to the Family Account Summary page and access your application there."

You will need to click the "**Okay**" button, and then you will be taken back to the Family Account Summary page where you can access your existing application.

Error Message 2: If an application has already been created for this student through another family account, you will see the following error message after you click on "**Save and Continue**":



The message says: "We're sorry, but it looks like an application has already been created for this student using another account. If you need help accessing the existing application, please contact the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email us at info.myschooldc@dc.gov. Only one application may be submitted per student. My School DC will delete any duplicate applications before running the lottery."



You can either click "**Continue**" to move forward with the application or "**Exit**" to exit the application. Please call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336 for additional assistance.

Error Message: You applied to PK3. Based on your child's age you are eligible for PK4. Do you want to update your grade level to PK4?



Error Message: You applied to PK3. Based on your child's age you are eligible for Kindergarten. Do you want to update your grade level to PK4?

You applied to PK3. Based on your child's age you are eligible for Kinderg your grade level to Kindergarten?	arten. Do you want to update
No	Yes
No	Yes

Error Message: You applied to PK4. Based on your child's age you are eligible for Kindergarten. Do you want to update your grade level to Kindergarten?

You applied to PK4. Based on your child's age you are eligible for Kindergarten. Do you w your grade level to Kindergarten?	ant to update
No	Yes
No	Yes



STEP 5: Entering Primary Guardian Information

		Family Information]	
		Please provide your most up-to-date contact inform you if they have space available for your child.	nation. Schools will use this contact information to notify		
		Guardian			
		This person should be the legal guardian with who address will be used to confirm in-boundary and pu	m the student primarily resides. The guardian's roximity preferences for the student.		
		First Name	Preferred Language		
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		Last Name	Who is completing this application?		
2		Parent	Select 🔹 🖌		6
		Telephone #1	Email Address Optional		
3	\rightarrow	(301) 379-8559	←		
		Telephone #2 OPTIONAL			I
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		The guardian's address will be used to confirm in-b	ooundary and proximity preferences for your child.		
		Street Address (Ex: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW)	Apt/Suite/Unit # OPTIONAL		
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		City	Chata		9
10	1		State		
10	\rightarrow	WASHINGTON			11
		Zip Code			
	12	20020			
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- 1. First Name
- 2. Last Name
- 3. Telephone #1
- 4. <u>Optional</u>: Telephone #2
- 5. Preferred language
- 6. Who is completing this application? Select from the following options:
 - o Parent
 - o Guardian
 - o Grandparent
 - Aunt/Uncle
 - Social worker/counselor
 - o I am the student
 - \circ Other



- 7. Optional: Email address
- 8. Street address
- 9. Optional: Apartment # / Suite # / Unit #
- 10. City
- 11. State
- 12. Zip code

Error Message: System does not recognize your address as a valid DC address. Select an address from the options provided.

If you receive an error message when you type in your address, it is because the system does not recognize the address you entered. The message will provide you with two options:

- a. The **suggested address** the system believes is correct
- b. The original address you entered.



You can take one of the following actions:

- If the address the system suggests for you is correct, <u>please select that option and click on "Save</u> <u>and Continue</u>".
- If you choose to continue with the original address you entered, <u>please select that option and</u> <u>click on "Save and Continue</u>".
- If neither of the addresses are correct and you need to edit the address in its entirety, please click on "Go back and edit my original address".



DCPS School Boundaries Grandfathering Clause

The address you enter on your My School DC application may prompt the following question: "**Do you** have a sibling currently enrolled at _____ school, who will still be attending the school next year?"

If this question does show up for you, it refers to the grandfathering clause for the new school boundaries. In August 2014, the Mayor and Chancellor approved and adopted the updated attendance zones and feeder patterns. The phase-in policy provides in-boundary rights to families who have been zoned out of the boundary beginning in SY15-16 and have another child currently attending the school.

If your child does have a sibling that currently goes to the school indicated on the question, click "**yes**". If your child does not have a sibling that currently goes to that school, click "**no**".

Please call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336 if you have questions.

	City	State
	WASHINGTON	District of Columbia
"Do you have a sibling currently enrolled at school, who will still be attending the school next year?"	Zip Code 20017 Do you have a sibling currently enrolled at La attending the school next year? Yes No Why am I being asked?	Salle-Backus Education Campus, who will still be
	Yes No	



Additional Contact (Optional)

	Additional Contact		
	This additional contact could be another gua or uncle; your caseworker or social worker; a	rdian; your spouse or partner; your child's grandparent, aunt, close friend; etc.	Preferred
	First Name	Preferred Language	Language
First Name		Select	
Last Name	Last Name	Email Address Optional	Optional:
Last Name			Email Addres
Telephone #1	Telephone #1		
Optional: Telephone #2	Telephone #2 Optional		
Street Address	Street Address (Ex: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue	NW) Apt/Suite/Unit # OPTIONAL	Ontional: Ant
Street Address			Suite / Unit #
City	City	State	
		Select One	State
Zip Code	Zip Code		
How did you loorn	Please send any notifications to both con	tacts.	
about My School DC?	How did you learn about My School D	2 Check all that apply	
Check all that apply.	School website or open house	 A My School DC field representative approached me while I was out 	
	Social media	Staff member at my current school	
	🔲 Metro, bus or radio advertisement	Staff member at another school	
	At a My School DC or community event	Family / friend	
	A My School DC field representative came my home	^{e to} Other	
	Save and Come Back Later	Save and Continue	
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	Save and Come Back Later	Saue and Continue	



Once all information is entered, click on "Save and Continue" to move forward with the application or on "Save and Come Back Later" to save the application and return to it later.

How did you hear about My School DC? Check all that apply.

The options are (listed in order):

Left column (6 options)

- School website
- School open house
- School staff member
- A My School DC representative approached me while I was out
- Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
- My child's daycare

Right column (5 options)

- Metro, bus, or radio advertisement
- EdFEST the citywide school fair
- At a community event
- Family / Friend
- Other



STEP 6: Review and confirm student and guardian information

If you need to make a correction to information entered, click on "**Edit/Update Information**". Otherwise, click on "**Save and Continue**" button at the bottom right-hand corner of the page to continue with the application.





STEP 7: Selecting Schools

Applicants are able to select up to 12 schools. Once you have selected the schools you want to apply to, click on "**Save and Continue**" to move forward with the application or on "**Save and Come Back Later**" to save the application and return to it later.



NOTE: An applicant's in-boundary school will be displayed in the top left-hand corner. An applicant's inboundary DCPS school is determined by the address the primary guardian lists on the application. Applicants will not see their in-boundary or feeder schools in the school selection menus because they can directly enroll at these schools if they will attend grades K-12.

However, if an applicant wants to attend their in-boundary DCPS school for grades PK3 and / or PK4, they MUST apply through My School DC. Their in-boundary school will be an option for them to select in the dropdown menu, and they will receive an "in-boundary preference" when applying to their in-boundary school.



Sibling preference

In order to indicate a sibling preference at a school, the applicant should check the checkbox in the blue box to the right of the school name and provide the sibling's name, grade, and Student ID (if it is a DCPS school).

If the applicant is applying to their in-boundary PK3/PK4 DCPS program and has a sibling (grades K-12) that is not currently enrolled at the in-boundary school but will attend that school in school year 2017-18, they can request a sibling preference. Check the checkbox in the blue box to the right of the school name and provide the name of the sibling that will attend the in-boundary school, their grade (must be grades K-12), and "0000000" for the Student ID. There must be seven 0s in order for the system to recognize the ID. The sibling must enroll at the in-boundary school for school year 2017-18 in order for the applicant to receive sibling preference.

Special Requirements

Some schools have special requirements which are highlighted in red text. Some of the requirements ask that families check the "I understand" checkbox in order to continue on. If you need assistance understanding the special requirements, please call the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336.





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STEP 8: DCPS Selective Citywide High Schools



- 1. You can navigate the individual selective citywide high school application pages by clicking on the school names in the chart at the top of the page.
- 2. Progress chart that shows whether you provided each required piece of information.
- 3. Optional: Click "Edit School Choices" if you want to add more schools or remove schools from your list.





Students who apply to any selective citywide high school must submit scores. Please upload one PDF that includes the items listed below:

- Your most recent report card
- Your previous year's final report card (which should include grades from all the previous year's marking periods)
- A copy of your most recent standardized test score report to verify your scores. Public school students should use their 2016 PARCC scores. (If you are only applying to School Without Walls and not any other selective high school, you do not need to include this.) The application system will allow you to upload only one PDF, so please include all items in a single file. Your school counselor also has the ability to upload this document on your behalf.

NOTE: If you are currently enrolled in a DCPS or public charter school, and you provided your Student ID# earlier in this application, your 2016 PARCC scores will be automatically entered below. Current DCPS students who provided a Student ID# will also have their report cards provided for them. Charter school students will need to upload their own report cards. To view your report cards click the "View Report Card" link below.(See Step 5.)

Report cards should automatically upload for current DCPS students only. If you do not see this information, please contact the My School DC Hotline at (202) 888-6336.

If you do need to upload the information manually, follow these steps:

- You will need to scan your child's report cards and standardized test report together to create a single PDF file.
- The maximum file size for the PDF upload is 5MB. Reduce your file size by ensuring you are not including any unnecessary documents or blank pages.
- For parents uploading PARCC score reports only the top summary page with the raw scores needs to be included (see below for an example.) If the PARCC scores were automatically pulled for you through the Student ID# used, you do not need to include PARCC documentation in your uploaded PDF.





STEP 9: Ranking Your School Choices

In this section, applicants will rank the schools selected in order of preference (e.g., your 1^{st} choice, 2^{nd} choice, 3^{rd} choice, etc.). <u>The order in which applicants rank schools matters</u>. The lottery will try to match you with your 1^{st} choice, then your 2^{nd} choice, and so forth.

<u>Students will be matched with no more than one school</u> and will only be waitlisted at schools they ranked higher than the school where they are matched.

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Rank Schools				
You've selected schools matters.	schools. Now, please li	ist them in the order you p	prefer. The order in which you rank	
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The lottery will tr matched with no school where the My 1 st choice is: My 2 nd choice is:	y to match you with you more than one school, ey are matched. Learn Select One Select One	Ir 1st choice first, then you , and will only be waitlisted more here.	Each drop down is pre-popula with the school selections fr	be he ated
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STEP 10: Confirm and Submit

Confirm the following:

- 1. Student Name
- 2. Date of Birth
- 3. Gender
- 4. Current School
- 5. Requested Grade
- 6. Click on "Edit/Update Student Information" to make any edits.





- 7. Click on "Edit School Choices" to make changes to your school selections.
- 8. Click on "Edit School Rankings" to change your school rankings.
- 9. Next, certify that all of the information you provided was accurate by clicking the checkbox.

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information on this application may disqualify and void my application. I further acknowledge that once I am admitted to a school, I must comply with all enrollment requirements at that school to accept my offer of admission, including proving DC residency, completing a My School DC Enrollment form, and providing any additional information required by the school.

The message says, "I certify that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information on this application may disqualify and void my application. I further acknowledge that once I am admitted to a school, I must comply with all the enrollment requirements at that school to accept my offer of admission, including proving DC residency, completing a My School DC enrollment form, and providing any additional information required by the school."

- 10. Sign the application by typing in your name
- 11. The date will be prepopulated
- 12. <u>Optional</u>: Click "**Save and Come Back Later**" to save the application and return to it at a later time. You will need to log back into your family account to access the application.
- 13. Click "Submit Application" to submit your application.

When you submit your application you will automatically receive a tracking number. If you created a family account using an email address, this number will also be emailed to you. Refer to this number if you call the My School DC Hotline for assistance. The Hotline can be reached at (202) 888-6336, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.





EDITING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications Not Yet Submitted

You can edit or delete your saved application at any time before the application deadlines.

When you log into your family account, you'll see the Family Account Summary Page.

You can click "**Edit Application**" and that will UNSUBMIT your application, so you can make any changes. You can update contact info, change school rankings, and add or delete schools. After making changes, you must RE-SUBMIT your application in order for it to be entered into the lottery.

You can click "Delete Application" only if you no longer want your application to be considered.

	YET SUBMITTED		
STUDENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE IN FALL 2016	
MSDC STUDENT	3/2/2009	1	Edit Application Delete Application
			Delete Application



Submitted Applications

You can edit or delete your submitted application at any time before the application deadlines.

When you log into your family account, you'll see the Family Account Summary Page.

You are able to:

- 1. View and print your application
- 2. Edit your application
- 3. Delete your application
- 4. Edit your school rankings
- 5. View the status of your recommendations, or edit any of the emails you provided for your recommenders in the DCPS selective high school section of the application, if you applied to a selective high school(s).

TRACKING	STUDENT	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE IN FALL 2015	SCHOOLS REQUESTED	
1186 Amy L	Amy Lottery	1/14/2008	1	Capital City PCS – Lower School Bunker Hill Elementary School	View/Print Application
					Edit Application
					Delete Application
					Edit Rankings
1236 Wallace lotte	ery 2/14/2004	9	Friendship PCS - Collegiate (View/Print Application	
				BASIS DC PCS	Edit Application
				Phelps Architecture, Construction and Engineering High School	Delete Application
					Edit Rankings
				r	View Status of Recommandations

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