



Public School Lottery QUICK START GUIDE SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26



KEY DATES

December 7, 2024
EdFEST (Grades 9-12)

December 14, 2024
EdFEST (PK3 – Grade 8)

December 16, 2024
Lottery application opens

February 3, 2025
Application deadline (Grades 9-12)

March 3, 2025
Application deadline (PK3 – Grade 8)

March 28, 2025
Lottery results are available

April 26, 2025
Enrollment Saturday

May 1, 2025
Enrollment deadline for
matched students

WHAT IS MY SCHOOL DC?

My School DC is the common application and public school lottery for DC Public Schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools that serve PK3 – Grade 12. Families can apply to up to 12 public schools using one application and participate in a single, random lottery.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply online at MySchoolDC.org by the lottery application deadlines. If you have questions or need help, the My School DC hotline is available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **(202) 888-6336** or by emailing info.myschooldc@dc.gov.

WHO NEEDS TO APPLY?

Submit a My School DC application if you wish to enroll your child as a **NEW** student at a:

- PK3 or PK4 program at any DCPS school, *including* your DCPS in-boundary school
- Dual-language strand at any DCPS in-boundary elementary school (PK3 – Grade 5)
- DCPS school outside your boundary or feeder pattern, including DCPS citywide schools (PK3 – Grade 12)
- DCPS selective high school or program (Grades 9-12)
- Participating public charter school (PK3 – Grade 12)

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