



Public School Lottery QUICK START GUIDE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27



KEY DATES

December 6, 2025

EdFEST (Grades 9-12)

December 13, 2025

EdFEST (PK3 – Grade 8)

December 15, 2025

Lottery application opens

February 2, 2026

Application deadline (Grades 9-12)

March 2, 2026

Application deadline (PK3 – Grade 8)

March 31, 2026

Lottery results are available

April 25, 2026

Enrollment Saturday

May 1, 2026

Enrollment deadline for
matched students

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My School DC



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)

**If you moved out-of-boundary from your DCPS school and lost your right to the middle or high school feeder school, you will need to apply to it. See [DCPS Enrollment and Lottery Handbook](#) for details.*