

Frequently Asked Questions about the Newark Enrolls Process: 2019-2020 School Year

What should I know about the application?

- Apply at any time between December 3, 2018 – February 15, 2019.
- List schools in order of your true preferences to have the best chance of getting into your preferred schools. We will attempt to match your child to the highest possible choice.

How can I learn more about schools and the application process?

- Visit www.newarkenrolls.org to review the School Guidebook, and additional information.
- Attend the school fair at Barringer High School Saturday December 8th, 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- For additional assistance, visit the Family Support Center at 765 Broad St. or go to www.newarkenrolls.org.

What do I need to apply?

- If your child already attends a public school in Newark, families will need their 6 digit NPS Student ID number (this is also their lunch ID) or 9 digit Newark Enrollment Number. If you do not know your child's ID number, ask your school or visit the Family Support Center.
- For students who currently attend non-district schools and are interested in applying to Magnet schools, you will need to submit attendance, grades, and standardized test scores as well as provide documentation of this information.

Will my student receive their first choice?

- Not all students will receive their top choice because some schools do not have enough space for all applicants.
- When a student does not receive his or her first choice, the matching process will move down the student's list of schools in order to place the student in his or her highest-ranked school that has available seats.

Can my student be matched to a school that isn't listed on his/her application?

- In rare cases where a student needs a new school (e.g. 8th grader entering high school) and there is not enough space available at the schools listed on their application, the student may be matched to their closest district school option with seats available.
- Applicants are never matched to a charter school unless they list it on their application.

I would like my children to attend the same school as their sibling. What should I do?

- With the exception of magnets, applicants who have a sibling **currently** attending the school receive the highest priority to be matched to that same school.
- Siblings who are applying at the same time receive priority to be matched together. Families with multiple applicants who are applying to attend a new school together should **list the schools for all students in the family in the same order** and indicate on the application that they would like to keep their children in the same school.

How does the neighborhood preference work?

- The neighborhood preference applies to all NPS PK-8th grade schools as well as some PK-8 charters. Seats in these schools are prioritized for siblings first and then all remaining seats are prioritized for students who live in the neighborhood.

How does the magnet school matching process work?

- All 6 district magnet schools have admission criteria. These schools rank all applicants using different criteria including standardized test scores, grades, and attendance. Some may also require an audition or an interview.
- All students can apply for admission into a magnet school. **However it is very rare for students to be accepted in 8th and 10th grades and even rarer in 11th and 12th grades.**
- Sibling priority does not apply to magnet schools.

Do special education students need to complete a different application?

- No, students with an IEP do not need to complete a separate application. Families should indicate on the application that their child has an IEP.

Do English Language Learners need to complete a different application?

- No, English language learners do not need to complete a different application. The online and paper applications are available in Spanish and Portuguese.