

Allen Park Public Schools



Limited Schools of Choice (SOC) Program for Kindergarten - 8th Grade for 2021-22 School Year

Welcome to AllenPark Public Schools, a district with a tradition of *an uncompromising commitment to excellence*. APPS has established a successful Schools of Choice Program for the past several years and the Board of Education has approved continuation of the program for the 2021-22 School Year.

Frequently Asked Questions:

□ **What is the timeline for applications?**

- Online applications, for Kindergarten through 8th grade, will be available starting Monday, April 5, 2021 through April 23, 2021 on the district's website - <https://www.allenparkschools.com/>. Please complete a separate application for each student.
- Completed applications must be submitted to schoolofchoice@appublicschools.com on or before April 23, 2021. No late applications can be accepted.
- NOTE: If any information is found to be inaccurate or false, the application will no longer be considered for acceptance.

□ **Current School of Choice Siblings – “Sibling Preference”**

By law, the siblings of Schools of Choice students (already attending APPS) have first priority if an opening exists. However, parents must complete the necessary application paperwork during the open application period. After the application window closes, we will assess our enrollment numbers. If we have enough openings in the grade level for each applicant, we will contact you to let you know you can complete the enrollment process. If we have more sibling applicants in a grade level than we have openings, there will be a lottery held for just those siblings. Parents will be contacted with their student's wait list number at that time. As openings are determined, we will pull from the sibling wait list before the new family wait list.

□ **When will I know if my child has been accepted as a SOC student?**

A random lottery will be held on April 30, 2021. A wait list will be generated for each grade level. You will be contacted by email and/or phone call by May 4, 2021, as to your student's position (number) on the waitlist. As enrollment numbers are assessed throughout the summer we will fill openings from the waitlist in numerical order. The state allows districts to offer a school of choice opening up until the end of the first week of the 2021-22 school year. There will be a minimum of one opening per grade level, K-8.

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□ **Do students, who have attended APPS but have moved out of the district, receive preference in the SOC application process?**

No, the state does not allow us to give preference to students who have moved out of the district. You will be considered a "new" SOC family thus being placed on the waitlist for new families.

- **What happens if one of my students gets accepted but the others do not?**
The student who has been offered a SOC opening can enroll in the district. Your other student(s) would need to attend your school of residence. However, you can apply for SOC in the next school year and your student(s) would be given preference, if openings exist, over new SOC families. This is not a guarantee of enrollment for the following year for siblings.
- **Should I enroll my student in my district of residence?**
Yes, we suggest that you do enroll your student in your district of residence in the event that you are not offered a SOC position with APPS. This way you are sure to get all the correspondence from that district.
- **Is there an orientation for School of Choice Families?**
Please contact your student's school for student orientation dates and times.
- **Will SOC guarantee my child's path through all levels in APPS?**
Yes. After completion of any grade level (i.e., elementary or middle) the student will advance to subsequent level as appropriate.
- **If I am participating in APPS SOC and I move within Wayne County, can my child continue to attend APPS?**
Yes. Please report any changes of address within Wayne County to the Pupil Accounting Office.
- **If I am participating in the APPS SOC and I move out of Wayne County, can my child continue to attend APPS?**
No. At the end of the current school year, the student must register in his/her home district.
- **Will my child receive transportation?**
Transportation is ***not provided*** to SOC students and is the responsibility of the parent. Students are expected to arrive and depart from school on time.
- Please send additional questions via email to schoolofchoice@appublicschools.com or call 313.827.1154 for assistance.

*The **Allen Park Community School** is an alternative high school geared toward students **ages 14-19** that have experienced a lack of success in the traditional high school setting. This school is open to all Wayne County residents. The purpose of the Allen Park Community School Family is to introduce, increase and enhance the social skills, academic ability, civic responsibility and creative expression of the individual in an atmosphere that promotes and supports a sense of community, belonging and the development of a positive image.*

*For more information and an application for the **Allen Park Community School**, please call 313.827.2660.*

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