

Allen Park Public Schools



Limited Schools of Choice (SOC) Program for Kindergarten - 8th Grade for 2022-23 School Year

Welcome to Allen Park Public Schools, a district with a tradition of *an uncompromising commitment to excellence*. The 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 2022-23 School Year.

FAQ

□ **What is the time line for applications?**

- Online applications, for Kindergarten through 8th grade, will be available starting Monday, March 28, 2022 through April 17, 2022 on our website. You must complete a separate application for each student.
- Completed applications must be submitted through the link provided on or before April 17, 2022. 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**

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 your students 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 18, 2022. A wait list will be generated for each grade level. You will be contacted by email and/or phone call by April 20, 2022, as to your student's position (number) on the wait list. As enrollment numbers are assessed throughout the summer we will fill openings from the wait list. The state allows districts to offer a school of choice opening up until the end of the first week of the 2022-23 school year, Sept. 9, 2022.

□ **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 wait list 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. 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.

Important Deadline: If notified of acceptance in the Schools of Choice Program, applicants must complete the online pre enrollment within 8 calendar days of notification. If the enrollment is not completed within this timeframe the student's space will be forfeited. Specific elementary buildings are not guaranteed.

Wait List: Those not selected will be placed on a wait list, and called in numerical selection order as positions become available.

Is there an orientation for School of Choice Families?

Each school will contact all new enrollments to provide information concerning orientations, meet the teacher and any other correspondence you will need.

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. Proof of residency is required even for SOC families. Upload proof through parent connect.

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. If attendance becomes an issue you may be asked to enroll in your district of residence earlier.

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.

Other questions can be emailed to schoolofchoice@appublicschools.com.

*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 contact: **(313) 827-2660**.*

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