

Frequently Asked Questions



Q. My child will not be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, can I still apply for school choice?

Unfortunately, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, in order to meet the Florida age requirement for kindergarten. School Choice options are not available for Pre-K students.

Q. Where is the School Choice application located?

It is located in your PARENT Portal.

Q. Do I need to re-apply each year?

No, once approved you are approved until you are ready to move to the next level (meaning Elementary to Middle or Middle to High).

Q. Can I apply for more than one school?

Yes, you may apply for up to 3 schools and you will be able to designate them by priority order.

Q. Can I change my priority order after I have submitted my application?

Yes, you may go in and make changes to save and submitted application any time until the March 1 deadline.

Q. I am a Leon County Schools employee. Do I still have to apply?

Yes

Q. I already have a child in a Leon County School and I want my other child to attend also. Do I have to apply for the sibling?

Yes, apply under "Sibling Support". Remember that the sibling must be attending the same school during the same year as the applicant.

Q. Can I apply for a school that is over capacity?

Once a year during the school choice window (January – March 1) everyone can apply for any school, regardless of the capacity. Schools that receive more applications than available seats will be processed by a lottery.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- NO RUSH! It is not first come, first serve.
- For new students who are not enrolled in Leon County Schools you will need to create your parent portal and register your student online to have access to the School Choice Application. Then a School Choice application can be submitted. This includes rising kindergarten students. To register go to www.leonschools.net/officeofadmissions.

Q. How do I know that my application was submitted correctly?

You will receive a message on the screen when you click "save=submit" and email confirmation after submitting your application.

Q. How will I know if I am approved?

You will need to log in to your Focus Parent Portal account for the results. You will be notified in your parent portal account by **March 31, 2023**.

Q. Can I get transportation?

No. Transportation is the parent or guardian's responsibility unless otherwise stated. (EX. Fairview Middle IB Prep and Rickards High IB)

Q. I am active military. Do I get approved or any school I apply for?

To qualify for Military Preferential Treatment when applying for school choice, as stated in the Leon County School Board Policy as well as Florida State Statute ("Dependent children of active duty military personnel **whose move to our district resulted from military orders**"), the parent or legal guardian must attach the military orders to the School Choice application, or bring into the School Choice office **prior** to the March 1 deadline.

Q. I live just above the Georgia state line and work in Tallahassee. Can I apply?

No. You may only apply if you live in Florida.

Q. Can I apply for a hardship?

No. Hardships are for the current school year only.

Please visit our website for more information, www.leonschools.net/schoolchoice