

## OneApp Animation HOW TO CHOOSE A SCHOOL

### NARRATOR

In New Orleans, families can apply to a variety of schools for their children, no matter where they live in the city.

We know that deciding which schools are right for your child can seem overwhelming. EnrollNOLA is here to help!

There are some steps your family can take to decide how to select which schools to list on your child's OneApp:

***First, start with your child's unique passions & talents*** The first step to finding a school that would be a good fit for your child is to think about what they love most about school. Is it Science? Art? Music? Sports? Reading? Look for schools that offer the programs that will help your child excel in school.

### ***Second, be practical***

Make sure your child's new school fits your family's routine and schedule. Consider things like:

- Does the school have before- and after-school care?
- Do you have other children in school? Is it important to you that they attend school together?
- Where is the school located? Is it important that the school be close to your home or workplace?

Remember, if your child is in elementary or middle school, they will receive priority to schools close to home. To learn which schools your child will get geographic priority to, look at the school profile pages on [EnrollNOLA.org](http://EnrollNOLA.org).

### ***Three, find schools that fit***

Once you know what you're looking for, go to [EnrollNOLA.org](http://EnrollNOLA.org) & start your search!

Click "Find a School" to search for programs and schools that meet your priorities. Each school profile includes important information, like the school location and contact information, as well as school performance, program offerings, and more.

You can look through individual profiles, one-by-one, or use the search and filter functions to see the list of schools that meet the criteria that matter to you.

To make it easier to return to the profiles of your preferred schools, you can save them to your

favorites by clicking on the “heart” icon at the top of each profile page. Remember, saving a school to your favorites is not the same as applying to it. You will still have to submit a OneApp to be considered for placement at your preferred schools!

EnrollNOLA works closely with partner organizations to include profiles for all public schools and early childhood centers in New Orleans.

#### ***Four, Visit in Person***

The best way to know what your most preferred schools and programs are really like is to visit them and talk to current parents and students.

Visit [EnrollNOLA.org](http://EnrollNOLA.org), or call your preferred schools, to find out when schools and programs are hosting open houses, or for information on the Urban League’s Annual Schools Expo.

#### **Five, Make your list**

Using what you’ve learned about schools, arrange your list of schools in the order you prefer them (1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, and so on.) You can apply to multiple schools and early childhood programs on your OneApp and you can adjust your rankings at any time before the application deadline.

Remember, if you’re already enrolled in a participating school, submitting an application is a serious decision. If you are assigned to a school on your application, your child will lose their spot at their current school. Make sure that your application only includes schools you know for sure you prefer MORE than your child’s current school.

You’re ready to submit your child’s OneApp! Go to [www.enrollnola.org](http://www.enrollnola.org) to learn more about the OneApp process, including the application and notification timeline and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also learn more about how OneApp works [here](#).