OneApp allows families to apply to any participating school, anywhere in the city. School choice can be intimidating, and making the right decision may feel difficult. This interactive guide will encourage you to explore your options carefully and lead you to making the best school choice for your child.

Rank what’s most important to you in selecting a school below (1 being the most important):

- Location
- School Performance
- School Curriculum/Activities
- Sports
- Siblings in School Together
- Special Services

Once you have completed your rankings, use the page guide below to learn more:

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LOCATION

Geographic location is important to many families. EnrollNOLA.org allows you to filter schools by “geographic catchment zones,” a way of splitting up the city by neighborhood. You can search which schools are closest to your home, job, etc. School transportation and your student’s activities before/after hours (p. 5) are other factors to consider when the location of the school is most important to you.

EnrollNOLA understands that, for some families, attending a school close to home is very important. That’s why nearly all elementary and middle schools that participate in OneApp give priority to half of all open seats to applicants who live in the school’s geographic zone. Students enrolling in most high schools will not receive geographic priority. This approach maximizes student choice and allows schools to specialize in particular programs and areas. Families should consider these factors when selecting schools and planning for next school year.

Geographic priority for most schools is determined by “geographic catchment zones,” a way of splitting up the city by zip code. The zones we use to determine placements can be seen in the map below. Applicants who reside in a school’s geographic catchment zone receive priority to 50% of the available seats at that school, unless stated otherwise. The reason that geographic priority only applies to 50% of available seats is to make sure that families who live further away can also have an opportunity to attend. You can look at each schools’ priority information on EnrollNOLA.org.
The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is committed to providing all Louisiana families access to high quality school choices. School performance and accountability measures are an important part of ensuring schools are meeting this commitment to their students.

Each year, LDOE issues School Performance Scores (SPS) and Letter Grades for public K-12 schools. These grades are based on student results on State tests, student performance on the national tests such as ACT and AP, and student graduation rates. Schools that are newly opened, experiencing a change in operator, or serve a unique student population, may not receive performance scores or letter grades.

Once a charter school’s contract expires, either the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) determines whether to renew the schools’ contract. The charter renewal process ensures that only the highest public performing schools remain in operation in New Orleans.

School Performance Scores and Letter Grades are two of several factors to take into account when selecting a school for your child. For more information on charter extension and renewal, how student performance is measured, and how and why these decisions are made, please visit EnrollNOLA.org, the Louisiana Department of Education at www.louisianabelieves.com, or OPSB at opsb.us.

Families who prioritize school performance first are encouraged to view the SPS/letter grade of schools. These scores are available at EnrollNOLA.org under each school profile*.
SCHOOL CURRICULUM/ACTIVITIES

Different schools may have different academic and extracurricular offerings, based on their school's philosophy and model. Visit EnrollNOLA.org to see more about schools' features, programs, and school mission, or call or visit your preferred schools to learn more about their offerings.

Additionally, some of our high schools participate in a state-wide career and college readiness program called Jump Start. Jump Start enables high school students to earn industry-valued credentials alongside their high school graduation requirements. Students completing Jump Start coursework will graduate with the skills needed to secure high-wage jobs and/or attend a rigorous post-secondary education program. Students will also have the opportunity to complete career readiness courses that help them master workplace behavioral and communication skills, while completing workplace internships and/or “virtual workplace experiences.”
Most high schools participating in OneApp offer Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) athletic programs to eligible enrolled students. If your child is interested in playing competitive sports, or if they are a current athlete, there are some important things to know about transferring or applying through OneApp:

- Students who participate in LHSAA athletic programs and who transfer to another school, either through OneApp or through another enrollment procedure, may lose their ability to play sports for up to a full calendar year. Please consider this when electing to transfer your student athlete.

- Schools may offer non-LHSAA athletics for attending students. Contact your preferred schools to find out more about the special clubs and programs they offer.

To see what LHSAA sports your preferred high schools offer, please visit their individual online profile pages at EnrollNOLA.org.
SIBLINGS IN SCHOOL TOGETHER

EnrollNOLA understands that families often want all of their children to attend the same school together. During the 2015-2016 OneApp Main Round, 97% of sibling-applicants were placed at the same school as their sibling(s), and 100% of kindergarten sibling-applicants were matched with their siblings. OneApp honors parents’ ability to choose either to send all of their students to school together, or to choose different schools based on each student’s individual interests and needs, in two important ways:

Sibling Priority
If a student applies to a school that their sibling already attends, the student will receive priority in the lottery. For sibling priority to take effect, the sibling must be scheduled to remain enrolled in the school for the coming school year. This means that the sibling of a graduating senior, for example, will not receive sibling priority to their sibling’s school.

Family Link
Family Link is how OneApp tries to keep siblings together when a parent / guardian submits an application for more than one child to attend the same school. During the 2015-2016 OneApp Main Round, 82% of family-linked students were matched to school together.

Please note that Family Link will only apply to students applying to public schools. If you include nonpublic schools on your application, Family Link will not apply. Family Link does not give you priority to the schools you list on your application.

School assignments are based on seat availability, so it is not guaranteed that your children will remain together. However, follow the steps above to make sure they are linked when submitting an application. If convenience is your biggest priority and the grade levels of your children are not all offered in the same school, you may also want to consider location and surrounding schools (see p. 3)
SPECIAL SERVICES

All K-12 New Orleans public schools, and most public early childhood programs, are required to meet your child’s needs as identified on his / her Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan. We encourage you to reach out to schools and programs directly to ask more about their special education services and staff. You can research your options by viewing school profiles at EnrollNOLA.org.

Please note that all K-12 LEAs are required to serve your child, regardless of exceptionality. If you have questions or concerns about special education programming, please email oneapp@enrollnola.org.
CHOOSING YOUR SCHOOL

Now that you have learned more about some factors to consider in picking a school, explore your options! Use EnrollNOLA.org to research schools and find the schools that you believe might be the best fit for your child.

After you do some research, think about what you said was important to you on page 2. Below, fill in the schools that you believe meet your #1 requirement.

____________________ is most important to me when selecting a school, and the following schools meet the criteria:

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Once you have listed your top school choices, mark their rankings in the circle, 1 being your highest rank. Then turn to page 11.
Now, think about what your #2 requirement was in a school. Are there any other schools that meet that criteria?

__________________________ is also important to me when selecting a school, and the following schools meet the criteria:

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Now you have to narrow down your school choices. If you are applying public school for the first time, or if you are entering kindergarten or 9th grade, we recommend listing 8 choices. Proceed to page 11.
HOW TO SUBMIT A OneApp

How do I know if I should submit a OneApp?
You should submit a OneApp if you are applying to a New Orleans participating school for the first time, or if you would like to apply to switch to a new school next year. Do NOT submit an application if you are satisfied with your child’s current school and would like for them to return to that school next year. If you submit a OneApp and receive a placement at one of your school choices, your child will lose their seat at their current school.

Where can I submit my OneApp?
Applications for the upcoming school year will be available online at EnrollNOLA.org.

How will I be notified of my child’s placement?
Application results will be available in the online application portal, which you can access at EnrollNOLA.org. Applicants will also receive an email to the email address provided on their application.

What happens after I receive my placement?
Once you receive your placement results, you must claim your child’s seat. All families are strongly encouraged to claim their Main Round placement, even if they intend to participate in a subsequent enrollment process. Claiming your Main Round placement will not impact your ability to participate in subsequent enrollment processes.

If you need assistance filling out your application, visit one of our Family Resource Centers listed on the back of this guide. CHECK ENROLLNOLA.ORG FOR IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES
Family Resource Centers

If you need assistance filling out your OneApp or if you are seeking to enroll in school for the current school year, visit a Family Resource Center. Our FRC’s also provide computer access to families who wish to fill out their application online. If you are applying for Early Childhood PK4 or NSECD programs, our advisors will verify your eligibility and inform you of your next steps. You can also pick up several helpful resources about the OneApp process and public schools in New Orleans.

Open Mon - Fri  8:30 AM - 4 PM
1-877-343-4773 | EnrollNOLA.org
No appointment necessary

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