

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION

Student Applicant Information (All Applicants)

***Required Information**

To begin the enrollment process, please provide us with information about the student.

1.1 *First Name:

1.2 Middle Name:

1.3 *Last Name:

1.4 Suffix:

1.5 Preferred Name:

1.6 *Date of Birth:

1.7 Age:

1.8 *Home Phone:

1.9 *Current School:

1.10 *Grade Applying for

1.11 *Does the student reside in Charleston County? Yes No

Enter Resident Student Applicant's current home address (physical address)

1.12 *Street Number:

1.13 *Street Address:

1.14 Apt #:

1.15 *City:

1.16 *State:

1.17 *Zip Code:

1.18 *Is student's mailing address different from the home address shown above? Yes No

Enter Student Applicant's mailing address (if different from current physical home address)

1.19 *Street Number:

1.20 *Street Address:

1.21 Apt #:

1.22 *City:

1.23 *State:

1.24 *Zip Code:

Applicant's Future Home Address (physical address)

Enter student's future home address.

1.25 *Street Number:

1.26 *Street Address:

1.27 Apt #:

1.28 *City:

1.29 *State:

1.30 *Zip Code:

1.31 *Please provide Current School District:

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Family Information

We will now need to collect information about your guardian(s). Please complete the form below to continue.

*With whom does the applicant live?

- Both Parents
 Mother Only
 Father Only
 Mother & Step Parent
 Father & Step Parent
 Legal Guardian
 Foster Mother
 Foster Father
 Caseworker
 Other

Guardian #1

2.1 *First Name:	*Last Name:
2.2 *Relationship to Student:	2.3 *Home Phone:
2.4 Cell Phone:	2.5 Day Phone:
2.6 *Does this guardian reside at the same address as the student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2.7 *Is this parent /guardian employed by CCSD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
*Employee #:	*Work Location:

The primary email address will be used for communication related to the application process.

2.8 *Primary Email Address:
2.9 Secondary Email Address:

Guardian #2

2.10 *First Name:	*Last Name:
2.11 *Relationship to Student:	2.12 *Home Phone:
2.13 Cell Phone:	2.14 Day Phone:
2.15 *Does this guardian reside at the same address as the student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2.16 *Is this parent /guardian employed by CCSD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
*Employee #:	*Work Location:

Other Parent/Guardian

For example, Step-parent, Foster Parent, or Legal Guardian

2.17 *First Name:	*Last Name:
2.18 *Relationship to Student:	2.19 *Home Phone:
2.20 Cell Phone:	2.21 Day Phone:
2.22 *Does this guardian reside at the same address as the student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2.23 *Is this parent /guardian employed by CCSD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
*Employee #:	*Work Location:

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School Choices

Please be sure that you indicate your school choices in order of priority beginning with your 1st choice. Please review the priorities that apply to the schools in which you are applying as well as the transportation limitations described on page 7 of this application. You may select a maximum of 5 school choices.

3.1 School Choice #1:

3.2 School Choice #2:

3.3 School Choice #3:

3.4 School Choice #4:

3.5 School Choice #5:

Sibling Information

This step is not applicable for Academic Magnet or Charleston School of the Arts

4.1 Siblings CURRENTLY ATTENDING CCSD Magnet / Choice School:

Student ID:	Birth Date:
First Name:	Current School
Last Name:	Current Grade:

4.2 Twin/Multiple APPLYING to Current School from question 4.1

Student ID:	Birth Date:
First Name:	Current School
Last Name:	Current Grade:

4.3 Siblings APPLYING TO CCSD Magnet / Choice School:

Student ID:	Birth Date:
First Name:	Current School
Last Name:	Current Grade:

4.4 Twin/Multiple APPLYING to Current School from question 4.3

Student ID:	Birth Date:
First Name:	Current School
Last Name:	Current Grade:

4.5 Is the parent/guardian an employee of school applied? Yes No

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Additional Information: Please initial to the left of each section below indicating that you have read the statements included.

I. Application Priorities:

CCSD Choice schools fall into the following categories: Countywide Magnet, Countywide Admissions Criteria Magnet, Constituent District Magnet, Montessori/ Partial Magnet, and Charter schools.

County Wide: These schools have a specific focus, use the application and lottery process for admission, and do not have an attendance zone.

- These schools have specific admissions criteria
- They are available through the application/admissions process to residents of Charleston County. Admissions Criteria are unique for each of the schools.
- Multiples criteria does not apply for this category of schools (except for CPA).
- Sibling attending priority does not apply (except for the separate lottery list at Buist.)
- CCSD Priority does not apply

Constituent District Magnet: This school has a specific focus and serves students within the designated Constituent attendance zone in which the school is located.

- Only students with home address in District 1 or District 2 can attend Jennie Moore Elementary or Laing Middle School
- Only students with home address in District 2 can attend Sullivan's Island Elementary School or James B. Edwards Elem
- Only students with home address in District 4 can attend Zucker Middle School or North Charleston Creative Arts Elem
- Only students with home address in District 9 or District 3 can attend Haut Gap Middle School
- Only students with home address in District 10 can attend Ashley River C. A. Elem School and St. Andrew's Math & Science
- Only students with home address in District 10 and District 23 can attend Montessori Community School
- Only students with home address in District 23 can attend E.B. Ellington Elementary School
- Only students with home address in District 20 can attend Mitchell Elementary School
- Zone Transportation is provided
- Multiples or Sibling currently attending priorities apply
- CCSD Employee priority applies only when residence is in designated constituent zone

Montessori/Partial Magnet: These schools have a specific focus and determined attendance zones. Additional seats may be allocated to students living outside of the attendance zone.

- School living in enrollment zone
- Siblings of currently enrolled student living in Charleston County
- Multiple siblings applying and living in Charleston County(if one is accepted, sibling is given priority)
- Student of CCSD Employee living in Charleston County
- Student living in constituent district
- Student of CCSD employee living out of Constituent district and in Charleston County
- Student living out of Constituent district and in Charleston County.
- Student of CCSD employee residing outside of Charleston County but eligible to attend CCSD magnet/choice schools
- Students residing outside Charleston county but eligible to attend CCSD magnet by owning real property in Charleston County in the name of the student with a tax assessed value of \$300.00 or more and paying tuition
- Multiples criteria applies

II. Children of CCSD Employees:

- An employee is determined as someone who works at least 30 hours per week on average and works a minimum of 180 days.
- The district may admit the children of nonresident custodial employees provided the following criteria are met:
 - The parent/legal guardian submits a release form from the school district in which he/she resides.
 - The parent/legal guardian makes an application according to the approved timeline, process and format as posted on the link below or as found at the Charleston County School District's website.
 - There is available space as determined by the district's calendar of capacity and enrollment projections.
 - The parent/guardian must provide annual proof of current CCSD employment.
 - Nonresident tuition charges will be waived for children of employees for as long as the custodial parent of the student remains employed by the district and meets the definition of "employee" as specified in Policy JFABCA Voluntary Transfers For Children Of CCSD Employees.

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III. Special Needs

CCSD has highly specialized instructional programs for students with significant needs in strategic locations throughout the district and provides reasonable accommodations for all students to access instruction and the educational environment. If your child has been identified as a student who has an IEP or 504 Plan, his / her IEP Team or 504 Team must meet prior to enrollment to consider the educational needs of the student, determine the program required to ensure a Free and Appropriate Public Education, and determine if the chosen school placement is able to meet the requirements of the IEP within the existing programs within the school (see 34 CFR 300.116 and 34 CRF 300.114 through 300.120 of the IDEA Regulations).

IV. Transportation

Transportation to a CCSD magnet/choice school is provided from centralized bus stops. This is not the same pick up process as for students attending their "home" attendance zone school.

CCSD does not transport students younger than 4yrs old.

Centralized locations are used for magnet/choice school bus stops and could be as far as five miles from your home in commercial or unsupervised areas within the designated constituent district. (See chart on next page)

These are parent assisted bus stops and are not intended to be stops to which most students can walk or be left unattended.

IEP teams may determine transportation needs for students who may require additional provisions. For most efficient routing, riders may be pooled with a wide range of age groups on the same bus. This should be considered when submitting an application for a magnet school.

The detailed information regarding specific routes will be available near the beginning of school when routes are developed. Also please note, charter schools handle their own transportation and you should contact them directly if you are applying for a charter school and have questions related to transportation.

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Geographic Area in Which Magnet Transportation Provided	Elementary	Middle	High School
Countywide Transportation Provided	Buist Elementary Charleston Progressive Academy Memminger IB World School		Academic Magnet High Charleston SOA Early College High Burke AP Academy Military Magnet Academy
**Constituent District 1 & 2 St. James Santee & Mt. Pleasant Constituent District 2 (Only) Mt. Pleasant	Sullivan's Island ES James B. Edwards **Jennie Moore	Laing	
Constituent District 3 James Island, Charleston	Murray LaSaine Montessori	Haut Gap Advanced Studies	
Constituent District 4 North Charleston, Ladson	Malcolm C. Hursey Montessori North Charleston Creative Arts	Jerry Zucker	
Constituent District 9 John's Island, Wadmalaw Island	Frierson Montessori Murray LaSaine Montessori	Haut Gap Advanced Studies	
Constituent District 10 West Ashley	Montessori Community School Ashley River Creative Arts St. Andrew's Math & Science		
Constituent District 20 Downtown Charleston	Charleston Progressive Academy Mitchell Math & Science James Simons Montessori		
Constituent District 23 Hollywood, Ravenel, Edisto Island	EB Ellington Advanced Studies Montessori Community School		

Transportation provided as charter directs approve. Please see each charter website for additional information.

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V. Out of County Residents/Students

Please be advised, pursuant to CCSD Policy JFAB - Nonresident Students, JFAB - R (its Administrative Rule), Policy DFG - Tuition Income, and State law, any student residing outside of Charleston County is required to own property in their name, with a tax assessed value of \$300.00 or more, within Charleston County, in order to retain a seat they may be offered. Out of county students, except for those specifically exempted, will be required to pay tuition to attend a CCSD school. Proof of property ownership by an out of county student is due no later than June 30, 2020, to the Office of General Counsel.

If a parent fails to provide verifiable proof that the student owns property within Charleston County by June 30, 2020, the student will lose the seat they may have been offered as of July 1, 2020, the day after the deadline. There will be no recourse for reconsideration. The seat offered to an out of county student who fails to provide proof of property ownership will be offered to another student on the waiting list.

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VI. Policies:

The Charleston County School District (CCSD) and its Board of Trustees provides an online policy manual for public reference. Some of the policies that parents may wish to read pertaining to enrollment, student transfers, and school choice are as follows:

- Policy JB Equal Educational Opportunity/Nondiscrimination; Policy JCA Assignment of Students to Schools Policy; JE Compulsory Attendance Policy; JEB Entrance Age Policy; JFAA Admission of Resident Students Policy; JFAAA Assessing Legal Residence and Domicile; Policy JFAAA-E Penalties for Providing False Information; Policy JFAB Nonresident Students Policy; JFABC Student Transfers Policy; JFABCA Voluntary Transfers For Children Of CCSD Employees; Policy JFABD Admission of Homeless Students; Policy JFB School Choice; Policy JI Student Rights and Responsibilities; Policy JIE-JIF-JIG Pregnant Students-Students with Children-Married Students; Policy JRA Student Records. Charter Schools: Priorities are uniquely designated by each approved Charter Magnet.

The online CCSD policy manual provides links to the S.C. Code of Laws and State Board of Education Regulations for reference within each policy, as appropriate. The following is an overview of important requirements and policies. To access detailed information, refer to the online CCSD policy manual.

VII. Entrance Age Requirements:

- **Preschool age children with disabilities:** The superintendent shall provide for all three, four and five year old children with disabilities who reside in the district a free appropriate public education, consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- **Four year old child development:** Four year olds may apply for optional child development programs depending on space availability and following state regulations for such programs. Students must be four on or before September 1.
- **Kindergarten**
Students may enroll in kindergarten if they are either one of the following.
 - age five on or before September 1 of the school year
 - substantially began attending a public school kindergarten program in another state which has a different attendance age requirement from South Carolina
- **First grade**
Students may enroll in the first grade under one of the following conditions.
 - age six on or before September 1 of the school year
 - substantially began a first program in another state that has a different attendance requirement from South Carolina have attended a public school kindergarten program for one full school year

HELP:

- The online Smart Choice application is easy to use and you may contact the School Choice Office at 843-937-6582 or a choice school for which you are applying for assistance.
- Some choice schools have admissions criteria or other requirements that must be met in order for application to be completed and eligible for acceptance at the respective school.
- Specific information about admissions criteria will be available to you if you apply to a school with additional requirements, or you may visit the web page of each school that interests you to get this specific information.
- Additional information regarding CCSD School Choice, including Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the CCSD Webpage.

Charleston County School District is required by federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, disability, sex, age, national origin, immigrant status or English-speaking status, or marital status. The board commits the district to nondiscrimination in all its education and employment activities and in all its dealings with the community.

FINAL SIGNATURE: My signature below indicates that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____