SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

**January 2024** starts the annual school application process for the 2024-25 school year. Students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), will receive an application from their teacher.

Parents may apply for their child to attend any elementary or middle school in the Omaha Public Schools. Approval of applications is subject to the availability of space at the requested school(s) and the priorities set forth in the Assignment Plan. Only enrollment into neighborhood schools is guaranteed.

The current Student Assignment Plan considers the student's residence and distance to school, to determine transportation eligibility. The Plan is organized around eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the District. The residential address and corresponding neighborhood school identify the partner zone.

**ELEMENTARY PARTNER ZONES**

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| **Elementary Partner Zone 1** | **Elementary Partner Zone 2** | **Elementary Partner Zone 3** | **Elementary Partner Zone 4** |
| Belvedere K-5  Florence K-5  Fullerton K-5  Masters K-5  Prairie Wind K-5  Saddlebrook K-5  Wakonda K-5 | Boyd K-5  Lothrop K-5  Miller Park K-5  Minne Lusa K-5  Pinewood K-5  Ponca K-5  Sherman K-5  Springville K-5 | Benson West K-5  Central Park K-5  Dodge K-5  Hartman K-5  Mount View K-5  Rose Hill K-5  Western Hills K-6 | Adams K-5  Druid Hill K-5  Fontenelle K-5  King K-5  Picotte K-5  Skinner K-5  Standing Bear K-5  Sunny Slope K-5 |
| *Wilson Focus (3-6) will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. More information available at www.ops.org/wilson or call Wilson at 531-299-2260.* | | | |
| **Elementary Partner Zone 5** | **Elementary Partner Zone 6** | **Elementary Partner Zone 7** | **Elementary Partner Zone 8** |
| Belle Ryan K-6  Catlin K-5  Dundee K-6  Field Club K-5  Jackson K-6  Liberty K-6  Pine *K-5*  Walnut Hill K-6  Washington K-6 | Conestoga K-6  Edison K-5  Franklin K-6  Gifford Park K-6  Harrison K-6  Joslyn K-5  Kellom K-6  Kennedy K-5 | Ashland Park/Robbins K-5  Beals K-6  Crestridge K-5  Gateway K-5  Highland K-5  Indian Hill K-5  Jefferson K-6  Oak Valley K-5 | Bancroft K-5  Castelar K-5  Chandler View K-5  Columbian K-5  Forest Station K-5  Gilder K-5  Gomez Heritage K-5  Pawnee K-5  Spring Lake K-5 |

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNER ZONES**

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| **Middle School Partner Zone 1** | **Middle School Partner Zone 2** | **Middle School Partner Zone 3** | **Middle School Partner Zone 4** |
| Davis 6-8  Hale 6-8  **King Science\* 6-8**  McMillan 6-8 | Alice Buffett 6-8  **King Science\* 6-8**  Monroe 6-8  Morton 6-8 | **Bluestem 6-8**  **King Science\* 6-8**  Lewis & Clark 6-8  Norris 6-8 | **Beveridge 6-8**  Bryan 6-8  **King Science\* 6-8**  Marrs 6-8 |
| **\*King Science** is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King  Science neighborhood are in partner zone 2 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone. | | | |

**THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN**

Families may apply for their child to attend any OPS school. *Approval* of a request depends on *the availability of space* at the student’s grade level in the requested school *and these priorities*:

1. Neighborhood school (guaranteed placement).
2. Siblings residing within the Partner Zone are selected first, followed by siblings residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation).
3. Students residing in the Partner Zone.
4. Students residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation).

**TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY** (under the current assignment plan)

* Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend their neighborhood school and reside more than 1.5 miles from their **elementary** school or more than 2.0 miles from their **middle** school.
* Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their Partner Zone schools and reside more than 1.5 miles from the **elementary** school or 2.0 miles from the **middle** school.
* Students are NOT eligible for transportation IF they attend any school outside of their Partner Zone.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION**

If your child is currently enrolled in an early childhood program and will be age-eligible for kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, she/he will be enrolled at the neighborhood school. If you would like to be considered for placement at a non-neighborhood school, you must complete the school application that will be provided by your child’s current school in January.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS** More information coming. Please follow District alerts and

announcements regarding this January’s Kindergarten Round-Up dates.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES / January 2024**

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| Beveridge | January 25, 6:00-7:30pm |  | Lewis & Clark | January 23, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Bluestem | January 16, 5:30-7:00pm |  | Marrs | January 11, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Bryan Mid | January 25, 6:00-7:30pm |  | McMillan | January 11, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Buffett | January 18, 6:00-7:30pm |  | Monroe | January 23, 5:30-7:00pm |
| Davis | January 18, 6:00-7:30pm |  | Morton | January 16, 5:30-7:00pm |
| Hale | January 9, 6:00-7:30pm |  | Norris | January 9, 6:00-7:30pm |
| King Science | January 16, 6:00-7:30pm |  |  |  |

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the current Student Assignment Plan as you consider school choice and transportation for the 2024-2025 school year. Visit: **https://www.ops.org/sap** to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

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**Scan the Code to Visit the Middle School Partner Plan Page.**

**If you have questions about the Omaha Public Schools Partner Plan or the School Choice process, please contact the Student Placement Office at (531) 299-0302 or email: *studentplacement@ops.org***