

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

January 2023 starts the annual school application process for the 2023-24 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

| Elementary Partner Zone 1 | Elementary Partner Zone 2 | Elementary Partner Zone 3 | Elementary Partner Zone 4 |
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| 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 |
| <i>Wilson Focus (3-6) will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. Apply through the website at wilsonfocus.ops.org or call Wilson at 531-299-2260.</i> | | | |
| 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

| Middle School Partner Zone 1 | Middle School Partner Zone 2 | Middle School Partner Zone 3 | Middle School Partner Zone 4 |
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| 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 6-7 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.

Beginning in 2023-24:

- Beveridge – will be assigned to Zone 4 only.
- The new middle school, *Bluestem* will open grades 6 & 7 and be assigned to zone 3.
- Bryan Middle will add grade 6.
- Buffett and King Science will transition to grades 6 – 8, as grade 5 is offered at elementary schools.

THE CURRENT 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 1.0 mile from their **elementary** school or more than 1.5 miles from their **middle** school.
- Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their Partner Zone schools and reside more than 1.0 mile from the **elementary** school or 1.5 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 2023-24 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 2023

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| Beveridge | January 26, 6:00-7:30pm | Lewis & Clark | January 24, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Bryan Mid | January 26, 6:00-7:30pm | Marrs | January 12, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Buffett | January 19, 6:00-7:30pm | McMillan | January 12, 6:00-7:30pm |
| Davis | January 19, 6:00-7:30pm | Monroe | January 24, 5:30-7:00pm |
| Hale | January 10, 6:00-7:30pm | Morton | January 17, 5:30-7:00pm |
| King Science | January 17, 6:00-7:30pm | Norris | January 10, 6:00-7:30pm |

ELEMENTARY ADJUSTMENTS:

- Beginning in 2023-24, Fullerton, Lothrop, Picotte and Standing Bear will add grade 5.
- Ashland Park Robbins, Chandler View, Gateway, Gilder, Highland, Indian Hill, and Pawnee will serve grades Kindergarten - 5th as 6th grade is added to Bryan Middle and Bluestem.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the current Student Assignment Plan as you consider school choice and transportation for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit: <https://www.ops.org/sap> to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

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