

SCHOOL PLANNING TIMELINE FOR YOUR CITY KID

Please use this timeline as a guide for planning your child's school choices. Note that these are general, approximate guidelines subject to change from school year to school year.

Check with the specific institution you are interested in to get specific details for your situation.

For more support, reach out to Live Baltimore at info@livebaltimore.com or 410-637-370 x118.

School begins.

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
CITY SCHOOLS - PRE-K					Winter transfer window for current school year.	Visit schools; Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.		Search for schools Priority 1 - Begin registration process	Priority 1 is for children facing homelessness, with an IEP, or in low-income families.		Priority 2 - Begin registration process	Priority 1 - Submit early admission waiver. Available for children who turn 4 years old Sep 2 - Oct 15. Summer transfer window for out-of-zone schools.
CITY SCHOOLS - KINDERGARTEN					Winter transfer window for current school year.	Visit schools; Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.		Search for schools Begin registration process		Available for children who turn 5 years old Sep 2-Oct 15. Apply for early admission.	Early testing window.	Summer transfer window for out-of-zone schools.
CHARTER	Visit Schools; Attend Open Houses and MD Charter Alliance Fair; Talk to parents and students.		Search for schools	Submit applications to enter lotteries Enter into school lotteries by applying online to individual charter schools of choice. Enter as many lotteries as you'd like. There is no limit or cost.		Receive lottery results		Enroll	Leverage waitlist movement and get ready for school As students move around or off the waitlist, new placement options open up into the school year; Once enrolled, engage with school activities as they become available.			
INDEPENDENT	Visit schools; Attend open houses; Talk to parents and students; Gather admissions process information, including application and financial aid deadlines; Explore grant opportunities with individual schools.	Search for schools Begin admissions process	Submit admissions applications	Submit financial aid applications	Admissions is a separate process from financial aid; Be sure to check individual schools' deadlines. Don't wait! Utilize https://online.factsmgmt.com	Receive admission decisions	Enroll and pay tuition deposit	Receive financial aid decision	Get ready for school Attend new parent orientation programs and receptions; Enroll in classes; Attend new student orientation; Visit or communicate with teachers.			
ARCHDIOCESE		Search for schools	Begin admissions process	Submit admissions applications	Submit financial aid applications Utilize https://online.factsmgmt.com for financial aid applications.	Receive admission decisions	Enroll and pay tuition deposit	Receive financial aid decision	Get ready for school Attend new parent orientation programs and receptions; Enroll in classes; Attend new student orientation; Visit or communicate with teachers.			
CITY SCHOOLS - MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS	Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.		Search for schools	Receive student's composite score Attend School Choice Fair	Winter transfer window for current school year.	Receive placement		Enroll Additionally, stay connected with preferred schools and City Schools' Office of Enrollment, Choice, and Transfer for future placement opportunities.			Summer transfer window.	

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