

Common Application & Enrollment Process for public schools in New Orleans

What is the Common Application?

This is an application form that can be used to apply to the majority of the city's public schools, including all of the Recovery School District's traditional public schools and public charter schools. Some schools that are part of the New Orleans Public School system may also participate.

My child is already enrolled in a school; do I have to apply to schools?

No. If you are satisfied with your child's current school, your child has the right to return at his/her current school. However, if you would like to explore other school options, this process will allow you to choose a different school for your child.

When applications due?

Applications are due for participating schools on **March 30, 2009**.

Where can I pick up an application?

Applications are available at participating schools, the Recovery School District's Welcome School (2239 Poydras Street), and the Recovery School District central office (1641 Poland Avenue)

Where can I turn in an application?

You can bring completed applications to the schools where you wish to apply. You can also bring completed applications to the RSD's Welcome School (2239 Poydras Street) or to the RSD central office (1641 Poland Avenue)

Note: Printed applications include a carbon copy. Be sure to keep a copy of each application you turn in for your records

How many schools may I apply to for my child?

You may apply to as many participating schools as you like, but you must submit a **separate form for each** school, and **separate forms for each child**.

Does filling out an application mean my child will be accepted at the school I'm interested in?

No. There are several steps to enroll your child in school and applying to the school is only the first step.

Some schools will receive more applications for admission than they have

available space. When this happens, RSD-operated and RSD charter schools will hold lotteries in order to determine which students will be offered a space at the school. All lotteries will be held before **April 22** and schools will notify parents of acceptance by **May 1**.

Once you are notified which schools have a space available for your child you will have until **May 15** to let schools know where you wish to enroll your child.

Key Dates to remember:

Apply to schools by **March 30, 2009**

Find out which schools have accepted your child from **April 22 to May 1**

Choose a school and enroll by **May 15**

My child is taking the LEAP this year. What if she doesn't pass?

If your child doesn't pass the 4th or 8th grade leap, there still will be a place for her at her current school.

Where can I find more information about the public schools available in New Orleans?

Beginning March 1, you can get a copy of the *New Orleans Parents' Guide to Public Schools* at most public libraries or schools or online at www.nolaparentsguide.org.

You can also find information about schools on the Save Our Schools New Orleans website at www.sosnola.org.

And you can pick up information about participating schools at the RSD Welcome School, 2239 Poydras Street.