

## **OVERVIEW**

Middle School offers are distributed to families in April. Once offer letters are available, the appeals round begins. Families who are interested in changing their middle school offer may use the appeals round to apply to other schools.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. How will I find out about my child’s middle school offer?**

Once middle school offers are available, you may log into MySchools. If you did not apply through MySchools, you can pick up your offer letter from your child’s current elementary school or a Family Welcome Center. All families will also get their offer letter in the mail shortly after offers are announced.

### **2. What do I need to do to accept my middle school offer?**

Nothing! Your child will be automatically registered at their middle school offer. You may reach out to your middle school offer to learn what open houses or orientations may be taking place before the start of the school year.

If you submit an appeal and receive an appeals round offer, your child will be automatically registered at their appeals round offer. They will no longer be registered at their main round offer.

### **3. How do I submit an appeals application?**

The appeals round begins once middle school offers are available in April. If you are interested in changing your child’s middle school offer, you may submit an appeals round application online using your MySchools account, or by requesting a paper application from your child’s current school or a Family Welcome Center. You can apply to one, two, or three programs on your appeals round application.

If your child receives an offer to something on their appeals round application, it will replace their current offer. You should only apply to programs they prefer to their current offer.

### **4. Who may submit an appeals round application?**

Any child eligible to participate in middle school admissions may submit an appeals round application. This includes:

- students who matched to a choice on their main round application
- students who did not match to a choice on their main round application
- students who did not submit a main round application

### **5. Which programs can I appeal to?**

You can apply to any middle school program during the appeals round that was on your application.

If your child has moved during this school year, they may have updated options based on their new address.

### **6. How are appeals offers determined?**

Appeals offers are determined using the same admissions methods and priorities that were in place in the main round. These admissions methods and priorities determine which appeals applicant match to available seats. For example, if a program has a screened admissions method in the main round, the program will use a screened admissions method in the appeals round. The number of appeals granted also depends on seat availability.

Schools that are participating in a Diversity in Admissions pilot will use those same admissions priorities. In District 15, this means appeals will be prioritized to applicants who are students from low-income households, students in temporary housing, and/or English Language Learners (ELLs) for 52% of available seats.

**7. What is the timeline for the appeals round?**

- The appeals round starts once offer letters become available to families in April.
- Middle school appeals round applications are due May 3, 2019. Families must complete the applications on MySchools, or return completed paper applications to their current elementary school or a Family Welcome Center by this date.
- Appeals round results will be made available to families in June.

**8. I got an offer to a school that wasn't on my application. How did that happen?**

Your child was considered for every middle school to which they applied. If your child did not get an offer to any school on their application, this means each of their choices had more applicants than available seats, and those seats were filled by other students.

**9. I know of someone who received an offer to a school but will not be attending. Does that mean a seat will open up at this school in the appeals round?**

Not necessarily. Availability depends on how many total offers the school provided.