

School Choice/Lottery Terms

Alternative Schools - differ from conventional schools in either how the subjects are taught (methods, classroom design, etc.) or in the focus of instruction (arts, language, math/science, etc.)

Automatic Placement – Families who are attending certain alternative schools have an opportunity to reserve a seat prior to the lottery for the next level of schooling that shares similar alternative programming.

Berwick K-8 – Eastmoor

Ecole Kenwood, CSIA, Hubbard – Columbus International

Duxberry – AIMS- Fort Hayes

Community - CCS is divided into 6 different areas referred to as communities (Northeast, Northwest, East, West, South and Center City)

Inter-District Open Enrollment - Students who live outside of CCS boundaries but apply to attend CCS schools. Placements are made if/when on-time lottery applicants are placed.

Lottery - The process utilized to allow families the opportunity to apply for available seats within a school that is not the school of address.

Region – often used to refer to one or more of the six designated communities.

School Choice - The concept of providing opportunities for families to attend a school other than the school assigned by address.

Selective Admissions - Permits up to 20% of incoming students meeting specific building requirements such as GPA, gifted status or portfolio to have an additional lottery opportunity. (Portfolio/Audition entry prior to the lottery- Ft. Hayes, AIMS, Duxberry; Lottery prior to the general lottery – CAHS, Eastmoor)

Sister School - Regional Alternative Schools that share the same/similar programming but only accept applications from specific communities.

Lottery Placement Categories:

Assigned Population Alternative with a Citywide Draw

- For example, Hubbard has an assigned population but has the Mastery Alternative Program for which parents may wish to apply. Students from all six communities may apply and receive transportation if offered placement and reside outside of a 2 mile radius from the school.

Assigned Population Alternative with a Regional Draw

- For example the following schools have assigned populations but have a Project Adventure Program for which families may choose to apply. These schools are referred to as “Sister schools” because they both have the Project Adventure concept but **accept applications only from specific communities.**
- Cedarwood (Accepts applications from the East, South and West)
- Devonshire (Accepts applications from Center City, Northeast and Northwest)

Community Choice – Students apply to conventional schools within their residential community and if offered placement, will receive transportation provided they are outside of a 2 mile radius.

Intra-District Open Enrollment - Students apply to attend a conventional school outside of their residential community. Transportation is NOT provided.

Total Lottery Alternative with a Citywide Draw

- For example, Indianola does not have anyone assigned by address. Students from all six communities may apply and receive transportation if offered placement and reside outside of a 2 mile radius from the school.

Total Lottery Alternative with a Regional Draw

- Oakland Park is our only total lottery with a regional draw school. There are no students assigned by address, but only students from the Northeast and Northwest communities may apply. (The “Sister School” is Stewart, but has an assigned population as of 2014.)