

# SCHOOL PLANNING TIMELINE FOR YOUR CITY KID

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](mailto:info@livebaltimore.com) or 410-637-370 x118.

School begins.

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<b>CITY SCHOOLS - PRE-K</b>					<p><b>Search for schools</b></p> <p>Winter transfer window for current school year.</p>	<p>Visit schools; Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.</p>		<p><b>Begin registration process</b></p> <p>Priority 1 is for children facing homelessness, with an IEP, or in low-income families. Visit <a href="http://www.baltimorecityschools.org">www.baltimorecityschools.org</a> for more information.</p>		<p><b>Confirm enrollment</b></p> <p>Summer transfer window for out-of-zone schools.</p>		<p>Priority 1 - Submit early admission waiver. Available for children who turn 4 years old Sep 2 - Oct 15.</p>
<b>CITY SCHOOLS - KINDERGARTEN</b>					<p><b>Search for schools</b></p> <p>Winter transfer window for current school year.</p>	<p>Visit schools; Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.</p>		<p><b>Begin registration process</b></p>	<p>Apply for early admission.</p>	<p>Available for children who turn 5 years old Sep 2-Oct 15.</p>	<p>Early testing window.</p>	<p>Summer transfer window for out-of-zone schools.</p>
<b>CHARTER</b>	<p>Visit Schools; Attend Open Houses and MD Charter Alliance Fair; Talk to parents and students.</p>		<p><b>Search for schools</b></p>	<p><b>Submit applications to enter lotteries</b> 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.</p>		<p><b>Receive lottery results</b></p>		<p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>Leverage waitlist movement and get ready for school</b> 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.</p>			
<b>INDEPENDENT</b>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Search for schools</b></p> <p>Begin admissions process</p> <p>Gather teacher recommendations; Arrange for transcripts to be sent; Sign up for testing.</p>	<p><b>Submit admissions applications</b></p>	<p><b>Submit financial aid applications</b></p>	<p>Admissions is a separate process from financial aid; Be sure to check individual schools' deadlines.</p> <p>Don't wait! Utilize <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com">https://online.factsmgt.com</a></p>	<p><b>Receive admission decisions</b></p>	<p><b>Enroll and pay tuition deposit</b></p>	<p><b>Receive financial aid decision</b></p>	<p><b>Get ready for school</b> Attend new parent orientation programs and receptions; Enroll in classes; Attend new student orientation; Visit or communicate with teachers.</p>			
<b>ARCHDIOCESE</b>	<p><b>Search for schools</b></p>	<p>Admissions is a separate process from financial aid;</p> <p>Be sure to check individual schools' deadlines.</p>	<p><b>Begin admissions process</b></p>	<p><b>Submit admissions applications</b></p>	<p><b>Submit financial aid applications</b> Utilize <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com">https://online.factsmgt.com</a> for financial aid applications.</p>	<p><b>Receive admission decisions</b></p>	<p><b>Enroll and pay tuition deposit</b></p>	<p><b>Receive financial aid decision</b></p>	<p><b>Get ready for school</b> Attend new parent orientation programs and receptions; Enroll in classes; Attend new student orientation; Visit or communicate with teachers.</p>			
<b>CITY SCHOOLS - MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS</b>	<p>Attend Open Houses; Talk to parents.</p>	<p><b>Search for schools</b></p>	<p><b>Receive student's composite score</b></p>	<p><b>Attend School Choice Fair</b></p>	<p>Winter transfer window for current school year.</p>	<p><b>Receive placement</b></p>		<p><b>Enroll</b> Additionally, stay connected with preferred schools and City Schools' Office of Enrollment, Choice, and Transfer for future placement opportunities.</p>			<p>Summer transfer window.</p>	

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