

Choice and Careers Academy Programs at a Glance

Families with students entering Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 have the opportunity to choose from an array of theme-based curricula offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels that provide innovative and rigorous academic instruction by specially trained teachers. These programs provide students with a pathway to postsecondary educations and careers. Students may apply for one or two Choice or Career Academy programs with available space. Selection for placement is made in the spring of each year via a lottery process. Transportation is provided only for designated Choice Programs.

Choice Programs

Choice programs include the K-12 Arts continuum, K-12 International Baccalaureate continuum, K-12 Dual Language continuum, elementary and secondary Cambridge Academy programs, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs at all levels, Montessori, STEAM (STEM + Arts), Environmental and Animal Science, and Health and Wellness. Students must apply during the published application window to be considered in the lottery-based selection process.

Career Academy Programs

Career and Technical Education (CTE)/Career Academy programs at the middle and high school levels have specific programs of study and many lead to industry certifications. Students in grades 6-12 are provided opportunities to participate in a continuum of education connected to the following career pathways: Biomedical Sciences, Biotechnology, Law, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Teacher Education, Pre-Veterinary, Finance, Information Technology, and Medical Sciences. Other Career Academy programs include Aerospace Science, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Drafting and Design, Environmental Sciences and Field Research, Marketing Sports Management, Construction, TV and Film Production Technology, Web Design, and Tourism, Hospitality, and Resort Management.

In-house Programs

An In-house Program is a specialized program at a school in which the student is zoned to attend. Students must apply during the published application window to be considered in the lottery-based selection process.

Where can I find information about Choice Programs in Palm Beach County?

- Visit mypbchoiceapp.com or palmbeachschools.org/choice
- By visiting school websites
- For questions, email choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org

Choice Application Deadlines for the 2024-2025 School Year

- **December 8, 2023:** Bak Middle School of the Arts, The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach (Music—Band, Music—Orchestral Strings, & Music—Vocal, Boynton Beach High School Arts programs (Dance, Digital Media, Music—Band, Music—Vocal, Theatre, and Visual Arts), A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts and West Boca Raton Community High School (Dance, Music-Band, Music-Vocal, Theatre-Acting, Theatre-Musical, & Theatre-Technical).
- **January 26, 2024:** Deadline for all Choice programs other than the Arts programs listed above.

Choice Application

- Hard copy applications will not be accepted. For assistance, send an email to: choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.
- The parent and student must be full-time Palm Beach County residents at the time of application submission.
- Only one application per student may be submitted.
- Application changes: Changes to the program choices and/or ranking may be made up until the published deadlines. Students who submit a choice preference for an Arts program requiring an audition may not change that choice after December 8, 2023.

Choice Program Online Application

How to Apply

Go to www.mypbchoiceapp.com and follow the instructions!

Reminders

- Every student applicant must complete an application.
- Siblings must have a separate application submitted.
- In order to submit a Choice application, a Palm Beach County Student ID is required.
- Once you receive the Student ID number, you will be able to submit a Choice application.
- Be sure to upload all requested documents so you do not experience a delay in the processing of this request.

Lottery Selection Process

The lottery will be conducted in March 2024 using software provided by an independent software developer. Please refer to Choice booklet for more information on the lottery process.

Eligibility

Please refer to the Choice Booklet for complete information on all of the Pre-K through Grade 12 Choice Programs, Eligibility Criteria, Industry Certifications, International Baccalaureate K-12 Education, and more.

Transportation

Choice Program students receive transportation to a Choice school if they reside more than two miles from the school and live within a designated Choice Transportation Zone. Students assigned to a Choice program will have to register for the bus following the district's bus registration procedures.



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Translations

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Español



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CHOICE PROGRAMS PLANT YOUR FUTURE

2024 2025

Grades Pre-K through 12

Online application available November 1, 2023

www.mypbchoiceapp.com



2024-2025 Choice Booklet



