

The choice application

This is a diagram of the form you fill out when applying to "choice attendance area schools" in Pinellas. Actual applications are available in the Choice Information Guide, a district publication available at all public schools and at the district's Family Education and Information Centers. Applications also can be printed from the district's Web site: <http://us.pinellas.k12.fl.us/choice/howtoapply.html>

You should complete a form like this if your child:

- Will enter kindergarten in August 2005.
- Will enter middle or high school in August 2005 and doesn't qualify for or want "extended grandfathering" into his old zoned school.
- Wants to change schools.
- Plans to move to a public school from a private school.
- Left the district and is returning.

You should NOT complete a form like this if:

- You want to try to get two or more children into the same school. (See the "family preference application" on the facing page.)
- You are happy with your child's current school and want him to continue there next year.
- Your child has "extended grandfathering" into a middle or high school and wants to attend that school next year.
- You are applying just for a "countywide" program.

Be alert here. It's easy to make a mistake and check your child's current grade. Remember: You're applying for the 2005-06 school year, 11 months from now.

Phone calls are the principal way the district will try to reach you if there's a problem with your application or, later, if your child is called off a waiting list. You should print legibly and update the district if your numbers change.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
Choice Application
2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

Please refer to the *School Choice Information Guide* when completing this application.

Do not fill out a choice application for a student currently enrolled at a school if that student wants to remain in the same school next year.

Do not fill out this form for countywide magnet, fundamental, or career academy programs. Before completing this application, please refer to the *School Choice Information Guide* for more information on these programs.

Do not use this form for extended grandfathering. If you are applying for extended grandfathering, please use the *Extended Grandfathering Application* form. If faxing, please use track #05 - keep a copy of your transcript for your records.

A. My student will be attending this grade in August 2005. K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

B. My residence is in Choice Attendance Area (See Attendance Area Maps) A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

C. Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____ Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Apt. Unit, Lot #: _____

D. Social Security #: _____

E. Student Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Apt. Unit, Lot #: _____

F. Student Residence Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

G. What school does the child attend now? _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

H. What grade is the child in now? _____ Student ID #: _____

I. Student ID #: _____

J. Directions: Using the *School Choice Information Guide*, select five schools from which you wish to receive notification. Write them in order from 1st choice to 5th choice. Do not fill out a choice application for a student currently enrolled at a school if that student wants to remain at the same school next year.

K. Statement of Understanding: I understand that by submitting this application to participate in the choice process, I am giving up my student's current school assignment and grandfathering rights for the 2005-06 school year. I understand that I am not guaranteed any one of my five choices.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date Signed:** _____

Family Education and Information Centers: South County Location: 1101 Marshall St., Clearwater, FL 33755; St. Petersburg Location: 3400 Eighth Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711; PHONE: (727) 552-1604; FAX: (727) 552-1595; www.pinellaschoice.org

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please return the completed application to a Family Education and Information Center either in person, by fax, or by mail. If faxing, please use track #05. The deadline is Nov. 1, 2004.

We recommend you make a copy for your records before submitting!

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Applicants to "countywide" programs will need a detailed worksheet prepared by the district to apply through the automated phone system. There is no paper application for these schools. The worksheets are available at the schools, at the district's family centers or at www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/magnet. "Countywide" refers to magnet and fundamental programs and high school career academies.*

If your child is new to the district, you must register her first to get this number. If your child already is in a Pinellas public school, the student I.D. number is available on a report card or at the school's office.

This guide is a 20-page, newspaper-style publication printed by the school district. Guides are available at the district's Family Education and Information Centers, at all public schools, public libraries and other community buildings, and at many private preschools. The guide also can be downloaded from the district's Web site at: <http://us.pinellas.k12.fl.us/choice/howtoapply.html>.

Copies always are a good idea before you mail or fax anything to the district. Also: Depending on how you apply, you will get a confirmation number or a summary sheet as verification of your choices. Keep these as well.

Read and understand these lines. The implications are big for students already attending a district school. If you apply for a "choice attendance area school," you forfeit the seat your child would have had in 2005-06 in the school he attends now. However, you may apply by phone to a magnet, fundamental or career academy program without losing your existing seat. Also note there is no guarantee you'll get the seats you want.

*Note: The countywide magnets are not to be confused with "area magnet schools," which have magnet-style programs but are not available to kids countywide. These schools are Campbell Park, Gulfport, Jamerson, Lakewood, Maximo and Sanderlin elementaries. "Magnet area schools" require a choice application like this one.