



# Conrad Schools of Science

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## CHOICE ADMISSIONS FAQ

The Henry C. Conrad Schools of Science is a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade life science magnet school in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

**Choice application period:** Opens November 3, 2025 at 8:00am and closes January 14, 2026 at 4:00pm. You may [apply on-line](#). Paper applications are also available at Red Clay schools. **All paper applications must be submitted to the Choice Office before 4pm on January 14, 2026.**

**Conrad's Choice Open House:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00pm (Middle School and High School)

**Student/Parent Walk-Throughs:** Are conducted 7:45am - 8:30am **for current applicants and their parent(s)/guardian(s) on Tuesdays (HS) and Thursdays (MS)** from December 3, 2025 through March 2026. Contact Ms. Albera at [caroline.albera@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:caroline.albera@redclay.k12.de.us) to schedule.

**Current Conrad 8th graders wishing to remain at Conrad for high school MUST complete a state choice application.**

### **Application Scoring:**

***In-District*** applicants attending Red Clay schools earning an initial score of 7/7 rubric points will automatically qualify for entry in the lottery (**no Saturday Assessment appointment required**).

***In-District*** applicants who score less than 7/7 rubric points will be scheduled for a **Saturday** Assessment appointment.

The applicants will be scheduled on one of the following Saturdays (**8:00am to 2:00pm**):

**December 13, 2025**

**January 10, 2026**

**January 17, 2026**

**7 Point Scoring Rubric:** A 7-point rubric is used to determine an applicant's interest and aptitude in the school's magnet. Total point values are as follows:

### **Initial Score (up to 7/7 points)**

3.0 GPA in Math/Science 2024/25 SY	2 points
3.0 GPA in Math/Science 2025/26 1st MP	2 points
Last Year's Final Attendance	1 point
SBAC/I-Ready Proficiency	2 points

### **Assessment Appointments:**

The **required components** of the Assessment appointment will be a student interview (approximately 10 minutes) and a science writing response (approximately 30 minutes). Total point values are as follows:

### **Assessment Score (can earn up to 5 additional points)**

Creative/Persuasive Writing Sample	2 points
Student Interview	3 points

**Applicants are required to bring non-returnable copies** of the following items to their Assessment appointment:

Current year's report card  
Final report card for 2024-25 school year Spring Standardized test scores (Smarter, I-Ready, Terranova, CAT, MAP, etc.) for the 2024-25 school year

If needed, the documents can also be emailed to Ms. Albera at [caroline.albera@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:caroline.albera@redclay.k12.de.us).

***In-District*** students that require a Saturday assessment and earn a combined score of 10/12 rubric points (*Initial points + Assessment points*) will qualify for entry in the lottery.

**Out of District students will only be considered if a seat becomes available after the pool of qualified In-District students is exhausted.**

### **Choice Preferences:**

When applicants in the lottery exceed available seats, the following preferences will be used:

1. Returning students who continue to meet the requirements for the program or school, including students graduating from one school to another within a single program.
2. Students who meet the requirements for the program or school and who seek to attend based on the residence of the student's parent in the designated feeder pattern, if any, for the school.
3. In-District siblings of In-District students who are already enrolled in the program and who will remain enrolled in the program for the next school year, provided that the siblings meet the requirements for the program or school. Exiting students are not considered siblings for this enrollment preference.
4. In-District students who have designated the school as first, second, or third choice based on the random number assigned by the computer lottery process.
5. Out-of-District siblings of Out-of-District students who are already enrolled in the program and who will remain enrolled in the program for the next school year, provided that the siblings meet the requirements for the program or school and the siblings have designated the school as first, second, or third choice based on the random number assigned by the computer lottery process. Exiting students are not considered siblings for this enrollment preference.
6. Out-of-District students who have designated the school as first, second, or third choice based on the random number assigned by the computer lottery process.

If there are more selections for the school than there are seats available, the computer lottery process will be used for selection. All remaining students will be placed on the ranked wait list based on category and random number within that category.



***Mission:*** Conrad Schools of Science... teaching life science and life lessons in a kind and inclusive environment, inspiring students and improving the world.

***Vision:*** Conrad Schools of Science will empower students to achieve their goals and impact the community.