

INFO SESSION – NEW APPLICATION KEY POINTS

Important Dates

- Initial Application Period: 9AM January 6 – 5PM January 16
- Acceptance Period: 9AM February 10 – 5PM February 20
- Late application Period: March 25

Application Process

- **Parent Focus MUST be linked to student Focus in order to apply!**
- If new to PCS – must register your student for enrollment via parent Focus → may then access application.
- If current PCS – must link parent/student accounts → application will automatically be available.

Choosing/Ranking Programs

- Available programs will automatically populate in application.
- Choose and rank 1-5 programs by priority of choice. Number #1 rankings are the only key priority.
- If attending a feeder program (Perkins/Midtown) – placing JHMS as #1 option is AUTOMATIC PRIORITY
- If new rankings submitted during LATE application, but you will be moved to bottom of any waitlist (as new application will be submitted)

Accepting a seat

- Acceptance process will be via parent Focus.
- **All acceptances are FINAL – you may NOT accept another seat after initial acceptance.** A late application must be submitted which will fall to bottom on waitlists.
- Accepting a seat removes you from all other waitlists/invitations.
- If you do not accept an invitation during the initial application, the invitation is no longer valid and will require a late application.

Critical Information – Choosing/Ranking/Acceptance

- Students in shared household (custody) – any parent/guardian with education decision-making (and linked Focus accounts) has access to ranking program priorities and accepting seats.
- Whomever has the “final decision-making” as determined by legal/court system SHOULD submit paperwork to Student Assignment Office. Student Assignment can then limit accessibility/permissions to application.

Sibling Priority

- Newly Invited Sibling Priority opens after Initial Acceptance Period: February 23 – February 27.
- Must contact JHMS Magnet Coordinator during this time to have sibling priority if not offered seat during initial application.
- Sibling priority is NOT valid after this period or during waitlist/late application. ONLY applicable if siblings attend same program.

For Parents – Application Process & Information Meeting

- January 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM – Student Assignment will be hosting a YouTube Live virtual meeting to explain application process and answer any questions.