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# Media Release

## **CCSD's School Choice and Early Learning Application Window Launches Today**

**Charleston, SC (January 7, 2026)** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) will open its School Choice and Early Learning application process for the 2026-2027 school year on January 7, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. The window for School Choice applications will close on February 12, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Early Learning will continue accepting applications through October 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Each school-aged child in Charleston County is assigned to a neighborhood school based on grade level and home address. CCSD students are assigned to their zoned school based on grade level and home address. Families are encouraged to first explore their zoned neighborhood school option, which can be found on the CCSD district [website](#) under 'Find My School.'

In addition to neighborhood schools, CCSD offers school choice options (specialized programs, magnets, and charter schools) to which students can apply.

Please visit your school of interest to learn about the scheduled open house events. All open house/tour dates and times are posted on the school's website.

The following schedule includes some of the important dates, deadlines, and events associated with this year's application process:

- January 7, 2026 - Application opens at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- January 22, 2026: In-person application assistance, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cooper River CAS (Brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.) by CCSD School Choice and Early Learning departments, followed by Q&A and application assistance and support for families.
- February 12, 2026 - Choice Application closes at 12 pm (noon)
- April 16, 2026 - Acceptance decision or waitlist notifications sent to families
- April 21, 2026 - Deadline to accept placement offer

For additional School Choice information, please visit CCSD's [School Choice website](#) (with resources available in English and Spanish) at [www.ccsdschools.com/schoolchoice](http://www.ccsdschools.com/schoolchoice). There, you can find video tours, frequently asked questions, and the online application, all of which are designed to help parents engage in the process using digital resources. Parents requiring additional information can call the School Choice office at 843-937-6582. Paper applications will be made available upon request.

The application process is for School Choice, Child Development, or Pre-Kindergarten Child Development classes. To access the PreK/CD online application, visit [ccsdschools.com/prek](http://ccsdschools.com/prek) or

call the Early Learning Department at 843-937-7914 or the School Choice Office at 843-937-6582.

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.