



LOTTERY DATES	Incoming 6th – 12th Grade Student	Incoming KG – 5th Grade Students
Lottery and Hardship Petition Opening	November 12, 2025, at 8:00 AM	February 18, 2026, at 8:00 AM
Lottery Applications Deadline	December 12, 2025, at 5:00 AM	March 18, 2026, 5:00 PM

Strong neighborhood schools are the foundation of the Portland Public School District. Families seeking to enroll their children are encouraged to attend an open house at the neighborhood school serving their home address. A comprehensive list of Open House events and information about Connect to Kinder can be found at pps.net/openhouses.

Students **who live outside of the PPS boundary** cannot use this application, as it does not comply with state laws for inter-district transfers. A separate application for students from other Oregon districts will become available in April. Visit pps.net/transfer for more information.

To submit a transfer application, at least one of the parents/guardians must have an existing ParentVUE account. If you need help with ParentVUE, contact your current school or visit pps.net/parentvue.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CHOICE LOTTERY

Transfers to focus option, alternative programs, and immersion programs are conducted through an annual computerized lottery.

- Students meeting federal income criteria or whose kindergartners attended a PPS Pre-K or Head Start program have increased chances of acceptance into certain schools. Eligible programs are shown on the slots page of this packet. If you believe your student qualifies, check the box on the application, You will be asked to provide income information.
- Lottery results will be sent to families six to eight weeks after the application deadline for your student’s grade.
- Students who are approved for lottery transfers will have ten days to decline the offer and, in some cases, to verify they have met all mandatory requirements.
- Students who do not receive any of their selected choices or do not meet the necessary requirements, will be assigned to their neighborhood school or current school/program.
- Waitlisted students may be offered a placement up to September 30.
- If a parent of a student with an IEP requests a specific school, it may be declined if the school cannot provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education.
- After the lottery deadline, new applications can be added to waitlists through Open Enrollment.
- For detailed lottery information, visit pps.net/departments/enrollment-transfer/transfer-english/lottery/lottery-logic.

HARDSHIP PETITION INFORMATION

The hardship petition allows families to request a transfer to another neighborhood school, including the option to return to their neighborhood school if they are on an approved transfer. A basic principle of the petition process is that every school must strive to meet the needs of students assigned there. The petition system is an opportunity for problem-solving: families explain why their child's needs are not met at the neighborhood (or current) school and/or how transferring to a different neighborhood school would remedy this. Administrators from both the current and requested schools may be asked about addressing the family's concerns and meeting the child's needs.

Petition approval requires verification that a student’s health, safety or educational well-being will be better served away from their current school, as well as available space at their requested school. Petition decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and may take several weeks to finalize. Forms are available year-round. For the best chance of placement, submit petitions by the end of the lottery transfer application window for the student’s grade. For more information, visit pps.net/petitionprocess.

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. It is the policy of the Portland Public Schools Board of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups on the grounds of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation in any educational programs, activities or employment.

FREQUENTLY USED TRANSFER TERMS AND LOTTERY PROCEDURES

Kindergarten Entry: Oregon Law requires that children must be at least five years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten and six years old for first grade. Portland Public Schools does not offer early entry for kindergarten.

Neighborhood School: A neighborhood school serves a specific area. To identify your neighborhood school, visit pps.net/maps.

PPS Alternatives: These programs support diverse learners. For details on Alliance High School, PPS Charter Schools, or Community-Based Alternative Schools, as well as receive Reconnection information, visit pps.net/multiplepathways or call 503-916-3299.

Focus Options: Focus Options offer specialized programs with unique themes or delivery of curriculum.

Dual Language Immersion: These programs offer instruction in two languages. Kindergarten slots are set by student language and neighborhood. For lottery purposes, native speakers are children who have been listening and speaking the language with parent/guardian since birth. Transfer applicants have preference to the program that leads to the Immersion High School in their region. Some programs are open to neighborhood residents only. Students entering grades 1-8 may be required to complete an assessment demonstrating grade level proficiency in the partner language. For more information, visit pps.net/departments/dual-language/how-to-apply.

Co-Enrolled Siblings: Siblings who reside together and are enrolled in the same school or program concurrently. To qualify for this transfer priority, at least one sibling must already be enrolled in the school/program and it must be listed as their first-choice.

Income Eligibility: Students who meet federal guidelines or participate in PPS Pre-K or Head Start programs have priority for many lottery-based programs. Families will be asked to verify their income before the priority can be applied.

Waitlist: A lottery waitlist is a list of applicants who were not approved to a choice, but who could be offered a slot if a space becomes available. The wait lists remain active until the end of September.

Open Enrollment: A post-lottery transfer process for lottery schools/programs. After the lottery, schools and programs allocate remaining seats based on lottery priorities, with potential additional consideration for students with special circumstances.

GENERAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

To submit a transfer application, at least one of the parents/guardians must have an existing ParentVUE account. If you need help with ParentVUE, contact your current school or visit pps.net/parentvue.

It is not necessary for the student to be enrolled in Portland Public Schools for a family to submit a transfer application. Any students needing to register for the following school year may do so after transfer results have been published.

Approved transfers are intended to last through the highest grade at the school, and students are expected to make at least a one-year commitment to the transfer school. Any future change in schools requires approval from the transfer school and ETC.

Transportation to transfer schools is generally the responsibility of the family. Visit pps.net/transportation for more information.

Families enrolling their children for the first time, or who move to a different address, must provide two pieces of proof of residence to their new or current school. Some immersion programs provide preferences based on home address. If a student moves to a different address before the start of the school year, the transfer result may be changed.

An approved transfer may be revoked if a student moves to a different school neighborhood or district before the start of the school year or provides a false home address.

Enrollment and Transfer Center

501 N Dixon St, Suite 140, Portland, OR 97227

Email: enrollment-office@pps.net

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 3107, Portland, OR 97208-3107

Telephone: 503-916-3205

pps.net/schoolchoice



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2026-27 TRANSFER APPLICATION



PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Correspondence language: English Spanish Vietnamese Chinese Russian Somali

Do you have a PPS ParentVUE account: Yes No If NO, go to PPS.net/parentvue to create a **required** account

Relationship to student (check one): Mother Father Guardian Other: _____

Parent first name: _____ Last name: _____

Phone number (must enter at least one) Mobile: _____ Other phone: _____

Email: _____

Home address: _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student first name: _____ Middle: _____ Last name: _____

Gender: F M Non-binary Birth-date: _____ Pupil ID#: _____

Current school/program, if any: _____ Current Grade: _____ Grade applying to: _____

Is your student in foster care? Yes No

If yes, caseworker name: _____ Caseworker phone number: _____

Does your student qualify for Title X/Homeless services? Yes No

Does your student qualify for Special Education Services or 504 Accommodations? Yes No

Is your student working with Reconnection Services? Yes No Coordinator Name: _____

Are you interested in your child participating in Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) teams? Yes No

If "YES", note that athletic eligibility is determined through a separate process. Participating in organized practices or camps or contacting coaches at the requested school while this transfer request is under consideration may jeopardize your child's OSAA eligibility.

TRANSFER CHOICES

Please list school/programs you would like your child to attend in the order of preference (up to three choices).

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

TRANSFER REASONS (Please select all that apply)

Attend school with a sibling: _____
Sibling first name Last name Current grade Date of birth PPS ID # (optional)

Contact the Enrollment & Transfer Center if you wish to link applications for two siblings applying to the same grade and school.

Attend my neighborhood school (only for students currently on transfer at a different school)

Transfer due to boundary change or other School Board Guarantee

Enroll in a Dual Language Immersion program: Please describe your student’s connection to the Immersion partner language. This information will be used to determine the immersion language category for your student, and whether additional assessment is required.

Language Categories for DLI Programs (Check all that apply):

- The student has been primarily communicating (both in speaking and listening) in the partner language since birth with at least one parent/guardian.
- At least one of the students’ parents/guardians has been speaking the partner language since birth
- At least one of the students’ grandparents has been speaking the partner language since birth
- At least one of the students’ parents/guardians learned the partner language outside of the home and continues to speak it with the student regularly
- The student is transferring from a different immersion program. If YES: Please add the reason for requesting transfer in the box below.

Enroll in a thematic focus option program.

If you are applying to a focus option or DLI program, do you want your student to be considered for Income Eligibility Priority? Yes No If YES, you will be asked to provide additional information before the priority can be applied.

REASONS BELOW ARE FOR PETITION TRANSFERS ONLY (Additional information may be required)

Childcare needs. _____
Provider name Address Phone/email

Provide additional information below about the length of time with this provider and other evidence of a hardship.

Transportation needs. Explain in the space below the transportation hardship to your neighborhood school and how it will be improved if your child transfers to your requested school(s).

Concern about student safety and/or well-being. Describe your concerns and specific incidents that occurred at school, any attempts to resolve or address the circumstances, and the outcome. How will the situation be improved through transfer? What would be the impact to the student if the transfer is not granted?

Other Reason. Explain your reason for requesting a hardship transfer and why you feel it is an extenuating circumstance.

Enter additional Petition/Open Enrollment information here and attach more sheets if needed.

How/when have you worked with the administrator of your student’s current school, or the school your student is expected to attend next, in order to resolve your concerns? What was the outcome?

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and agree with the information in this packet.

Name (print, please)

Signature

Date

2026-27 FOCUS OPTION LOTTERY SLOTS

**Indicates schools where students who qualify for income eligibility (details at link below) receive lottery preference. If you think your family qualifies, be sure to check the income eligibility box on the application.	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots
BRIDGER-CREATIVE SCIENCE ** 7910 SE Market St 503-916-6336	26	5	14	15	5	0*	Go to MS Open Enrollment app to be added to the waitlist		
*5th grade only: Applicants who choose BCSS as their first choice will be added to the waitlist. Waitlist spots will convert to openings if at least ten first choice applications are received.									
BUCKMAN ARTS 320 SE 16th Ave 503-916-6230	26	0	0	19	19	0	Buckman Arts is a K-5 Program		
ODYSSEY PROGRAM** 1849 SW 58th Ave 503-916-6310	26	9	10	0	11	6	Go to MS Open Enrollment app to be added to the waitlist		
SUNNYSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL* ** 3421 SE Salmon St 503-916-6226	26	5	7	18	10	11			
WINTERHAVEN MATH & SCIENCE** 3830 SE 14th Ave 503-916-6200	26	4	5	1	3	1			

PPS ALTERNATIVE LOTTERY SLOTS

	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots	Slots
ACCESS ACADEMY** 6318 SW Corbett Ave 503-916-3483	ACCESS Academy begins at 2nd grade		26	34	0	0	5	1	3
METROPOLITAN LEARNING CENTER** 2033 NW Glisan St 503-916-5737	26	14	11	14	13	6	Go to MS Open Enrollment app to be added to the waitlist		

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY SLOTS

Dual language programs begin in Kindergarten. Space is limited for entry to grades 1-5, is based on prior language experience and may require a language assessment. Program models require students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.
Up to 50% of slots are reserved for students who qualify as native speakers of the target language. See www.pps.net/departments/enrollment-transfer/transfer-english/lottery/lottery-logic for more information.

Program Locations	K	Slot Allocation Details
	Slots	
SPANISH IMMERSION (Regional service areas determine future HS assignment)		
AINSWORTH (Ida B. Wells/Lincoln)** 2425 SW Vista St. 503-916-6288	52	50% of slots reserved for Ainsworth neighborhood students.
ATKINSON (Cleveland/Franklin/Grant/McDaniel) 5800 SE Division St. 503-916-6333	25	50% of slots reserved for Atkinson neighborhood students.
BEACH (Grant/Jefferson/Roosevelt/McDaniel)** 1710 N Humboldt St. 503-916-6236	26	50% of slots reserved for Beach neighborhood students.
CESAR CHAVEZ (Jefferson/Roosevelt) 5103 N Willis Blvd. 503-916-5666	50	50% of slots reserved for Cesar Chavez neighborhood students.
JAMES JOHN (Neighborhood residents ONLY) 7439 N Charleston St. 503-916-6266	25	100% of slots reserved for James John neighborhood students.
LENT (Cleveland/Franklin/McDaniel) 5105 SE 97th Ave. 503-916-6322	25	Students from Lent neighborhood have guaranteed admission to K
SCOTT (Neighborhood residents ONLY) 6700 NE Prescott St. 503-916-6369	50	100% of slots reserved for Scott neighborhood students.
SITTON (Neighborhood residents ONLY) 9930 N Smith St. 503-916-6277	25	100% of slots reserved for Sitton neighborhood students.
RUSSIAN IMMERSION		
KELLY 9030 SE Cooper St. 503-916-6350	25	District-wide program
CHINESE IMMERSION		
CLARK 1231 SE 92nd Ave 503-916-6431	25	Other PPS students may apply and be placed after Clark neighborhood students
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR 4906 NE 6th 503-916-6456	50	Lottery groupings for: *Current Pre-K Students & Siblings, *Transfer Chinese Speakers, *Albina Head Start, *Neighborhood & Transfer applicants
WOODSTOCK** 5601 SE 50th Ave. 503-916-6380	52	50% of slots reserved for Woodstock neighborhood students.
JAPANESE IMMERSION		
RICHMOND** 2276 SE 41st Ave. 503-916-6220	104	District-wide program
VIETNAMESE IMMERSION		
ROSE CITY PARK** 2334 NE 57th Ave 503-916-5600	52	District-wide program

Note: Transfer slots are subject to change. Updates are posted at www.pps.net/schoolchoice.

Income eligibility details at: www.pps.net/departments/enrollment-transfer/transfer-english/lottery/income-eligibility-information