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School Choice

Information Night

Monday, October 19, 2026

5pm – Mount Pleasant Elementary School



Key Dates

Monday, November 2, 2026 – 8am

Online Choice Application Opens

Wednesday, January 13, 2027 – 11:59pm

Online Choice Application Closes for Grades 1-12**

Friday, February 26, 2027

Final Day for District to Notify Parent of Invitation Status

Friday, March 19, 2027

Final Day for Parent to Notify District of Acceptance Decision



****Kindergarten Choice Applications close on the first day of school in August 2027****



Where to Apply



www.SchoolChoiceDE.org



Factors for Choice Consideration

- 1. Good Standing**
- 2. Building Capacity**
- 3. Choice Priorities**





Factors for Choice Consideration: Good Standing

For a student to participate in the School Choice Program, the following must be in good standing:



- Academics
- Attendance
- Behavior

Students applying for Grades 2-12 who were not enrolled in the Brandywine School District for the entire 2025-2026 school year must provide documentation including a final report card, attendance record, and discipline record in the online application.



Factors for Choice Consideration: Building Capacity

The number of available choice seats at each school is dependent upon the projected enrollment and school capacity.





Choice Enrollment Priorities



1. Returning eligible Choice students, including students continuing from one school to another within the same program (only applies to MPHS IB)
2. Eligible students whose parent/guardian resides within the designated feeder pattern for the requested school or program (only applies to MPHS IB & Talley IB)
3. Siblings of students currently enrolled in the requested Choice school who will be returning the following school year
4. Children of Brandywine School District employees
5. Other eligible students who reside within Brandywine School District
6. All remaining eligible applicants

The Board of Education is scheduled to approve these proposed priorities this evening.



Family Notification

Invitation and Waitlist Letters will be emailed to all applicants by **February 26, 2027**.

Parents must notify the District of their decision to accept or decline an invitation by **March 19, 2027**.

If your child is invited to a school that is not your first choice, you will have the option to either accept or decline that invitation. Regardless, students will automatically be placed on the waitlist for all schools listed **above** the school your student is invited to.





Family Notification

What happens if my child does not get an invitation to any Choice School?



Unfortunately, Choice is not a guarantee. If a student does not receive an invitation, he or she will continue to be enrolled in their current school of attendance or resident feeder school.

It is recommended that families have alternate plans to attend their requested Choice School.



Choice Facts

Reapplying

- Once approved, families do not have to reapply for School Choice to remain in the same building but must remain in good standing.
- Families will need to reapply when requesting a change of schools.

Transportation

- Transportation to and from a choice school or feeder bus stop is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- During the summer, families can reach out to BSD Transportation to request transportation availability on an existing feeder bus route.





Elementary Spanish Immersion Program



Eligibility for Spanish Immersion Program:

- Kindergarten or 1st Grade students residing within the feeder pattern of Claymont or Lancashire Elementary Schools can request to enroll in the Spanish Immersion Program during registration.
- Remaining available seats will be filled from School Choice.



For Students Outside the Claymont/Lancashire Feeder Pattern:

- Must complete an Open Enrollment Choice Application.
- Can select Spanish Immersion, Regular Education, or both as program choices for Claymont or Lancashire Elementary Schools.



Secondary Spanish Immersion Program

Middle School Transition:

- All 5th-grade students in the Spanish Immersion Program will automatically transition to the Continuation Program at Talley Middle School; an Open Enrollment Choice Application is not required.
- Families will receive a form to complete confirming their commitment to the Spanish Immersion Continuation Program.

High School Transition:

- Immersion students who live within BSD will continue at their feeder high school. They may apply to continue at a non-feeder BSD high school by submitting a School Choice Application during the open enrollment period for the high school(s) they wish to attend.
- Immersion students who live outside of BSD will transition to the Continuation Program by submitting a School Choice Application during the open enrollment period for the high school(s) they wish to attend. We encourage families to list multiple BSD high schools, in order of preference.



6th & 9th Grade Immersion Information Night

December 16, 2026
5:30 pm – 6th Grade
6:15pm – 9th Grade

Talley Middle School



The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program



IB Information Nights

November 5, 2026

6:00pm

Mount Pleasant High School

December 10, 2026

6:00pm

Zoom

When to submit at Choice Application

IB Program applications are accepted through the School Choice website for students in grades 6th - 10th. Students applying to Talley Middle School and Mount Pleasant High School will have the option to select either IB Program and/or Regular Education. The process is the same for **all** applicants, regardless of residency.

Talley Middle School – *approximately 75 seats available*

- **Step 1:** Submit your online Choice Application during the Open Enrollment Period even if Talley Middle School is your assigned feeder school.
- **Step 2:** Visit the Talley Middle School IB website for more information on supplemental application materials.

Mount Pleasant High School – *approximately 125 seats available*

- **Step 1:** Submit your online Choice Application during the Open Enrollment Period even if Mount Pleasant High School is your assigned feeder school.
- **Step 2:** Visit the Mount Pleasant High School IB website for more information on supplemental application materials.
- **Step 3:** The IB Coordinator will contact you to schedule your timed writing assignment.



Gifted Education Services

Students Entering Kindergarten:

- Kindergarten Testing for the 2027-28 school year begins scheduling on April 1, 2027.
- Out-of-district families can call to schedule a screening.
- All incoming kindergarten students are scheduled for gifted testing unless the family declines.
- Notification is sent via email.
- If a recommendation for Gifted Education Services is made, the necessary forms to accept or decline services is included in the communication.

Students Entering Grades 1-8:

- Anyone may refer a student for review during the annual referral window: December 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027
- All students who are referred during the window will be reviewed in the spring.
- If a recommendation for Gifted Education Services is made, the necessary forms to accept or decline services is included in the communication.

Grades K-3

Gifted Education Information Night

November 17, 2026

5:00 pm

Mount Pleasant Elementary School

Grades 4-5

Gifted Education Information Night

November 10, 2026

5:15pm

Claymont Elementary School

Middle School Gifted Education Information Night

November 19, 2026

6:00pm

P.S. duPont Middle School



High School Pathway Programs

If the student's assigned feeder high school does not offer the desired Pathway Program, families must submit an Open Enrollment Choice Application to the high school that offers that specific Pathway. For more information about available Pathway options and requirements, please review the High School Course Catalog.

www.BrandywineSchools.org/CourseCatalog



Pathways	Brandywine High School	Concord High School	Mount Pleasant High School
Culinary & Hospitality Management			
Culinary & Hospitality Management Pathway	•		•
Health & Human Services			
Biomedical Sciences Project Lead the Way Pathway	•	•	
Junior Army ROTC Pathway			•
Teacher Academy	•	•	•
Patient Care Technician	•	•	•
Humanities			
AP Capstone Pathway	•	•	
AVID Pathway	•	•	•
IB Programme Pathway			•
Social Studies Pathway	•	•	•
Legal Studies Pathway		•	•
World Languages Pathway	•	•	•
Marketing & Communications			
Digital Communications Technology Pathway	•	•	•
Jobs for Delaware Graduates	•	•	•
Marketing Today! Pathway		•	•
Broadcast Journalism Pathway			•
Performing & Fine Arts			
Dance Pathway	•		
Fine Arts Pathway	•	•	•
Instrumental Music Pathway	•	•	•
Vocal Music Pathway	•	•	•
Science & Engineering			
Computer Science Pathway	•	•	
Design & Engineering Pathway	•	•	•
Science Pathway	•	•	•



Upcoming BSD Program Information Events

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Visitation Day

November 14, 2026

Springer (11:00am) PS duPont (12:45pm) Talley (2:15pm)

www.brandywineschools.org/VisitationDay

6th & 9th Grade Spanish Immersion Program Information Night

December 16, 2026 – 5:30pm

Talley Middle School

www.brandywineschools.org/Immersion

Middle School Gifted Education Information Night

November 19, 2026 - 6:00pm

P.S. duPont Middle School

www.brandywineschools.org/Gifted

IB Information Nights

November 5, 2026 – 6:00pm – MPHS

December 10, 2026 – 6:00pm - Zoom

www.brandywineschools.org/IB

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Visitation Nights

- Mount Pleasant (October 29, 2026 – 6:30pm)

- Concord (November 5, 2026 – 6:30pm)

- Brandywine (December 3, 2026 – 6:30pm)

www.brandywineschools.org/VisitationNight

IB Information Nights

November 5, 2026 – 6:00pm – MPHS

December 10, 2026 – 6:00pm - Zoom

www.brandywineschools.org/IB

6th & 9th Grade Spanish Immersion Program Information Night

December 16, 2026 5:30pm (6th Grade) 6:15pm (9th Grade)

Talley Middle School

www.brandywineschools.org/Immersion



Online Applications Required.

For more information or to apply, visit
www.SchoolChoiceDE.org

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