

Siblings are those students who have a common parent, legal guardian, or step- parent. Siblings must be living at the **same address** as the parent, legal guardian, or step-parent to be considered for the Sibling Choice.

- **STAND ALONE PLAN** – Parents/Guardians of **NEW** students **or** those who do not want to go in the lottery to try for a different CMSD K-5 School may elect to have siblings assigned schools as determined by the actual lottery number of the child. When the “stand alone” option is selected, each student will be assigned to a school based on their lottery application. Students from the same family may be assigned to **different schools** based on the space available when the “stand alone” option is selected. If you have children who are siblings (sisters and brothers) and you wish to have them enter the lottery using this plan, complete a lottery application for each child.
- **SIBLING PREFERENCE** – If you have a student already enrolled in CMSD K-5 Schools and you wish to have his or her sibling attend the **same school**, you **MUST** complete the **sibling preference section** at the bottom of the Lottery Application so we will know you want your children enrolled in the **same school if seats are available**.
- **FAMILY PLAN – ALL OR NONE PLAN** – Parents/Guardians may elect to have all students in their household attend school (All or None Plan) where there is room for **ALL** siblings. This will apply to **NEW** families or to families wishing to go into the lottery to **CHANGE** schools. When the “**all or none**” option is selected, all sibling students will be assigned to a single school where there are enough seats for all children. If you have children you want to enroll using this plan, complete one application for all of them. Place the name of one child in the **TOP** section of the application. Then, place the names of the other children in the Family-Plan-All or None section.

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-

- **Do I have to fill this out if my child (or children) already attends a K-5 School and I want them to remain there?**

No. Once your child is placed in a K-5 School and you continue to live in Columbus Municipal School District, he or she will remain there unless parents complete a lottery application to CHANGE the student’s placement.

- **I have moved across town (or I’m dissatisfied with my child’s current Magnet School placement) and I want my child (children) to attend another K-5 School. Do I complete a lottery application?**

Yes. If you want to GIVE Up your child (or children) current seat in a K-5 School and try for another school, please be aware that seats in other schools are limited, and you **may not** be able to get your **FIRST** choice selection. Once a seat is given up, the seat will be assigned to another student, and you may not be able to return to your current school even if a seat is **not available** in the K-5 Schools you are applying for. However, bus transportation is available for all K-5 Schools so long as your reside a mile or more away from the school where your child is assigned.

If you have any questions regarding **Columbus Magnet Schools** (Grades K-5), please contact us at **662-241-7400** and ask for the Magnet Schools Enrollment Office or email questions to: Dr. Martha Liddell, Director of Columbus Magnet Schools at **liddellm@columbus.k12.ms.us**.