

CMSD K-4 Elementary Schools of Choice Application for August 2006

1. Provide all requested information.
2. Indicate your school choices.
3. Must be signed by parent or legal guardian.
4. Return application to Superintendent's Office.

Mail to:
 Columbus Municipal School District
 Attn: School Choice Application
 Post Office Box 1308
 Columbus, MS 39703-1308
 Or hand deliver to:
 2630 McArthur Drive, Columbus, MS 39705

Application Deadline:
March 24, 2006

Must be received or postmarked by March 24, 2006.

Late applications will be accepted, but will be added to the waiting list.

Please **print** the following information:

1. **Name of Child:** _____
Last Name First Name M.I.
2. **Address:** _____
Street Address City State Zip Code
- Mailing Address if different _____
3. **Home Telephone:** _____ 4. **Cell Phone** _____ 5. **Work Telephone:** _____
6. **Birth Date:** _____ 7. **Social Security Number:** _____
8. **Race/Ethnic Group:** (circle one) **Asian Black Hispanic Indian White** 9. **Gender:** (circle one) **Male Female**

10. **Expected grade for August 2006** _____ **If this is a stand alone plan student application, go to question 11.**

Sibling Preference Application

Family- All or None Plan

If you have a child already attending a CMSD K-4 school and want the child on this application to attend this same school, you must provide the following information.
 sibling's name _____

Name of Child	Race	Sex	Social security number	Birth date	Present school	Grade for 06-07

sibling's current grade _____
 sibling's current school _____
Then go to question 11 to indicate your choices, sign and date.

If you have K-4 age children who are **new to the district** or if you want all your K-4 children to go into the lottery to try to have a seat in a different school, you must provide this information.

Then go to question 11 to indicate your choices, sign and date.

Important Notes!

- Applicants are required to make more than one choice.
- For a student to be eligible for the sibling preference, the sibling must be already attending the selected school and must be returning to that school for grades K-4.
- 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.

11. SCHOOL CHOICES: Please indicate your school choices in order of preference.

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____
 (required, must be different from 1st choice)

3rd Choice: _____
 (required, must be different from 1st and 2nd choices)

I am applying for placement of my child at the schools indicated above. I understand that the information provided by me on this application will be checked for accuracy, and that false information will disqualify the application.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

PRINTED Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:

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 stepparent to be considered for the Sibling Choice.

Stand Alone Plan- Parents/Guardians of new students OR those who want to go into the lottery to try for a different CMSD K-4 school in 2006-2007 may elect to have siblings assigned schools as determined by the actual lottery number of each child. When the “Stand Alone” option is selected, each student will be independently assigned to a school based on their lottery position. Students from the same family may be assigned to different schools based on space available when the “Stand Alone” option is selected. If you have children who are siblings and wish to have them enter the lottery using this plan, complete a lottery application for each child.

Sibling Preference- If you have a student returning to a CMSD K-4 school in 2006-2007 and you wish the sibling on this application to have a preference to attend the same school, you must complete the sibling preference section. Students who are now in the fourth grade and will promote to Hunt 5th grade for 2006-2007 are not considered a sibling for this preference option. The student must be returning to a K-4 school in CMSD.

Family Plan -All or None Plan- Parents/Guardians may elect to have all students in their house attend the school (All or None Plan) where there is room for all siblings. This will apply to new families or to families who wish to go into the lottery to try for a different CMSD K-4 school in 2006-2007. When the “All or None” option is selected, all sibling students will be assigned to a single school where there is room at every grade level to accommodate each sibling. If you have children who are siblings and wish to have them all enter the lottery using this plan, complete ONE application. Place the name of one child in the top section of the application. Place the names and other information for rest of the K-4 siblings in the Family Plan- All or None.

Most frequently asked questions-

- Do I have to fill this out if my child already attends a K-4 school and I want them to remain there?

No, the court ordered lottery placement is good for all of the years your child is in grades K-4 as long as you continue to live in the Columbus Municipal School District.

- I have moved across town and want my child(ren) to go to a K-4 school closer to my new home. Do I complete a lottery application?

Yes, if you want to GIVE UP your seats in the current school and try for the new school. Since seats in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be limited in many schools, think carefully before you give up your seats, or consider putting your current school as your second choice. Bus transportation is available through the regular route and shuttle bus system to all students who live more than a mile from their assigned school.