

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 want to go into the lottery to try for a different CMSD K-4 school 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 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 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. 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 the 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 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 (or I am dissatisfied with my child’s current Magnet School placement)and I want my child(ren) to go to another K-4 school. 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 district’s transportation system for all students who live more than a mile from their assigned school.

Please contact **Columbus Schools Magnet Programs Office** at 662-241-7400 for any questions you have about the Magnet School Lottery and Enrollment process. You can also visit our **website** at www.columbuscityschools.org for more information.