

DELAWARE STANDARD APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (CHOICE) FACT SHEET | 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- Open enrollment for the State of Delaware’s Educational Options (Choice) Program will begin on **Monday, November 2, 2020** and close on **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 for Grades 1-12. Kindergarten Choice is open until the first day of school.** All completed applications must be received in the Education Options by this deadline.
- All parents/legal guardians must use the Delaware Standard Application for Educational Options if choosing a different public/charter/vocational school other than their feeder school.
- Online applications will be available on the District website, www.christinak12.org/schoolchoice beginning 8:00am on November 2, 2020. When applying online, please be sure you receive your confirmation number via email. You may also print a Delaware Standard Applications for Educational Options for the 2021-2022 school year from the CSD website, and applications will be available at every school and at the District Office. Paper applications must be sent to the choice office in the district where the choice school is located or directly to a charter school. Parents/legal guardians are responsible for ensuring the choice application is received in the correct choice office location. Please do not leave choice applications at your child’s school.
- All students must be enrolled in a traditional public school within the state of Delaware in order for the student’s Standard Application for Educational Options to be processed.
- Incoming Kindergarten students in the Christina School District must be **five years of age by August 31, 2021.**
- All students applying for the **Chinese Immersion Program (KN only) at Downes Elementary School** must complete a Standard Application for Educational Options. You must also contact Downes Elementary to complete a Chinese Immersion application as well.
- All students applying for **Middle School Honors Academy (grades 6-8) at Christiana High School** must complete a Delaware Standard Application for Educational Options and list the program school as the first priority school. In addition, parents must complete a separate Middle School Honors Academy package and return the package to Christiana High School by the choice deadline. MSHA application forms are available on the Christiana High School’s website.
- Students applying for the **Chinese Immersion Program (grades 6-8) at Shue Middle School** must complete a Standard Application for Educational Options if they reside outside the feeder of Shue Middle School. You must contact Shue Middle School to complete a Chinese Immersion application as well. A pre-requisite for this program is prior Chinese Immersion instruction of fluency in Mandarin.
- Parents will be notified of the District’s choice decision no later than February 28, 2021
- Once a parent/legal guardian has accepted the choice school invitation, and if they reside **outside** the Christina School District, or their child currently attends a school **outside** the district, they must register their student in the choice school.
- Students invited and accepted in a choice school may remain in the school for the grade configuration without having to re-submit an application, as long as they abide by State and District choice guidelines.
- Students attending a choice, charter or vocational school must remain in attendance at that school for one full school year. Parents of students attending a charter school will have signed a first-year agreement with the charter school and will be held to that agreement for one year of attendance in the charter school.

- **It is the parent’s responsibility to provide transportation to the choice school. Choice students may use existing bus stop location on the choice school’s bus route if seats are available.** Please contact the Christina Transportation Hotline at 302-454-2281 to find choice bus stop locations.
- This is the only time of year a parent/legal guardian can apply for school choice without reason. Please apply to any and all schools in which you have an interest. Please list the schools in priority order on the application. Once application per district/charter school.
- The parent/legal guardian of a school age child may submit the standard application form after the deadline if “good cause,” as defined in 14 Del.C., §402(2), exists.
- **Questions?** Please contact the Education Options Office in the Christina School District at 302-552-2665.