Choice and Career Academy Programs at a Glance

Families with students entering Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 have the opportunity to choose from an array of theme-based curricula offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels that provide innovative and rigorous academic instruction by specially trained teachers. These programs provide students with a pathway to postsecondary educations and careers. Students may apply for one or two Choice or Career Academy programs with available space. Selection for placement is made in the spring of each year via a lottery process. Transportation is provided only for designated Choice Programs.

Choice Programs
Choice programs include the K–12 Arts continuum, K–12 International Baccalaureate continuum, K–12 Dual Language continuum, elementary and secondary Cambridge Academy programs, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs at all levels, Montessori, STEAM (STEM + Arts), Environmental and Animal Science, and Health and Wellness. Students must apply during the published application window to be considered in the lottery-based selection process.

Career Academy Programs
Career and Technical Education (CTE)/Career Academy programs at the middle and high school levels have specific programs of study and many lead to industry certifications. Students in grades 6–12 are provided opportunities to participate in a continuum of education connected to the following career pathways: biomedical sciences, biotechnology, law, culinary arts, engineering, teacher education, pre-veterinary, finance, information technology, and medical sciences. Other Career Academy programs include aerospace science, computer science, criminal justice, drafting and design, environmental sciences and field research, marketing sports management, construction, TV and film production technology, web design, and tourism, hospitality, and resort management.

In-house Programs
An In-house Program is a specialized program at a school in which the student is zoned to attend. Students must apply during the published application window to be considered in the lottery-based selection process.

Where can I find information about Choice Programs in Palm Beach County?
- Visit mypbcchoiceapp.com or palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/school_choice/choice_programs
- By visiting school websites
- Attend the Showcase of Schools on October 18, 2022
- Visit the virtual Showcase of Schools at palmbeachschools.org/showcase
- For questions, email choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org

Choice Program Online Application

How to Apply
Go to mypbcchoiceapp.com and follow the instructions!

Reminders
- Every student applicant must complete an application.
- Prior to submitting an application, students must be registered with the School District of Palm Beach County. To register, visit your zoned school or send an email to: choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.
- Siblings must have a separate application submitted.

Transportation
Choice Program students receive transportation to a Choice school if they reside more than two miles from the school and live within a designated Choice Transportation Zone (see the district transportation web site: palmbeachschools.org/transportation). Students assigned to a Choice program will have to register for the bus following the district’s bus registration procedures.

Visit to the Choice Booklet, available online starting October 18, 2022, for complete information on all of the Pre-K through Grade 12 Choice Programs, Eligibility Criteria, Industry Certifications, International Baccalaureate K–12 Education, and more.

Choice Program Application Deadlines for the 2023-2024 School Year
- December 9, 2022: Bak Middle School of the Arts (all programs), The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach (Music—Band, Music—Orchestrals, & Music—Vocal (grades 6–8), Boynton Beach High School Arts programs (Dance, Digital Media, Music—Band, Music—Vocal, Theatre, and Visual Arts), A.W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts (all programs), and West Boca Raton Community High School (Performing Arts program).
- January 27, 2023: Deadline for all Choice programs other than the Arts programs listed above.

Choice Application
- Applications will be available after November 1, 2022.
- To apply, visit www.mypbcchoiceapp.com. Hard copy applications will not be accepted. For assistance, send an email to: choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.
- The parent and student must be full-time Palm Beach County residents at the time of application submission.
- All student applicants must be registered with the School District of Palm Beach County. To register, visit your zoned school or send an email to: choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.
- Only one application per student may be submitted with a maximum of two choice preferences per application may be selected.
- Application changes: Changes to the program choices and/or ranking may be made up until the published deadlines. Students who submit a choice preference for an Arts program requiring an audition may not change that choice after December 9, 2022.