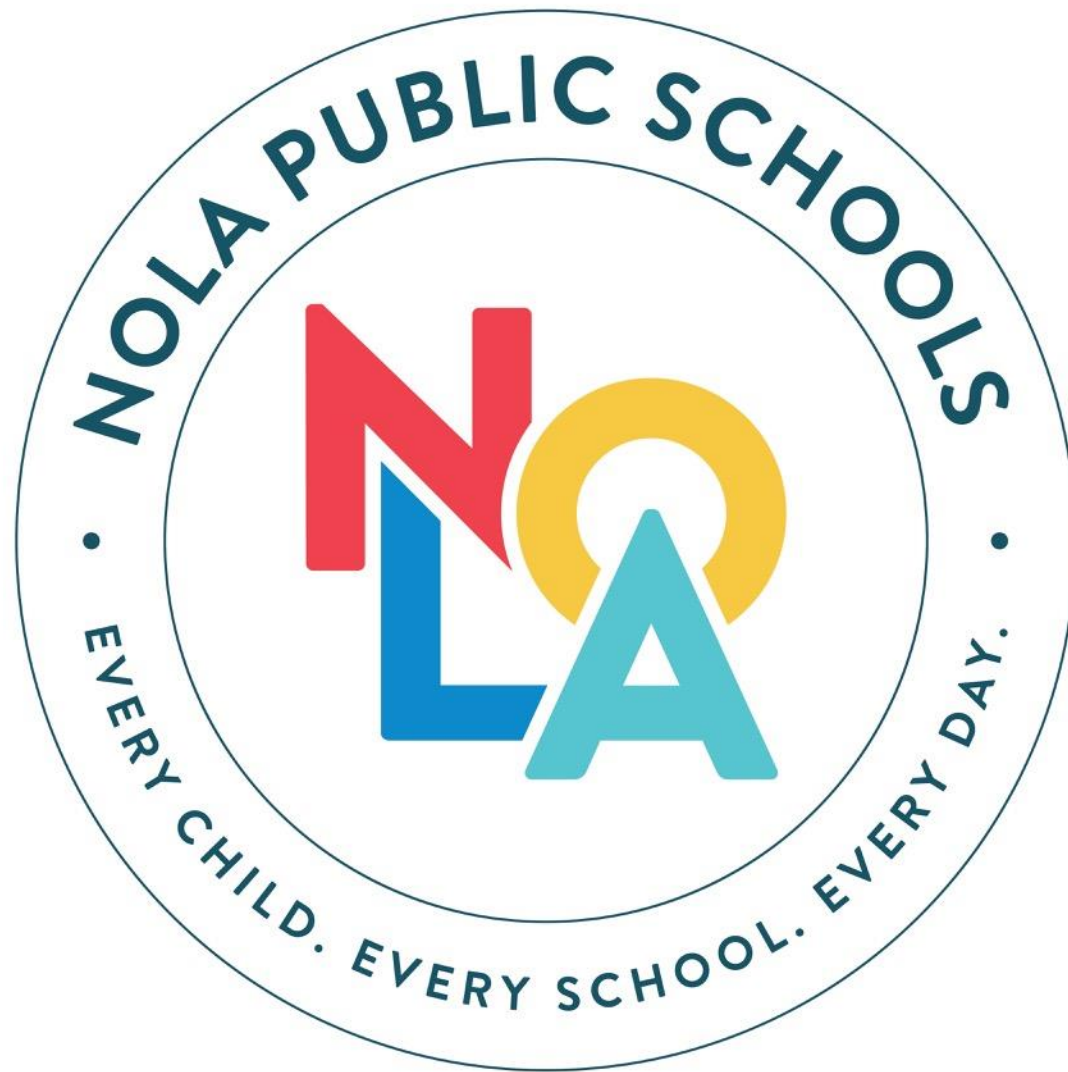






Student Enrollment Services Lunch and Learn

October 29, 2025



Welcome



K-12 Main Round



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Welcome

The K-12 Enrollment Team

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- Need to contact us? Email enroll@nolapublicschools.com
 - Sign up to receive text communications to stay up to date on NOLA-PS news

Sign Up for Text Notifications

We're excited to introduce a new way to stay connected and informed about important updates from NOLA-PS with our new text message alerts!

To start receiving these convenient alerts text "START" to 1-844-596-4144. By doing so, you give us consent to send you text messages (see our [Terms and Privacy](#) notice). Message and data rates may apply. Text "STOP" at any time to stop receiving messages.

To receive text alerts, the phone number you sign up with needs to match the phone number we have on file for your student. If you have recently changed your phone number, take a moment to log in to the [Parent Portal](#) and update your contact information. After you log in, you'll see a box on the home page below My Students, and you can edit your information there.

Save the Date – IGNITE High School Showcase

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans to host a high school showcase on **Saturday November 1st, 2025**. Save the date!

Representatives from all 25 public high school in New Orleans plus 10+ career and technical education providers will be in attendance.

**10AM – 1PM at Milne
Rec Center 5420
Franklin Ave, New
Orleans, LA 70122**



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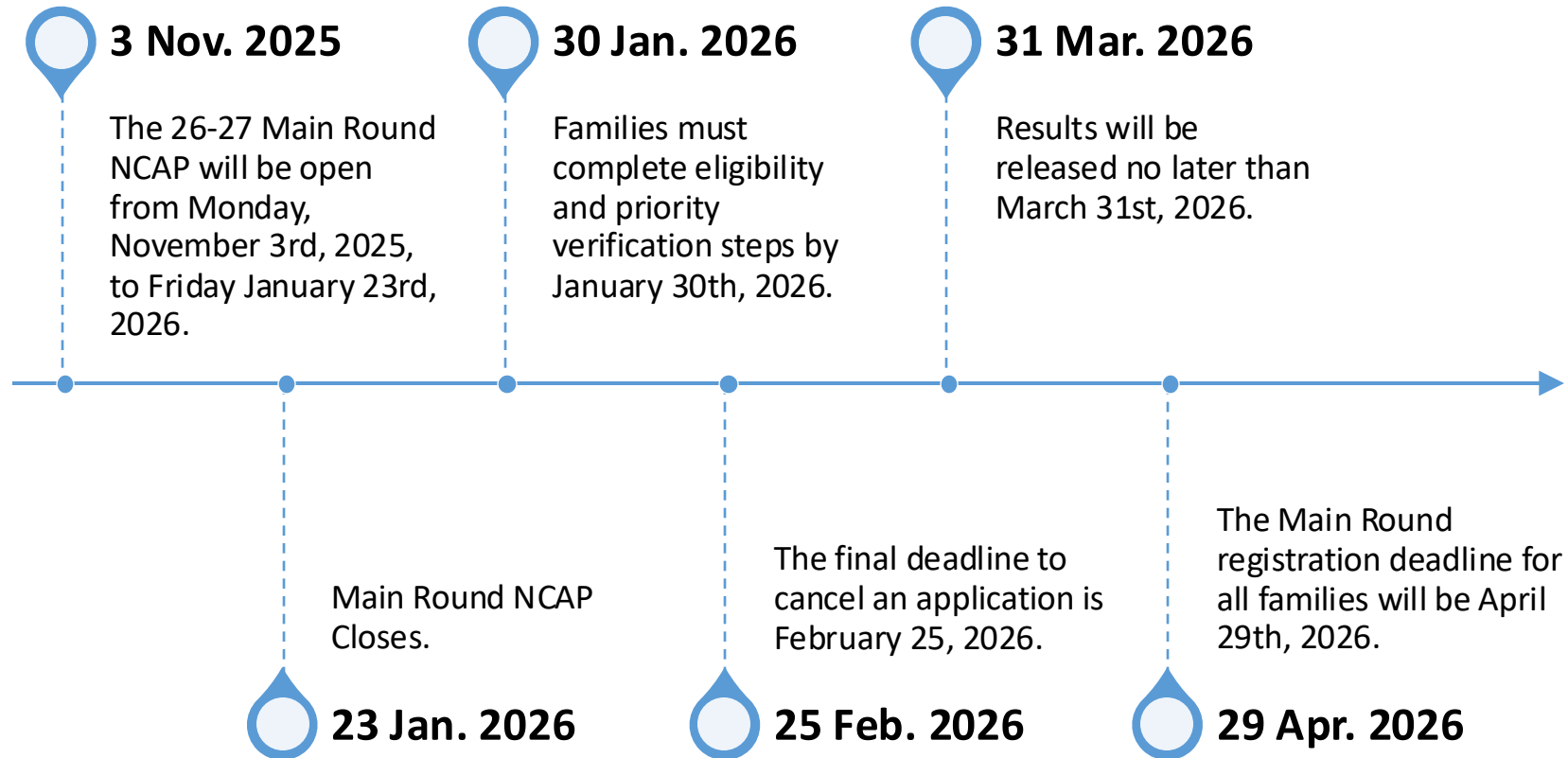


K-12 Main Round

NCAP Main Round

- Families should participate in the Main Round to have the best chance to get assigned to their top school choices.
- The NCAP Main Round uses a matching process where each student receives a single best school offer. The matching process assigns each student to their highest-ranked school choice for which there is an available seat.
- The algorithm makes assignments based on student and school specific information:
 - Ranked school preferences submitted by the family
 - Student eligibility
 - Student priority
 - Available seats at each grade level
 - Student's randomly assigned lottery number
- **It is critical that families make an informed and thoughtful decision about which schools to rank on the application.**

26-27 Main Round Timeline



K-12 Main Round

Families should completed an NCAP if:

- The student is entering the public school system for the first time, such as a new kindergartener
- **The student is currently enrolled in a NOLA-PS school in a terminal grade (the last grade level offered) and will need to choose a new school for next year, such as 8th graders who need to apply to 9th grade**
- The student would like to switch schools to a different NOLA-PS school for next school year
- The student is new to Orleans Parish and will be starting school in NOLA-PS next fall
- The student is seeking to transfer to a publicly funded seat in Orleans Parish for the next school year, such as from a private school, parochial school, or another school setting

Who Should NOT Complete an NCAP

Families should **NOT** complete the NCAP if:

- The student is happy with their current school and that school offers the next grade level. Returning students who do not apply to attend another school are guaranteed to return to their current school for the following school year.
- The student needs to be placed into a school for the current school year (not next school year).
 - Families that need placements for 25-26 should visit an FRC.

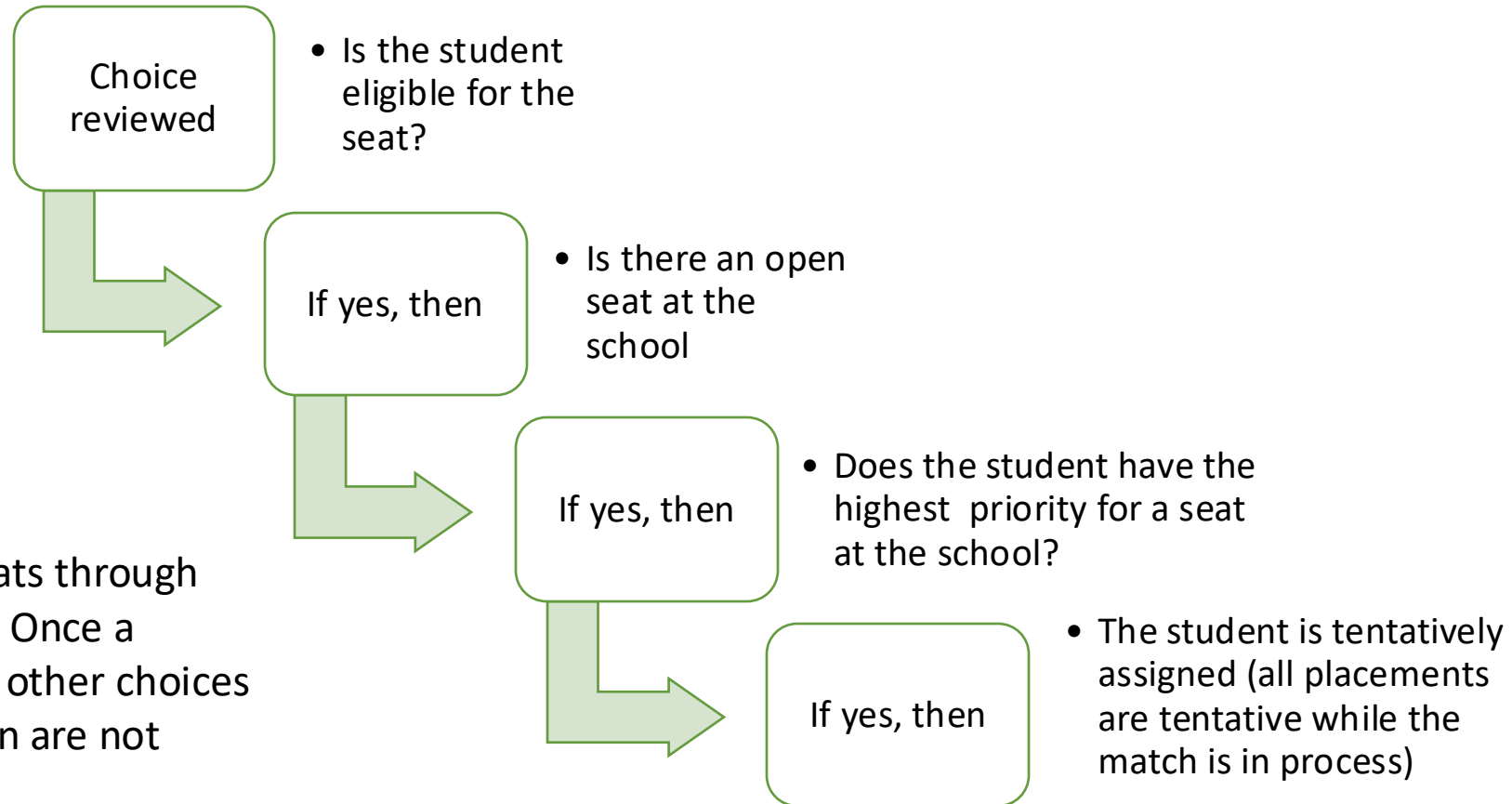
Guaranteed Seats

- In the NCAP system, students can only hold one seat at a time.
- If a student's school offers the next grade level, the student is guaranteed a spot to return to their current school for the following school year at the next grade level. **Students who apply and are assigned to a different school will lose their guarantee to return to their previous school.**
- Students who apply to change schools and do not receive an assignment to a ranked school will be re-assigned to the next grade level at their current school.
- **Families who receive a placement at a school they choose on their NCAP will forfeit any prior school placement.**

Understanding the Match Process

How are students placed?

The match software reviews the choices on each application and answers the following questions:



This process repeats through every application. Once a student is placed, other choices on that application are not considered.

Schools to Verify Eligibility Criteria

Schools with eligibility criteria must confirm applicants have met eligibility criteria.

Please note that some grade levels can be open enrollment and others require applicants to meet eligibility criteria.

Academic Eligibility

- Audubon Uptown Montessori (gr 3-8)
- Benjamin Franklin HS (gr 9-11)
- Lake Forest Elementary (gr K-8)
- The Willow School (gr K-12)

Foreign Language Eligibility

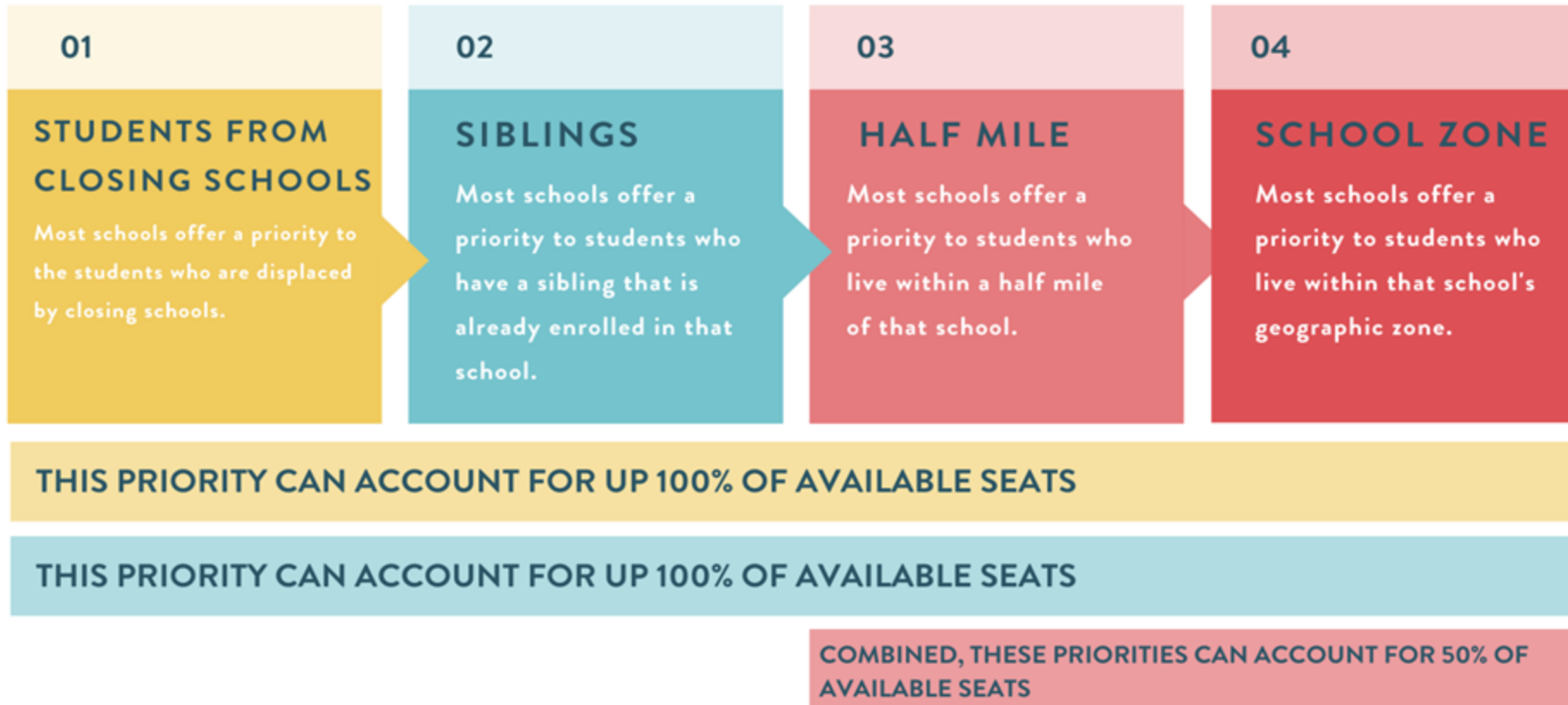
- Audubon Uptown French (gr 1-8)
- Hynes Lakeview French (gr 1-5)
- Hynes UNO French (gr 1-5)
- International School of LA French & Spanish (gr 2-8)
- Lycée Français International de la Louisiane (gr 1-12)

Open House Eligibility

- New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy (NOMMA) (gr 8-11)

Understanding Priorities

COMMON ENROLLMENT PRIORITIES*



Some priorities require verification – check our website for more details.

Verification steps are also included in follow up emails from NOLA-PS and are listed in the application.

Understanding Priorities

There are some priority types that apply to a small number of schools.

- **Economically Disadvantaged Priority (partial):** Applicants who qualify as economically disadvantaged based on financial need receive priority for a designated percentage of available seats. The percentage of available seats depends on the school.
- **Feeder Pattern Priority (full):** Applicants who attend an elementary feeder school that is linked to a high school receive priority to attend 9th grade at that school.
- **Individualized Education Plan Priority (partial):** In some cases, Type 2 schools are directed by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to grant priority for applicants who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) . The percentage of those designated to receive this priority is determined by LDOE.

There are a few priority types that apply to only one school.

- **French Priority (full):** Applicants currently enrolled in an accredited French school or French immersion school receive priority to Audubon Uptown French program. French programs must be accredited by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE).
- **Military Priority (full):** Applicants who are dependents of U.S. Military and Department of Defense personnel receive priority to New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA).
- **Montessori Priority (full):** Applicants currently attending an accredited Montessori program receive priority to Audubon Uptown Montessori School.
- **UNO Staff Priority (partial):** Applicants who are children of full-time University of New Orleans employees receive priority to Hynes – UNO and Hynes – UNO French for up to 15% of available seats.
- **Tulane Affiliated (partial):** Applicants who are children of full-time Tulane employees, full-time graduate students, and full-time professional students receive priority to The Willow School.

Family Link

Family link is a tool for households with multiple children applying in grades K-12. It's your way of telling us that you want all your children assigned to the same school during K-12 Main Round, even if that means they might receive a lower ranked choice. We can only try to place your children together *if you rank all their school choices in the exact same order* under one parent account. This can be done for some, or all your children, if you rank the same schools and all students you are trying to place together are eligible for the schools listed.

Some families want to have all the same school choices for all their children, but they also want each of their children to have the best chance at getting their highest ranked placement. Families in this situation should *opt out of Family Link* and understand that their students may not be assigned to the same school.

If there are different parents applying for related students, the Family Link section of the NCAP provides a number code you can enter to link related students from different households together.

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER



K-12 Main Round Waitlists

In accordance with OPSB policy, only K-12 schools with eligibility criteria can maintain waitlists.

There are 10 schools with eligibility criteria: 4 schools with academic eligibility criteria, 5 schools with foreign language eligibility criteria, and 1 school with open house eligibility criteria. After the Main Round match, applicants who met the eligibility criteria for admission but didn't receive initial placement at the school will be placed on a waitlist. This does not include applicants who were placed at a higher ranked choice.

Waitlist information will be available in the Parent Portal shortly after the release of the Main Round results. Waitlist offers will not be extended until the start of Open Enrollment in May.

If extended an offer, families will be notified via email (and text message if they have opted into text messaging). Families will have 2 business days to accept or decline the offer before it expires.

Common NCAP Myths

MYTH #1: LISTING MORE SCHOOL CHOICES DECREASES MY CHANCES OF GETTING INTO MY TOP CHOICE.

Why is this a myth? The number of choices you list on your application does not affect the likelihood of you getting one of your top choices. We seek to place all families at their highest-ranked school when seats are available, based on family preference and each school's priorities. This way we can honor family choice, while families are not penalized for listing more options.

MYTH #2: IF I GET PLACED AT ONE OF MY MAIN ROUND APPLICATION SCHOOLS, I STILL HAVE THE CHOICE TO RETURN TO MY PREVIOUS SCHOOL.

Why is this a myth? If you are currently enrolled at a NOLA-PS school and are placed at any of the choices you list on your 2026 – 2027 application, you will lose the spot you hold at your current school. It's critical that families only apply to schools they prefer to their current school. By applying, the student is indicating that he/she would rather go to the schools where they have applied and are willing to give up their current assignment for the opportunity to do so.

MYTH #3: IF I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION EARLIER, I HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF GETTING ONE OF MY TOP CHOICES.

Why is this a myth? All applications are processed at the same time, so there is no advantage to applying early. By processing all applications at once, families who are unable to submit their applications earlier are not at a disadvantage.

Placement Metrics

Metric	Definition	2024	2025
Applications for new placement	Number of applicants seeking a new placement (both new and returning)	7,856	8,407
New placement rate	Percent of eligible applicants seeking a new placement that received a new placement	86%	85%
New placement rate (top 3 choices)	Percent of eligible applicants seeking a new placement that received a new placement among their top 3 choices	83%	82%
K & 9 new placement rate	Percent of eligible K & 9 applicants seeking a new placement that received a new placement	96%	94%
K & 9 new placement rate (top 3 choices)	Percent of eligible K & 9 applicants seeking a new placement that received a new placement among their top 3 choices	94%	91%
Unassigned rate	Percent of eligible applicants seeking a new placement that did not receive any placement	7%	8%
Sibling new placement rate	Percent of eligible sibling applicants receiving a placement at a sibling's school, excluding siblings who received a higher ranked choice than their sibling's school.	95%	99%



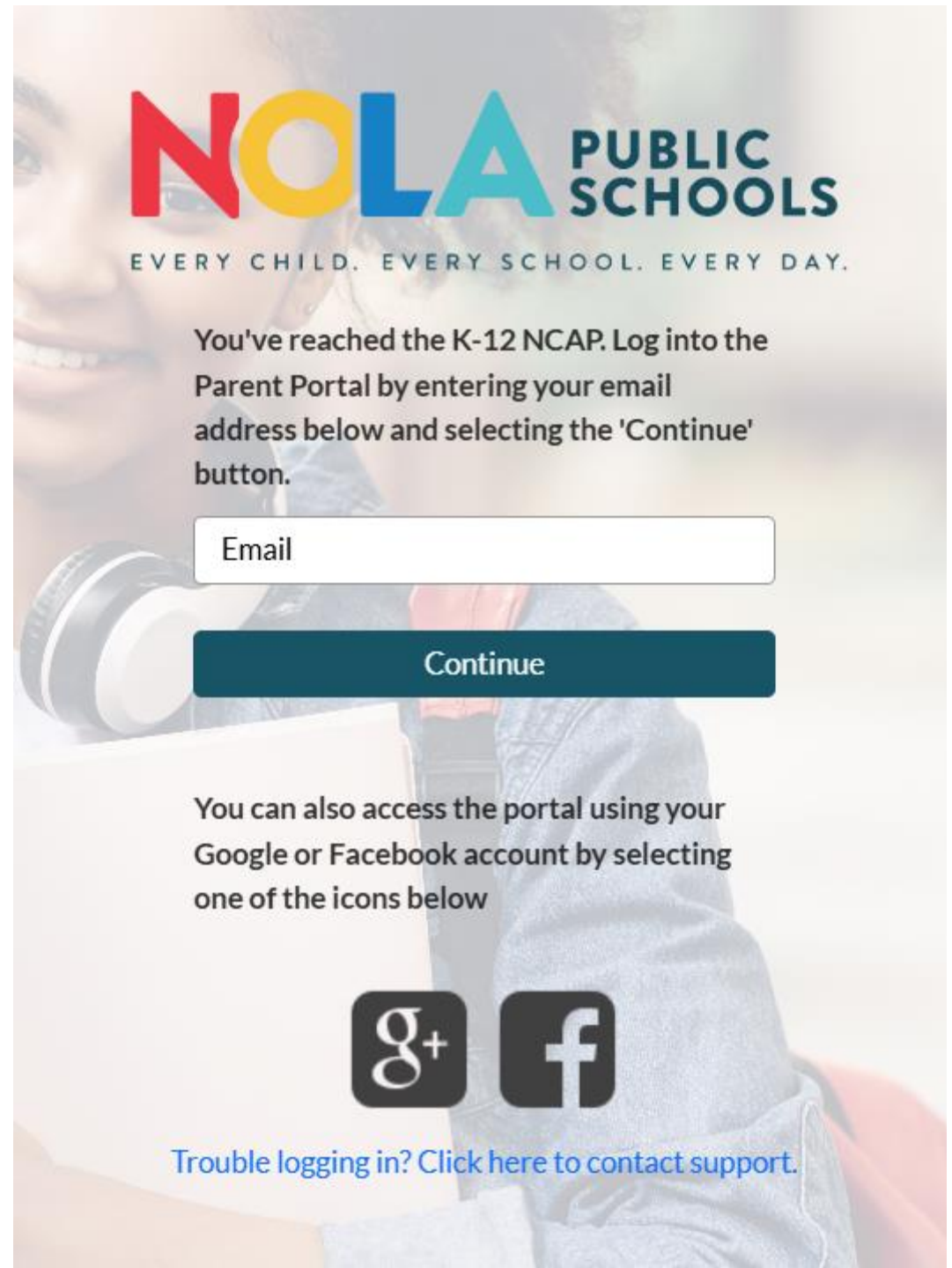
Resources for Families

K-12 Main Round Application

The 26-27 Main Round NCAP opens Monday, November 3rd, 2025, and closes Friday January 23rd, 2026.

Families can access the application through the Parent Portal at nola.ps/apply.

You can log in using your email address or Google or Facebook account.



Main Round Match Dashboard

- We developed the [NOLA-PS Main Round Match Dashboard](https://data.nolapublicschools.com/match-dashboard/) (<https://data.nolapublicschools.com/match-dashboard/>) to provide families a single place to find information on eligibility criteria and priorities and understand how they impact which students are assigned where in the match.
- Families can select a school and grade level and see:
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Priorities offered, and the order in which those priorities are applied
 - How many seats were offered in the match, and how many of those seats were filled by returning students, students with priorities, and students with no priorities

College & Career Success Hub (nolasuccess.com)

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Welcome to Your Gateway of **Endless Possibilities!**

The NOLA Public Schools College and Career Success Hub is here to help you explore and navigate your educational journey with ease. The platform is designed for students and families and offers a seamless way to discover programs and opportunities across Orleans Parish. Whether you're searching for advanced academic courses, career pathways, or college preparedness programming, the College and Career Success Hub makes it simple and exciting to find the perfect fit for your goals and aspirations.

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Navigate different career pathways to find the one that matches your passions and skills. Learn about various industries and the steps to turn your dreams into reality.

K-12 Main Round Questions?

Contact Us!

- Visit our website at www.enrollnolaps.com
- Family Resource Centers (FRCs) and Virtual Fridays are open as usual, but we have taken steps to try to make support available for families at home.
 - Technology (iPads) will be available for families who need devices and/or support.
- The centers are conveniently located across the city for walk-in support Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., and virtually on Fridays.
- Families can submit a help desk ticket anytime at nola.ps/helpdesk. NOLA-PS strives to respond within 48 hours, but may be delayed during high volumes times like Main Round.
- Families can call NOLA-PS at (504) 910-8500 and have the option to be routed to a live representative (when available) in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese.
- Families can text QUESTION, PREGUNTA or CÂU HỎI to 1-844-596-4144 for assistance.
- Find more information about ways to connect with us at www.enrollnolaps.com/connect.

Thank you!