

**Student Assignment and DCPS School Boundaries Review
Comparison of Policy Examples and Current Conditions**

All policies take the following into account:

- Everyone has the right to attend a DCPS school (Kindergarten – 12th grade).
- Every DCPS school will offer the same standard curriculum across elementary, middle, and high schools (regardless of enrollment or location).
- DCPS will continue to have citywide application high schools.

	Current DCPS Policy	Policy Example A	Policy Example B	Policy Example C
DCPS Early Childhood PK3/PK4 programs	<p>Lottery-based with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in-boundary with sibling already enrolled or accepted — in-boundary — out-of-boundary with sibling enrollment or acceptance — out-of-boundary with proximity — Adams attendance zone 	<p>Lottery-based with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in-boundary for choice set with a sibling already enrolled or accepted — in-boundary for choice set — out-of-boundary with proximity <p>Like the current policy, students do not have a right to PK3 or PK4.</p>	<p>Right to PK4 at neighborhood school. Low-income families have right to PK3 at neighborhood school, if offered. Otherwise, families apply to lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in-boundary with sibling already enrolled (PK3 only) — in-boundary (PK3 only) — out-of-boundary with sibling enrolled (PK3 and PK4) — a twin or “multiples” admitted — having a low-performing school designation for DCPS school of right 	<p>Right to PK3, if offered, and PK4 at neighborhood school. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled — a low performing school designation for DCPS school of right — children of DCPS employees at school requested (DC residents only) <p>10% of PK3 and PK4 seats set aside per grade for out-of-boundary students.</p>
DCPS Elementary Schools	<p>Each school has an attendance zone with every DC residence falling in at least one zone. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — sibling already enrolled or accepted — proximity — Adams attendance zone <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, right to next level school in the designated feeder pattern.</p>	<p>Right to one of the elementary schools in a designated geographical choice set. Families rank schools within choice set, with preference granted for sibling enrollment.</p> <p>At least one school in choice set will offer specialized programming (dual-language, STEM, IB, Montessori)</p> <p>10% set-asides for out-of-boundary students.</p>	<p>Right to one elementary school based on geographical boundary. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — a twin or “multiples” admitted — having a low performing school designation for DCPS school of right. <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, student has a right to attend school in the geographical feeder pattern.</p>	<p>Right to one school based on elementary boundary. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — having a low performing school designation for DCPS school of right — children of DCPS employees at school requested (DC residents only) <p>Feeder pattern rights are granted for only dual-language programs.</p>

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DCPS Elementary Schools, continued		<p>Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled — low performing school designation for your DCPS school(s) of right <p>Feeder rights are granted for only specialized programs (IB, dual-language, STEM).</p>	<p>10% set-aside for out-of-boundary families who have a low-performing school designation for their DCPS school of right.</p>	<p>10% of seats set aside for out-of-boundary students from each grade.</p> <p>Establish citywide schools with specialized programming in all wards of the city (e.g., Montessori and dual language).</p>
DCPS Middle Schools	<p>Each school has an attendance zone with every DC residence falling in at least one zone. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — sibling already enrolled or accepted — proximity — Adams attendance zone. <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, students have a right to the next level school in the designated feeder pattern.</p>	<p>Right to one of two closest DCPS PK-8 or stand-alone middle schools. Students placed at one of the two schools based on preference but not guaranteed. Sibling preference given.</p> <p>DCPS middle schools with a specialized program may designate feeder elementary schools with the same program. Specialized programming schools have 15% set aside for out-of-boundary students.</p> <p>Out-of boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — low performing school designation for your DCPS school of right <p>Feeder rights are granted for specialized programs only (IB, dual-language, STEM).</p>	<p>Right to one middle school based on geographical boundary, which combines all of the feeder elementary school boundaries.</p> <p>Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — a twin or “multiples” admitted — having a low performing school designation for DCPS school of right <p>15% set-asides for out-of-boundary families who have a low-performing school designation for their DCPS school of right.</p> <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, student has a right to attend school in the geographical feeder pattern.</p> <p>Transition to stand-alone middle schools, which will involve converting PK3-8 and 6-12 campuses.</p> <p>Create DCPS middle school magnet programs/schools (dual language, IB, arts integration, STEM).</p>	<p>Right to one of several middle schools in a regional choice set. Student preference for one school taken into account but not guaranteed. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — children of DCPS employees at school requested (DC residents only) <p>New middle schools will be opened, and every middle school will have specialized school/program (dual language, STEM, IB).</p> <p>Families can also apply to citywide specialized or selective application middle schools. New schools will be created.</p> <p>Feeder pattern rights are granted for only dual-language programs.</p>

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DCPS High Schools	<p>Each school has an attendance zone with every DC residence falling in at least one zone. Families also have the chance to apply to six selective admission high schools. Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — sibling already enrolled or accepted — proximity <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, right to next level school in the designated feeder pattern.</p>	<p>All rising 9th grade students enter lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — proximity <p>Feeder rights are granted for only specialized programs (IB, dual-language, STEM).</p> <p>New selective DCPS high schools in areas of the city where there currently are none.</p> <p>New or enhanced academies/magnet programs within each DCPS comprehensive high school throughout the city.</p>	<p>Right to one high school based on geographical boundary, which combines all of the feeder middle school boundaries.</p> <p>Out-of-boundary lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — a twin or “multiples” admitted — low performing school designation for your DCPS school of right <p>20% set-aside for out-of-boundary families who have a low-performing school designation for their DCPS school of right.</p> <p>If enrolled at an out-of-boundary school, student has a right to attend school in the geographical feeder pattern.</p> <p>New and enhanced high school academics/magnet programs within each DCPS comprehensive high school throughout the city.</p>	<p>All rising 9th grade students enter citywide lottery with preferences for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a sibling already enrolled or accepted — specialized programming offering — children of DCPS employees at school requested (DC residents only) <p>Feeder pattern rights are granted for only dual-language programs.</p> <p>New and enhanced high school academics/magnet programs or full school models, with a priority in lower income neighborhoods.</p>
Charter School Policies	<p>Charter schools are citywide public schools that make seats available via lottery.</p>	<p>Charters continue to be citywide schools with lottery-based enrollment.</p> <p>Elementary charter schools could be included in elementary choice sets by DCPS, but charters would have to offer same rights as other DCPS schools.</p>	<p>Charters continue to be citywide schools with lottery-based enrollment.</p> <p>DCPS could designate feeder rights to charter school students into DCPS middle and high schools, based on the capacity of destination schools.</p>	<p>Charters continue to be citywide schools with lottery-based enrollment.</p>