

What do I need to know?

Information for Applying to High School Options

Where do I go to get information about my choice options?

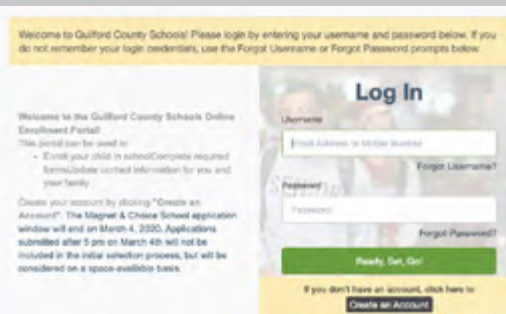
The [Choice Schools and Programs](#) webpage has more information about the choice options available. Families may also get an in-depth look at choice schools during the GCS Choice Showcase, on **Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center.** Schools will also host open houses and Tuesday Tours during the choice application window, Jan. 13 through Feb. 20, 2023.

How do I access the online choice application?

Beginning on Jan. 13 at 8 a.m., the link to the online choice application will be available and posted on the GCS website home page, on the Choice Schools' page and shared through multiple social media outlets. You can also go to gcsnc.schoolmint.net.

STEP ONE:

Clicking on this link will take you to the SchoolMint Welcome Page where you will be asked to create a family account. Each family should create ONE family account for all of the children in the household. You do not have to create a new SchoolMint account



if you already have one. Families will be required to provide a cell phone number or email address as part of the application process. Families may select an alternate language to complete the process.

STEP TWO:

Complete a separate application for each child who is applying for a choice program. A list of available schools will appear. Select the schools that you wish to apply to and list them in order of preference. Read the Choice Schools procedures carefully before completing the requested information. Once you submit the application, you may not make any further changes so fill in each area carefully.

The choice application window is **January 13 to February 20, 2023.** Apply at gcsnc.schoolmint.net.

What information will I need to have available as I am completing the application?

- Mobile/cell phone number and/or email address
- Home address
- GCS Student ID number (same as student's lunch number)
- Current school name
- School assignment by attendance zone for next school year (use the [School Assignment Locator](#) if unsure)
- For some schools:
 - Recommendations from teachers – you will need the name and email address for each teacher.
 - Electronic copies of recent report cards and EOG/EOC test scores will be obtained by the district.
 - Parent/guardian education level and household income.
- Students not currently enrolled in GCS may be asked to provide additional documentation such as report cards and test scores.

How many schools can I apply to?

Each student may apply up to five high school options from their list of available choices. You will be asked to rank order the schools by preference.

Once you have completed the application and clicked submit, modifications to the application will no longer be accepted.

The application deadline is **February 20, 2023** at 5 p.m.

Any applications submitted after that date/time will be classified as late applications and will not be considered in the initial selection process.

Students may be invited by some schools for an interview, audition, or additional assessments. Not all schools conduct interviews or auditions.

When will I know if my child has been offered a choice seat?

Families will receive notification of choice seat offers by **April 21**. Notifications will be communicated by email or text according to the notification method selected when families set up their account. Families must accept or decline offers by **April 28, 2023**.

Once a family has accepted an offer from a choice school, they will be able to login to SchoolMint to complete the registration process. The student's application will be removed from schools that were ranked lower on their application. Students will remain on the waitlist for the schools that were ranked higher on their application.

Who do I contact if I need help?

For technical assistance, contact support@schoolmint.com.

For choice schools questions, contact the Choice Schools and Programs office, 336-574-5721 or GCSChoice@gcsnc.com.

For questions about specific school programs, contact the school directly.