




What do I need to know? Information for Applying to Elementary and Middle 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, January 31, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center. Schools will also host open houses and Tuesday Tours during the choice application window, January 19 through February 23, 2024.



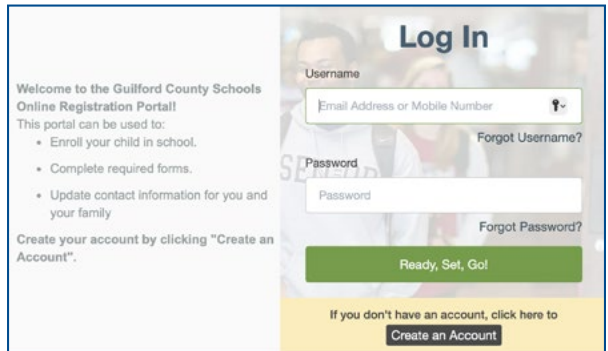
The choice application window is **January 19 to February 23, 2024. Apply at gcsnc.schoolmint.net.**

How do I access the online choice application?

Beginning on January 19 at 8:00 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 1

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 2

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.

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 if student is currently enrolled in GCS (same as student's lunch number)
- ✓ PowerSchool Student ID number if student is currently enrolled in a charter school
- ✓ Current school name if applicable
- ✓ School assignment by attendance zone for next school year (use the School Assignment Locator if unsure)

If applying to Brown Summit Middle Center for Advanced Academics, students will also need to upload the following documents if they have not attended a GCS school in the previous two years:

- ✓ An electronic copy of your most recent, final report card.
- ✓ An electronic copy of this year's most recent report card.
- ✓ An electronic copy of your most recent math and reading EOG scores.

How many schools can I apply to?

Each child may apply for up to three elementary choice schools. You will be asked to rank order the schools by preference. Select your first choice school as number one.

Each child may apply for up to three middle school choice programs unless they wish to apply for Brown Summit Middle Center for Advanced Academics. If Brown Summit is one of the selected schools, families may select up to four choices. Brown Summit Center for Advanced Academics has a separate criteria-based application that is not part of the magnet lottery so if selected, Brown Summit should be listed as the student's last choice. This will not impact the selection process for Brown Summit and will ensure that the student also has a chance to be considered for his/her first choice in the lottery.

Pre-kindergarten students may apply to the Montessori program available to them based on their home address.

The application deadline is February 23, 2024 at 5 p.m.

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

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

Families will receive notification of choice seat offers by **March 8, 2024**. 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 **March 15, 2024**.

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.