



## Fast Facts

### How are Students assigned?

Each student in the Leon County schools district is initially assigned, or zoned, by their home address. If a family wants their student to attend a different school than their home zone school, they may apply through School Choice.

### What is School Choice?

School Choice is the annual period where a parent/legal guardian can request to reenroll their student(s) in any public school that has not reached capacity for the next school year. If no seats are available at the requested school(s), the application will automatically be included in a lottery.

Once the School Choice deadline has passed, and applications have been sorted into classification groups, the School Choice office will review all fully completed applications to ensure that the information is accurate and that the school(s) listed in the application have available capacity.

Approved applicants will be notified in their FOCUS Parent Portal account. If there is a Pending Acceptance, the approval must be accepted by April 14, 2023. New students must register with the LCS Office of Admissions on or before June 1, 2023. Failure to accept the approval or register by the deadline indicated in the notification will result in automatic cancellation of application approval.

### How are Students Selected?

After the close of the School Choice application period, the District will conduct a lottery. The Lottery is not first-come-first served — it is based on a random selection process. A lottery will not be required in the event of fewer applicants than available seats.

### How to Apply for School Choice?

The School Choice application is only available in the FOCUS Parent Portal account, and can be completed and submitted in the portal. A parent can make changes to their submitted application until 5 p.m., March 1, 2023. Visit the Office of Admissions website at [leonschools.net/officeofadmissions](https://leonschools.net/officeofadmissions) for FOCUS Parent Portal questions, or to create an account.



### Magnet Program Schools

#### What is a Magnet Program School?

A public school offering programs that are not available at all schools. Leon County Schools has many magnet program options. A parent can apply for up to three programs.

#### LCS Board Approved Magnet Programs

(Visit each school's webpage for more magnet program information)

Amos P. Godby High School (Five Academies)  
[www.leonschools.net/godby](https://www.leonschools.net/godby)

Hartsfield Magnet School for International Studies  
[www.leonschools.net/hartsfield](https://www.leonschools.net/hartsfield)

Augusta Raa Middle School (Arts)  
[www.leonschools.net/raa](https://www.leonschools.net/raa)

Elizabeth Cobb Middle School (Math & Science)  
[www.leonschools.net/cobb](https://www.leonschools.net/cobb)

Fairview Middle School (Pre-IB\*)  
[www.leonschools.net/fairview](https://www.leonschools.net/fairview)

James S. Rickards High School (IB\*)  
[www.leonschools.net/rickards](https://www.leonschools.net/rickards)

R. Frank Nims Middle School (Law Academy)  
[www.leonschools.net/nims](https://www.leonschools.net/nims)

\*International Baccalaureate Program

### School Choice Key Dates:

#### Opens:

January 4, 2023

#### Closes:

March 1, 2023

#### Contact:

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