

School of Choice Information and Application – Deadline December 31, 2023

Hello Families,

Washoe County School District has updated what was previously called the variance process. The new process is called “School of Choice.” If your student currently has a variance and attends a school outside of their zoned school, or if you are interested in your child attending a school other than their zoned school, please read this information carefully for time sensitive information.

WCSD offers families the choice of their zoned school or the school of their choice, outside of their zoned school, through an application process. **The School of Choice application must be complete by December 31st at 3:00pm to be considered as part of the first window of applications.**

If you would like to apply for School of Choice, please follow these steps:

1. Complete online registration (OLR) for the 2024-2025 school year. This must be completed to move forward with the School of Choice application. (See next page for guidance on completing OLR.)
2. The parent/guardian who completes OLR will receive an email with a link to complete a School of Choice application.
3. Use the link to complete an application for each student you are requesting School of Choice for. Each student will need their own application (through the same link). For example, a family with four students will use 1 link to complete four individual applications.
4. Select up to 3 schools (in order of preference) for School of Choice.
5. **Complete the application by 3 pm on Dec 31st to be considered as part of the first school choice window.**
6. If a school receives more applications than available spaces, there will be a **lottery system** (NOT first come, first serve.)
7. Parents/guardians will be **notified in February** if their students are accepted to one of the Schools of Choice indicated on the application.
8. **If a family has a variance already approved: they DO NOT need to complete a School of Choice application.** Variances from the 23/24 school year are valid until 5th grade.
 - a. **Exceptions:** If the student is in 5th grade and families want to choose a middle school other than the school zoned for their address, they must complete a School of Choice application.
 - b. If a family has a new Kindergartener sibling being enrolled, the kindergartener will need a School of Choice application.
9. If families have questions, they can call 775 333 6099 or email: schoolofchoice@washoeschools.net
10. For more information visit WCSD website: <https://www.washoeschools.net/schoolofchoice>
11. FAQ: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/19643>

Online Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parents/guardians,


All students must have their registration completed/updated every school year. Your Infinite Campus Parent Portal page contains the link that will allow you to access the registration. Remember, it is necessary to complete one registration per household. This includes all students currently enrolled in Washoe County School District at that address.

If you have a new incoming Kindergarten student to the school district, make sure to add their information by clicking on the **ADD A NEW STUDENT** link on the student's information page. Once complete, please provide **BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SHOT RECORD & PROOF OF RESIDENCE** to the office.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Visit: <https://washoenv.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/washoe.jsp>
2. Enter your login information into the Parent portal. If you have never logged on to your Parent Portal or need your password reset, please contact the office staff.
3. Once you are logged in:



On the left-hand side of the main page click on , then MORE, then Click on ONLINE REGISTRATION.

4. As part of the registration process, in the "School of Choice" section you will need to select either "School of Choice outside of Zoned School" or "Zoned School or District Sponsored Charter School."
 - a. Select "School of Choice outside of Zoned School" if you plan to apply for your student to attend a school other than their zoned school.
 - b. Select "Zoned School or District Sponsored Charter School." If:
 - i. You plan to attend your zoned school
 - ii. If your student has an **approved variance for this year and is NOT in 5th grade**. Current approved variances are valid until the student finishes 5th grade.