



Apply Midland Offers FAQs

March 2020

Apply Midland Offers Overview

1. What is the overall timeline for Apply Midland?

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- b. **January 21, 2020:** First Round Application Window Opens for Schools of Choice, Magnet Schools, and Fall 2020 Transfers
- c. **January 21, 2020:** Current Magnet Schools and Schools of Choice families complete the Intent to Return Process through the Apply Midland portal
- d. **February 29, 2020:** First Round Application Window Closes
- e. **March 16, 2020:** Second Round Application Window for Fall 2020 Transfers and available Schools of Choice opens (Rolling Applications)
- f. **April 1, 2020:** Families Receive Offers
- g. **April 8, 2020:** Deadline to Confirm Placements for Round 1 Offers
- h. **August 1, 2020:** Second Round Application Window Closes

2. How long do I have to respond to an offer?

- a. A: You will have seven calendar days from the date you receive your offer(s) to accept or decline an offer.

3. My family has moved since completing our application and accepting an offer. The school we selected is now too far away. What should we do?

- a. After April 13, 2020, families will be able to see all schools with available seats. You will need to submit a formal transfer request with Apply Midland to gain access to a new seat.
- b. Please see the overall timeline below:
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 6. **April 1, 2020:** Families Receive Offers
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 8. **Summer 2020:** Second Round Application Window Closes
4. **I received a letter instructing me to complete additional information or submit an application during round 2. What should I do?**
 - a. Please follow the guidelines in your letter. For any additional questions, please email applymidland@midlandisd.net.
 5. **My child receives special education services. Who can I contact with questions?**
 - a. Please email applymidland@midlandisd.net and include "Attn: Special Services" in the subject line. The Apply Midland Team will work with the Special Services Team to address your question.
 6. **My child receives English Language Learner Services. Who can I contact with questions?**
 - a. Please email applymidland@midlandisd.net and include "Attn: English Language Learner Services" in the subject line. The Apply Midland Team will work with the English Learners: Bilingual and ESL Services Department to address your question.

Schools of Choice and Magnet Schools

1. **When will I receive notice about my transfer request?**
 - a. Students who applied during round 1 of the application cycle will receive information on or around April 1, 2020. Students who applied during round 2 of the application cycle will receive information on a rolling basis after April 13, 2020.
2. **How does the choice process work?**
 - a. The process aims to ensure that students receive an offer to their first choice school while taking into account the admissions criteria for each campus.
 - b. Families apply to school options their student is interested in. Each school follows a priority structure to determine which applicants should be considered in what order. The system then runs a lottery for each school. Students then receive multiple offers or are placed on a waitlist for each school they selected. For more details on the priority groups and policies, please see the Apply Midland Processes Document found [here](#).
3. **I have 7 calendar days to make a choice about my Apply Midland options but I have not heard back about if my student can get into a Gifted and talented program. What should I do?**
 - a. Accept an Apply Midland offer then decline later if you choose to send your student to an alternate program.

Transfers

1. When will I receive notice about my transfer request?

- a. Students who applied during round 1 of the application cycle will receive information about their transfer request on or around April 1, 2020. Students who applied during round 2 of the application cycle will receive information regarding their transfer request on a rolling basis after April 13, 2020.

2. What are the requirements for a transfer?

- a. Transfer applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and a determination is made based on the situation and the number of seats available.
- b. Transfer applications are available for the following reasons:
 - i. A student assigned to a campus listed as a PEG campus may apply to attend another campus in the same school district. For more information about PEG Campuses please click [here](#).
 - ii. A student currently attending a school that is a transformation school may apply to attend another campus within MISD
 - iii. Parents may request that their child be transferred to another classroom or campus if the District has determined the student has been a victim of bullying, sexual assault by another student, or a violent criminal offense while at school or on school grounds.
 - iv. If a district assigns a student to a district campus other than the campus the student would attend based on the student's residence, for purposes of receiving special education services, the district shall permit the student's parent to obtain a transfer to the assigned campus for any other student residing in the household of that student receiving special education services provided that certain criteria are met (see board policy).
 - v. Parent has documented cause for concern of potential risk of physical or emotional harm to his or her child at the assigned campus.
 - vi. A change of residence to another school attendance zone after a student has earned the credits necessary to be classified as a sophomore.
 - vii. A student's parent is a district employee.
 - viii. Students who reside outside of the MISD attendance area may request an "out of district" transfer. This process requires that parents provide a copy of the student's discipline report, attendance report, and grade report from their current school. Midland ISD may choose not to accept students from other districts. Midland ISD may charge tuition for students who reside outside of Midland ISD attendance zone. Midland ISD will not provide transportation.
 - ix. Students who are currently on a transfer and want to continue at that campus
 - x. Parents may request that their child be transferred to a campus at which they are an employee.
 - xi. Parents may request transfers due to transportation reasons.

- c. Guidelines Regarding Revocation or Denial of Transfer
 - i. The District may revoke or deny any transfer for reasons included but not limited to:
 1. Use of false information to obtain the transfer
 2. Lack of parental support
 3. Persistent student misconduct
 4. Excessive tardiness
 5. Irregular attendance
 6. Failure by the parent to pick up at dismissal time
 7. An increase in enrollment so that the grade level in which the student is enrolled ceases to be in compliance with state law regarding the student-teacher ratio
 8. Changes in a student's circumstances so that the reason for the transfer no longer exists

3. How do I submit an appeal for a transfer?

- a. If you would like to appeal this decision please complete submit an appeal [here](#). Appeals will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis.

Waitlists

1. What is a waitlist?

- a. A waitlist is a process campuses use when there are more applications to the campus than seats available.
- b. When a campus reaches capacity, the online application system adds applicants to a "waitlist" and notifies the family a seat becomes available at the campus.

2. How does a waitlist work?

- a. The waiting list process for **Schools of Choice** includes the following steps:
 - i. Waiting lists are created, by school and grade level, for students who do not receive admission in the lottery.
 - ii. If spaces become available, placement of students on the waiting list will give priority to siblings of students already enrolled, accepted and attending the School of Choice.
 - iii. Available seats are filled from waiting lists until the end of the first semester.
- b. The waiting list process for **Magnet Schools** includes the following steps:
 - i. Waiting lists are created, by school, by area and grade level, for students who do not receive admission in the lottery.
 - ii. If spaces become available, placement of students on the waiting list gives priority to siblings of students already enrolled, accepted and attending the Magnet School program.
 - iii. Available seats are filled from the waiting lists until the end of the first semester.
- c. The waiting list process for **transfers** includes the following steps:
 - i. Waiting lists are created, by school, by area and grade level, for students who do not receive admission in the lottery.

- ii. If spaces become available, placement of students on the waiting list gives priority to siblings of students already enrolled, accepted and attending the transfer school
- iii. Available seats are filled from the waiting lists until the end of the first semester.

3. If my student is on a school's waitlist when will I hear if he or she will be offered a seat?

- a. Schools will reach out to you directly if a seat becomes available.
- b. It's important to remember that even if a student is on the waitlist they may not receive an offer for a seat.

4. Does a waitlist expire?

- a. Yes waitlists for Magnet Schools, Schools of Choice and transfers expire at the end of the first semester. If you are interested in attending a school you were waitlisted at you will need to submit an application for the following school year.