

Apply Midland Online Application FAQs

January 2020

Application Overview

1. What is Apply Midland?

- a. **Apply Midland** will serve as an online application system through which families can complete for the following for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - **Learn** about all Midland schools and the programs they offer through a ***School Finder***
 - **Apply** for Schools of Choice, Magnet Schools and for transfers from zoned schools
 - **Submit** a Notice of Intent to Return for Current Schools of Choice and Magnet School Families
 - **Register** for schools through *Skyward*

2. When will the application window be open?

- a. The application will be open at www.midlandisd.net/apply starting on **January 21, 2020**.

3. Which schools are included on the application?

- a. Families will be able to submit the following types of applications on Apply Midland:
 - i. Notice of Intent to Return for current Schools of Choice and Magnet School families (replacing the former google sheet process) with the exception of IDEA Travis, Coleman and Early College High school.

School Name	School Type
Ben Milam International Academy	School of Choice
Early College High School at Midland College	School of Choice
Sam Houston College Prep	School of Choice
San Jacinto Junior High	School of Choice
Young Women's Leadership Academy	School of Choice
Pease Communications and Technology Academy	Magnet School
Washington STEM Academy	Magnet School
Bowie Fine Arts Academy	Magnet School

- ii. Applications to Schools of Choice with the exception of IDEA Travis, Coleman, and Early College High School
- iii. Applications to Magnet Schools
- iv. Applications for Transfers to another MISD campus for Fall 2020

4. Are there any extra steps for certain schools? Do I need to do anything besides submit the application?

- a. Yes, certain schools require additional documents or information. The unique application requirements for each campus will be available through Apply Midland. Examples of additional requirements include:
 - i. Submission of Standardized Test Scores
 - ii. Submission of Transcript Information
 - iii. Student Interview

5. What is the overall timeline for Apply Midland?

- a. **December 11, 2019:** School Finder Launches
- 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. **Summer 2020:** Second Round Application Window Closes

6. Will all schools have the same timeline?

- a. Yes, all the schools will have the same timeline to ensure that families receive information about enrollment options at the same time. This will allow families to make informed decisions about enrollment for Fall 2020.
- b. The first round of applications for Schools of Choice, Magnet Schools, transfer requests for Fall 2020 will be open January 21st and will close on February 29th.
- c. Submission of Notice of Intent to Return for current Schools of Choice and Magnet School families will also be open January 21st and will close on February 29th
- d. After the initial application round closes, a second application round will open on March 16th and will be open through Summer 2020.

7. Who should fill out an application?

- a. The parent/guardian of the student should complete and submit the application along with their student, in case there are additional questions for the student to answer.

8. If I don't have my student's Skyward ID, can I call my student's school to verify the Skyward ID?

- a. Yes, a parent/guardian can reach out to their student's school to confirm the Skyward ID. Please be ready to provide the following information to receive the Skyward ID:
 - i. Student's First Name
 - ii. Student's Last Name
 - iii. Student's Home Address
 - iv. Parent's Email Address
 - v. Parent's Phone Number
 - vi. Student's Date of Birth

9. How can I learn more about schools and the application process?

- a. To learn more about MISD schools, please visit the School Finder at www.midlandisd.net/apply.
- b. To learn more about the application process, please visit the [Apply Midland Processes and FAQs](#) page.

10. If I submit my application on the first day it is open during round 1 will I have a better chance of getting a preferred school?

- a. No, all student applications during round 1 will be processed at the same time. Applications received on the first day of the application window and applications submitted at the end of the application window will be processed at the same time.

11. If I submit my application on the first day of round 2 will I have a better chance of getting a preferred school?

- a. Yes, applications submitted during the second round will be considered on a rolling basis so they will be processed as they are received.

12. Will the district provide transportation?

- a. Each school has different requirements regarding transportation services. Please review the information on the School Finder (www.midlandisd.net/apply) for details about whether a school provides transportation services to students.

13. My family 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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14. What if I change my mind about applying?

- a. If you would like to make any changes to your student’s application, please visit www.midlandisd.net/apply and click on the “Apply” button. From there, you will login to the Apply Midland system using your Apply Midland username and password. Click on “Edit Application” and submit your changes. Any desired changes must be made by midnight on February 29, 2020. For any additional changes to your application after the close of the Round 1 Application Window, please log in and submit an application in the Round 2 Application Window, which opens on March 16, 2020.

15. My child receives special education services. Who can I call with questions?

- a. Please call the MISD Special Services Department at 432-240-1401 for any questions regarding special education services.

16. My child receives English Language Learner Services. Who can I call with questions?

- a. Please call the MISD English Learners Department: Bilingual and ESL Services at 432-240-1481 for any questions regarding ELL services.

17. What factors impact my child’s priority to a school we selected?

- a. A range of factors are taken into consideration regarding a student’s priority for **Schools of Choice and Magnet Schools**. These factors are school-dependent and may include:
 - i. Sibling Preference: Priority given to students who are applying to a school that a sibling attends or was recently accepted to:
 1. For Schools of Choice, priority is given to siblings applying together where one sibling receives and accepts an offer
 2. For Magnet Schools, priority is given to siblings applying together where one sibling receives an offer (not dependent on acceptance)
 - ii. Zone Preference: Priority given to students who are applying from a particular geographical zone in order to ensure that a school equally represents all district geographic zones
 - iii. Staff Preference: Priority is given to students whose parent/guardian is employed by the specific school they are seeking to attend
- b. In addition to these preferences, individual schools may also have additional priorities that they consider. These policies are fully outlined in the Apply Midland Processes Document found [here](#).

18. How many schools can I select on the application?

- a. Families can select 5 schools on the application.

Schools of Choice and Magnet Schools

19. 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](#).
- 20. 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.
- 21. What should I do if I missed the application window and I am interested in one of these school options?**
- a. Please contact applymidland@midlandisd.net.
- 22. How are siblings verified?**
- a. All applicants claiming an existing sibling are verified by the campus based on the Skyward family account and parent information submitted for each student.
 - b. Schools verify this information using the same processes from prior years
- 23. How do I get help with the application?**
- a. Please refer to our Apply Midland Processes Document found [here](#)
 - b. Please contact applymidland@midlandisd.net

Transfers

- 24. What is the process for applying for a transfer for Fall 2020?**
- a. The first round application window for Fall 2020 transfers opens on January 21, 2020 and closes on February 29, 2020. The second round application window opens on March 16, 2020 and closes in Summer 2020.
- 25. When do transfers happen?**
- a. This application window is for families seeking transfers for 2020-2021 school year. Students who receive transfer offers in April 2020 and confirm enrollment in the transfer school will start at that school in August 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.

28. How do I apply for a transfer for the current school year?

- a. Mid-year transfer requests will continue to be processed using the existing transfer request form. Only transfers for Fall 2020 will be handled on the online platform.
- b. Please see information for the current school year [here](#).

Waitlist

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.