

School Finder FAQs and Processes

December 2019

- **What is Apply Midland?**
 - **Apply Midland** will serve as an online application system through which families can:
 - **Learn** about all Midland schools and the programs they offer through a *School Finder*
 - **Apply** for schools of choice, magnet schools and for Fall 2020 transfers from zoned schools
 - **Submit** a Notice of Intent to Return for Current Choice and Magnet Families
 - **Register** for schools through *Skyward*

- **Why is MISD launching Apply Midland now?**
 - MISD is committed to ensuring students have access to quality schools through a process that is equitable, efficient, and transparent. As the district continues to expand the number of schools of choice across the district, we wanted to create a simplified online application that would allow families to apply to multiple schools at once.

- **How will this impact families?**
 - Families will be able to access the district's schools of choice, magnet schools, transfer applications for Fall 2020, and applications for students currently on a transfer through one portal. Families will also receive notifications when their application has been processed and when they have received offers from schools.

- **Apply Midland Timeline**
 - **December 11, 2019:** School Finder Lanches
 - **January 21, 2020:** Application for Schools of Choice, Magnets, and Fall 2020 Transfers Opens
 - **February 29, 2020:** Application Window Closes
 - **March 16, 2020:** Second Application Round for Fall 2020 Transfers and available Choice Schools opens (Rolling Applications)
 - **April 1, 2020:** Families Receive Offers
 - **April 8, 2020:** Deadline to Confirm Placements
 - **Summer 2020:** Round 2 Closes

- **What is a School Finder?**
 - The School Finder is an online directory of all the schools in Midland that allows families to access information about all the campuses in Midland.

- **What types of information will I find on the School Finder?**
 - Families will be able to access the following information on the School Finder:
 - Search tool for schools
 - Map of schools in Midland
 - A school profile for each campus with information such as campus services, academic and extra-curricular programming, demographic information of the student body, application information (if applicable) and school hours
 - Information about application requirements for schools of choice and magnet schools
 - An optional guided search feature to help families find campus options that best meet their needs

- **What is the difference between the School Finder and the Application?**
 - School Finder is a public website that enables families to learn about all MISD school options in one place
 - The Application is how families actually apply to and select options for their students. This application replaces the individual electronic and paper applications for choice, magnet, and transfer schools

- Which schools will be participating in the Application in January 2020?
 - All magnet and transfer applications for 2020-2021 will be submitted via Apply Midland
 - The majority of 2020-2021 choice school applications will be submitted via Apply Midland with the exception of IDEA, Coleman, and Early College High School
 - 2020-2021 PreKindergarten and Gifted and Talented program applications will **not** be included in year 1 of Apply Midland