



CHOICE Application Process

How to apply for CHOICE Academies

2019-2020 at Royal Palm Beach High School

RPBHS Academies Open House

- ▶ **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**
- ▶ **6:00 – 8:00 PM**

All current 8th graders and their families are invited to meet school administration and academy teachers, see clubs and organizations and learn more information about the many opportunities available to students at Royal Palm Beach High School.

Royal Palm Beach Community High School



CHOICE Programs at RPBHS

- ▶ International Baccalaureate (IB)
- ▶ Medical & Health Sciences
- ▶ Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)
- ▶ Global Business – Marketing
- ▶ Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC-R)
- ▶ Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)



Make an INFORMED decision!

- ▶ Refer to the CHOICE booklet at:
- ▶ <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/choiceprograms/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2018/10/choice-book-SY19-20-online.pdf>
- ▶ Open House Dates for SDPBC high schools are found at:
- ▶ <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/choiceprograms/open-house-dates/>
- ▶ Understanding what your child enjoys—and what s/he is good at or interested in—is the first step in exploring career options.
- ▶ Identify potential career interests of your child.
- ▶ Speak directly to school representatives regarding specific programs offered.
- ▶ If accepted to a program will transportation be an issue?



Eligibility

- ▶ Program eligibility requirements are standard district-wide.
- ▶ GPA for 9th grade applicants is calculated using the average of all classes for the quarter 4 of Grade 7 and the first semester of Grade 8.
- ▶ GPA for Grade 10-12 applicants is based on the student's earned GPA at the time of eligibility determination. PBSB student's GPA will be identified from the District's Student Information System (SIS).
- ▶ Parents of students not enrolled in the SDPBC at the time of application are responsible to upload transcripts for middle school. Failure to provide official records to the high school before the application deadline WILL affect eligibility.



Eligibility by Program at RPBHS

<i>Academy Program</i>	<i>Eligibility Criteria</i>
IB	GPA 3.0*
Medical	GPA 3.0*
STEM	GPA 3.0*
Marketing	GPA 2.5
HVAC-R	none
NJROTC	none

*Completion of Algebra I by Grade 8 recommended



Transportation Services

- ▶ Choice Program students may receive transportation regardless of their proximity to the Choice school.
- ▶ Parents must provide transportation to the closest bus stop in order to be eligible.
- ▶ Bus stops will only be available within the Choice Transportation Zone.
- ▶ Additional stops will not be created
- ▶ Transportation Call Center (561) 357-1110

The School District of Palm Beach County Transportation Services Department is dedicated to partnering with schools, families, and communities to provide safe and efficient transportation in support of school programs and services.

Students residing two miles or less from a school are not eligible for transportation per section 1011.68, Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rule 6A-3001, Basic Principles for Transportation of Students.

[Routes and bus stops for the 2018-2019 school year have now been posted.](#)

Choice Program students may receive transportation regardless of their proximity to the Choice school. Parents must provide transportation to the closest bus stop in order to be eligible. Bus stops will only be available within the Choice Transportation Zone for each school and additional stops will not be created. To view the Choice Transportation Zone, click [here](#) and then click on the school.

Please enter your address below and select the morning or afternoon route to find your child's bus stop, pick up and drop off time.

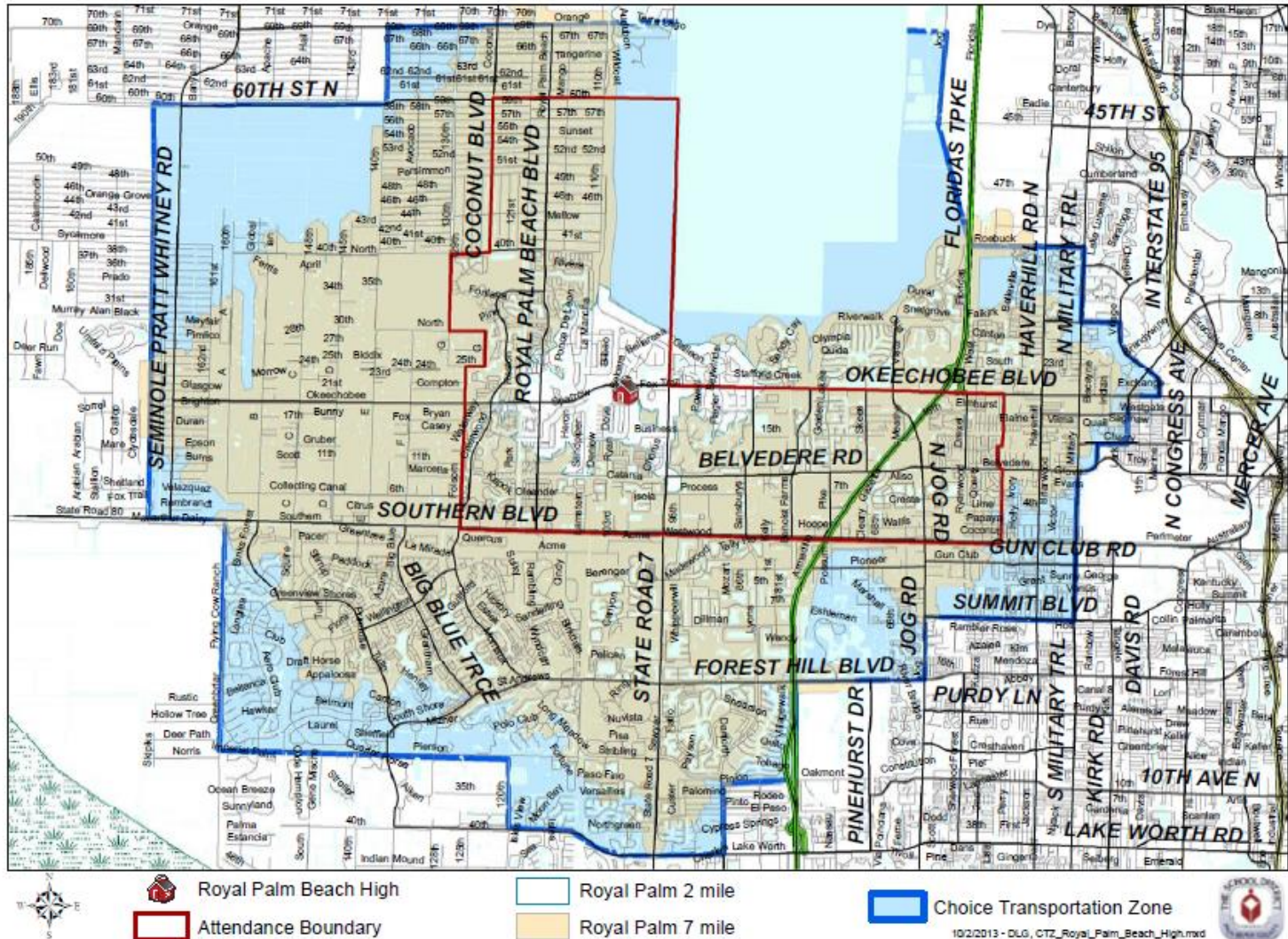
Student's Home Address

Select School

Select AM or PM

Display Stops

RPBHS Choice Transportation Zone



Online SDPBC CHOICE Application

- ▶ The Choice application for the 2019-2020 school year will be available **November 1, 2018**.
- ▶ Access <https://mypbchoiceapp.com/apply/index.php>.
- ▶ Only one (1) application may be submitted per student.
- ▶ Select Program Choice 1 and Program Choice 2.
- ▶ Only one (1) program selection change will be allowed prior to the application deadline once the application is submitted.



APPLY Online

- ▶ Website: <https://mypbchoiceapp.com/apply/index.php>
- ▶ Follow prompts to create application/parent dashboard.
- ▶ Ensure accuracy of information- especially e-mail address.
- ▶ Parent- not the student- submits the application.
- ▶ Parents must apply at the District for CHOICE programs even if the family lives in RPBHS's SAC zone.
- ▶ Check parent dashboard frequently for progress.



Deadlines

▶ **December 7, 2018**

(The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach; Bak MSOA, Boynton Beach High School, and Dreyfoos School of the Arts)

▶ **January 25, 2019**

RPBHS and other schools not listed above

NOTE: Applications are not entered on a first come, first served basis. November 1 – (December 7 or) January 25 is an **open enrollment window**.



Acceptance Announcement

- ▶ Notification of acceptance from District Choice & Career options in parent dashboard first week in April 2019
- ▶ Welcome letter and documents from RPBHS via Post Office and e-mail listed in online application
- ▶ Follow accept/decline directions to reserve student's seat



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IB Coordinator

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Additional Questions

- ▶ For more information on school choice options in Palm Beach County visit the following link:
- ▶ www.palmbeachschools.org/choiceprograms/.
- ▶ E-mail District staff at the following link:
- ▶ choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.

