



CHOICE Application Process

How to apply for CHOICE Academies

2020-2021 at Royal Palm Beach High School

RPBHS Academies Open House

▶ **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

▶ 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/students_parents/school_choice/choice_programs
- ▶ Open House Dates for SDPBC high schools are found at:
- ▶ https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/school_choice/choice_programs/choice_open_house
- ▶ 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 calculations for entering Grade 9 applicants are computed using the average of all classes for the fourth quarter of Grade 7 and the first semester of Grade 8.
- ▶ GPA calculations for Grade 10-12 applicants will be based on the student's earned GPA at the time of eligibility determination. PBSO student's GPA will be identified from the SDPBC 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 (CTZ).
- ▶ Additional stops will not be created.
- ▶ The Transportation Call Center phone number is (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 2019-2020 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.

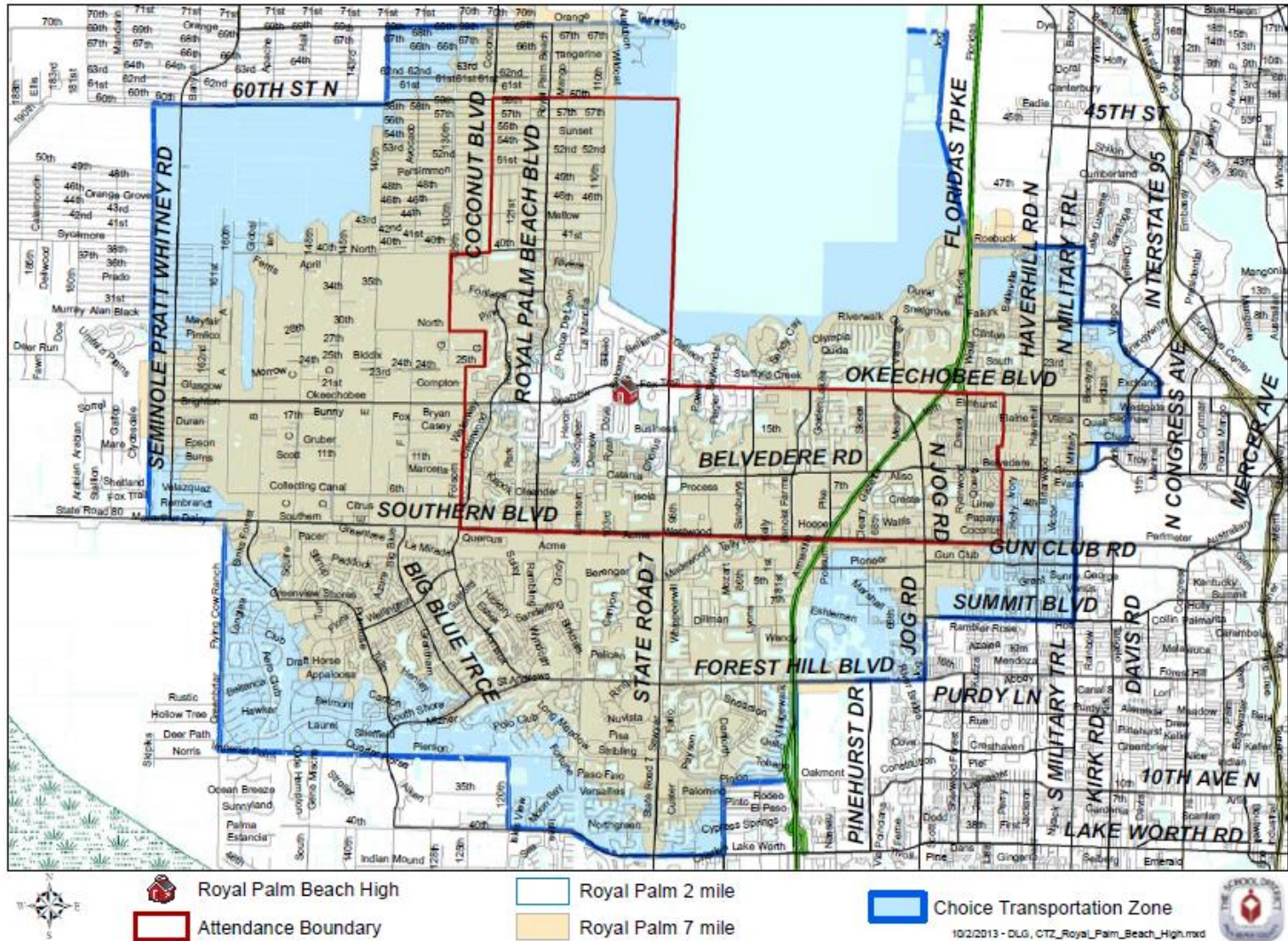
Student's Home Address

Select School

Select AM or PM

Display Stops

RPBHS Choice Transportation Zone



Online SDPBC CHOICE Application

- ▶ The Choice application for the 2020-2021 school year will be available **November 4, 2019**.
- ▶ 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 13, 2019**

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

▶ **January 24, 2020**

RPBHS and other schools not listed above

NOTE: Applications are not entered on a first come, first served basis. November 4, 2019 – (December 13, 2019 or) January 24, 2020 is an **open enrollment window**.



Acceptance Announcement

- ▶ Notification of acceptance from District Choice & Career options in parent dashboard first week in April 2020
- ▶ 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



RPBHS Contacts

- ▶ Ms. Donique Blake, Academies Coordinator
- ▶ Academies Office (561) 792-8659
- ▶ donique.blake@palmbeachschools.org



- ▶ Mrs. Laurie Cotton, IB Diploma Programme Coordinator
- ▶ IB Office (561) 753-4014
- ▶ laurie.cotton@palmbeachschools.org



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.



District Choice Programs Application Information

2020-2021 Choice Programs Application

Families must complete one application per child and complete all information as requested. Completion of the Choice application does not guarantee admission. Falsification of information on the application could lead to ineligibility for Choice Programs. Parent/Guardian must be a resident of Palm Beach County at the time the application is submitted. For more information call (561) 434-8755 or send an e-mail to choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.

Applications may only be submitted by parents/guardians. Student submitted applications cannot be processed. **Applications are NOT accepted at the school.**

REMINDER: ONLY ONE (1) application may be submitted per student. One application selection change will be allowed before the deadline if the application is submitted online. No changes are allowed after submission of a hard copy application.

Applying online at: <http://www.mypbchoiceapp.com>.

Deadline Date: ***Friday, January 24, 2020*** for all Choice programs at ***Royal Palm Beach High School***. The open application period is from November 4, 2019 until January 24, 2020. Note: This is an enrollment window; applications are NOT handled on a first come, first served basis.

Hard copy applications may be submitted directly to the District. However, any application for programs at RPBHS received by the District after 4:00 PM on January 24, 2020 is considered late. Late applications accepted after January 24, 2020 are NOT included in the March 2020 selection lottery and may be entered only after all applicants in the wait pool have been assigned through random selection lottery. The application must be printed, signed and mailed or delivered in person to the Department of Choice and Career Options at the Fulton Holland Educational Services Center. The original must be mailed or delivered with a postmark no later than ***December 13, 2019*** for arts programs at The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach, Bak MSOA, Boynton Beach High School, West Boca Raton High School and Dreyfoos SOA **AND *January 24, 2020*** for all other schools.

The Department of Choice and Career Options is **NOT** responsible for any application not received as a result of an error or delivery delay by the U. S. Postal Service.

Return completed, printable application to:

The Department of Choice and Career Options
3308 Forest Hill Blvd., C-124
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

The original application must be mailed or delivered to the Department of Choice and Career Options and postmarked **no later than** December 13, 2019 for all CHOICE arts programs **AND** January 24, 2020 for CHOICE programs at all other schools.

Faxed applications are not accepted. Incomplete applications will NOT be processed.