



Families in Los Angeles have many choices when it comes to finding the right school for their child. In addition to district options (neighborhood schools, magnets, zones of choice, etc.), **there are over 250 different independent charter public schools across LA.** These charter public schools offer a variety of educational options for families, such as a focus on college preparation, STEM, the arts, career pathways, and dual language, to name a few.

With so many choices, the process for finding and enrolling in public schools should be simple. However, the current process for selecting and enrolling in public schools is very complicated, with separate applications, different deadlines, and a lack of common information about school options. **The process is not working for Los Angeles families,** particularly low-income families.

Parents, school leaders, and community partners are coming together to create something better: [ApplyLA](#), a single, common sense system that makes it easy for families to understand and apply to charter public schools in Los Angeles.

Go to [ApplyLA.org](#) to get started today!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does ApplyLA work?

ApplyLA makes it easy for families to apply to multiple charter public schools through a single application.

Step 1: Log-onto [ApplyLA.org](#) and create an account.

Step 2: Select from the list of schools the ones you would like to apply for. Complete any supplemental questions. Hit submit! You should receive confirmation from ApplyLA that your application was received.

Step 3: Check back in at any time to monitor the status of your application, apply to additional schools or withdraw an application, and accept offers.

If you aren't able to access the application by computer or mobile device, you can also apply by phone by calling the ApplyLA support line (877) 877-5057.

Why aren't all the schools in my neighborhood listed?

ApplyLA is piloting in the 2018-19 school year with 31 schools that volunteered to participate. In future years, more charter public schools are expected to join.

How do I decide which schools to apply for?

For all 31 charter public schools participating in the ApplyLA common application, you can learn more about them by reviewing their school profiles. The profiles will explain school hours, before and after school care availability, academic focus areas, extracurriculars, historical performance, demographics, and much more.

We also encourage you to visit individual school websites and to call schools that you are interested in to set up visits.

You can also call the ApplyLA support line (877) 877-5057 and a representative will help assist you in this process. They can refer you to Parent Revolution's Choice4LA direct assistance services if you would like even more support.

Should I apply to more than one school?

You should apply to any schools you would consider sending your child to. Some schools receive more applications than they have space for. When that happens, there is a "lottery" or random drawing to determine which students will be accepted. If you don't get an offer from your first choice school, you might get one from your second or third, and so on. So, the more schools you choose, the better your chance of getting into one that best fits your child and your family.

How do I apply for a school that is not participating in the ApplyLA common application?

If you are interested in applying to a school that is not currently using the ApplyLA common application, you can use the following resources:

- For charter schools, visit CCSA's Find a Charter School tool (www.ccsa.org/schools) or visit the school's website.
- For LAUSD school choice programs (Magnet schools, Schools for Advanced Studies, Zones of Choice, etc.), visit goto.LAUSD.net.

Which schools are participating?

You can find a list of the 31 participating schools below (in addition to at applyla.org/participating-schools).

When are applications due?

Each school has its own timeline for accepting applications. You can keep track of application deadlines through your ApplyLA account. Most (but not all) schools begin accepting applications in the fall and will close their application in order to run lotteries between January and March.

Where can I get additional support?

You can call the ApplyLA support line at (877) 877-5057, reach out to a participating school directly or email support@applyla.org.