

Dear DPS Families,

We are excited to share that due to continued high demand for our elementary afterschool programs, we will launch a new lottery system for our **elementary programs only** for the 2024-2025 school year to ensure equitable access to afterschool care. The Durham Public Schools (DPS) afterschool lottery is similar to the Magnet/CTE Application. **This lottery application window will open March 18, 2024, at 8 a.m. and close on April 19, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

Families may apply for the elementary afterschool lottery using their current Schoolmint account credentials. Lottery participation is not required for before-school or middle school programs.

Please note: DPS employees will have the opportunity to register early and receive a monthly 15% discount from March 4 – 8, 2024.

DPS elementary before- and afterschool programs are licensed by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (NCDCDEE) under the leadership of the Department of Health and Human Services. To maintain our licensing, our programs adhere to the regulatory guidance highlighted below:

- All DPS before and after-school elementary programs have a 4- or 5-star rating and must adhere to licensure regulations including student to staff ratio of 1:14 for kindergartners and 1:18 for 1st -5th graders and staff qualifications per elementary program license.
- Opening program capacities for the beginning of the school year are different and are based on staffing.

Due to lesser demand for before school and middle school programs, general registration will open June 3, 2024, for these programs in the Procure/Schoolcare Works portal. A lottery is not required for these programs.

The Elementary Afterschool Lottery Process

Step 1.

Create an online account with your e-mail address and password or phone number and password:

<https://applydpsnc.schoolmint.com/>

Please note that because text messaging is limited to a maximum number of characters, you will need a valid email address for the parent/guardian contact section of the application to receive all communication.

Step 2.

If your student is a current DPS student, please enter his/her PowerSchool Student ID Number to pre-populate the student/parent information fields, or you may manually enter these data fields.

Step 3.

Select the school/program your child will be attending. If you are registering siblings, answer yes to registering siblings to receive the sibling link. Siblings will receive a seat together or both siblings will be waitlisted. Parents can opt out of the sibling link, which means one can be seated, and not the other.

Step 4.

Complete the parent information and signature page and submit your application(s) by **April 19**. Changes may be made to application(s) until the April 19, 2024, 5 p.m. deadline, with no exceptions.

Step 5

Families will receive notification by email of their lottery results on May 3. If you have been granted a seat in a program, you must register and pay in the Procure/Schoolcare Works portal using your current credentials at <https://connect.schoolcareworks.com/login.jsp> by **5 p.m. on May 6 - 17, 2024**. If you do not complete the Procure/Schoolcare Works registration by May 17 by 5 p.m., your seat will be forfeited. No exceptions. You can also visit www.dpsnc.net/afterschool to register and pay under the registration tab if you do not have an account. Families that receive a lottery seat can register for both before and after-school programs at the same time in Procure/Schoolcare Works.

Families who miss the lottery window of March 18 - April 19, 2024, can register in Procure/Schoolcare Works beginning June 3, 2024, for any remaining seats. **All accounts must be current to register for summer camp and/or before- and after-school for the new school year.**

DATE	EVENT
February 19	Camp Funtastic Registration opens
March 4 – March 8	DPS Employee Early Registration window
March 18 – April 19	Afterschool Lottery Application window
May 3	Lottery results emailed to families
May 6 – May 17	Registration for accepted lottery seats window
June 3	General registration opens for any remaining seats

We thank you for choosing DPS for your after-school program of choice. If you have questions, please contact our Accounting Office at 919-560-9488.

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