

PROGRAM OF CHOICE APPLICATION FORM FOR 2018-19

(For students residing in St. Johns County who will be new to the school district or who don't have access to email.)

Submit this form to Theresa Dodd, SJCSO Office of Career Education, fax it to her at (904) 547-4865.

Legal Name: _____ Age: _____ M or F _____ Student ID# _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address if different: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____ Current School: _____ Grade: _____

Zoned High School: _____ Do you currently play on a high school sporting team? Yes No

If yes, please list the sport you play. _____ Do you plan to continue playing this sport? Yes No

Parent or Guardian Information

Parent / Guardian #1 _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent's Email Address _____ Parent's Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I have discussed the decision with my parents, and we are requesting enrollment in the selected program. I realize I must meet all requirements to remain in the program. Failure to follow rules and meet minimum requirements will result in my dismissal from the program. If I am attending a school which is not my zoned high school, I realize I must return to my zoned high school at the end of the semester upon dismissal from the program. I understand there are programs that will call for additional requirements and commitments. By submitting this application, I am making a commitment to attend the program I selected if accepted. I have also read the Program of Study Policies located in this packet and understand these guidelines.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____ Signature of Parent / Guardian _____

Applicant wishes to enter the following program: Please place a 1, 2 or 3 in the box selecting your order of preference in the program choice or the selected course.

Allen D. Nease High School

Communications Academy @ Nease High School

- Digital Design
- Digital Design with Journalism
- TV Production
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Stellar Academy of Engineering
- Navy ROTC
- Academy of Hospitality & Tourism

Bartram Trail High School

VyStar Academy of Business & Finance-Bartam

- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Design Academy
 - Architectural Drafting
 - Fashion Design
 - Interior Design
- Air Force ROTC
- Information Technology Academy

Ponte Vedra High School

- Academy of Biotechnology & Medical Research
- Academy of Information Technology
- Academy of International Business & Marketing
 - International Business
 - International Marketing

Pedro Menendez High School

VyStar Academy of Business - Menendez

- Business & Finance
- Digital Design
- Academy of Architectural & Building Sciences
 - Architectural Drafting
 - Building Construction Technology
- Flagler Hospital Academy of Medical & Health Careers
- International Baccalaureate Program

St. Augustine High School

- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)
- Army ROTC
- St. Johns County Aerospace Academy
- St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers
- St. Johns County Center for the Arts
 - Band
 - Dance
 - Digital Arts/Drawing/Painting
 - Drama
 - Guitar
 - Musical Theatre
 - Piano
 - Vocals

St. Johns Technical High School

- Coastal & Water Resources
- Culinary Arts

Creekside High School

- Academy of Engineering & Environmental Sciences
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Sciences
- Academy of Emerging Technology
 - Cyber Security
 - Digital Media

Murray Middle School – School for the Arts

- Art
- Chorus
- Dance
- Drama

Policies and Procedures

A Program of Choice is defined as multi-year, specialized program that is available to students from across the district.

To be eligible, students must be a resident of St. Johns County.

1. Acceptance into a Program of Choice automatically provides an out-of-zone waiver for students to attend a school other than their zoned school. No separate actions need to be taken to receive an out-of-zone waiver.
2. Completed applications must be submitted by the **established due dates**.
3. Each school will determine the number of student seats available in each Program of Choice and may deny entry solely based on seats available. A lottery system is available to ensure students have equal access to a Program of Choice if seat capacity is met. Students may be placed on a waiting list and accepted as seats become available until the first day of school.
4. Rising 11th and 12th grade students are **ineligible** for applications and out-of-zone waivers to a new Program of Choice.
5. Each Program of Choice sets expectations for academic progress, attendance and behavior. Should an out-of-zone transfer student not meet such expectations the following actions will ensue:
 - o The principal of the out-of-zone Program of Choice school may initiate action to rescind a student's out-of-zone waiver for failing grades, excessive school absences or tardiness and/or recurrent discipline problems.
 - o Prior to rescinding a student's out-of-zone waiver, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in writing citing the reason for potential revocation the out-of-zone waiver.
 - o The parent/guardian shall be permitted a reasonable time and opportunity to address or correct the situation.
 - o If not corrected in a reasonable amount of time, the principal or designee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent for revocation of the student's out-of-zone waiver. In most instances, the revocation will be effective at the end of the semester after grades have been awarded.
6. Mid-Year transfers to a new Program of Choice are not allowed.
7. In the event that a student opts to drop out of, or ceases to be enrolled in, a Program of Choice for which an out-of-zone waiver has been approved, the student will be required to return to his/her home zoned school at the start of the new semester once credit has been awarded.
8. Students may apply for multiple programs of study; however, students may only attend academies and or programs of choice at **one** school.
9. Students who are denied entry to a Program of Choice may appeal the decision to the Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction by June 1. The Associate Superintendent will convene the appeals committee to consider the appeal and issue a recommendation to the Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent is final.
10. Students may not apply for a Program of Choice at an out-of-zone school if the program exists at the student's zoned high school. (*Programs that are replicated in the district: International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Allen D. Nease and Pedro Menendez OR Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program at St. Augustine High School; VyStar Academy of Business and Finance at Bartram Trail and Pedro Menendez; ROTC programs at Bartram Trail, Nease and St. Augustine, Academies of IT at Bartram Trail and Ponte Vedra.*) This policy went into effect December 2015.
11. **The parents/guardians of students attending an out-of-zone school are required to provide transportation for the student to and from the out-of-zone school.**

New Students entering the St. Johns County School District

Any student entering 9th or 10th grade not previously enrolled in a St. Johns County public school within the prior school year is eligible to apply for any Program of Choice in the St. Johns County School District up until the student's first day of entry. Applying does not guarantee acceptance into the Program of Choice. Students entering the St. Johns County School District enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade who were previously enrolled in an equivalent Program of Choice at his/her previous school may apply for the equivalent Program of Choice, regardless of school zone, up until the first day of entry.