

Enroll NOLA

Annual Report

February 2015

Executive Summary

The EnrollNOLA Annual Report serves as a snapshot of enrollment for the nearly 40,000 students who attend a school participating in the centralized enrollment process. The February 2015 Annual Report documents last year's OneApp application cycle, during which time students applied to, and were placed at, one of their school choices for the 2014-2015 school year, as well as data from the mid-year enrollment process throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

The purpose of the Annual Report is to give families, schools, and the community a greater understanding of how and why the centralized enrollment system was developed, how it works, and whether or not it is succeeding in its goal of creating a fair, transparent, and equitable enrollment process driven by family choice. In compiling this report, EnrollNOLA has found that the OneApp process has delivered consistent results across several metrics that matter to families: placing siblings together, placing students who would prefer to go to school close to home at a choice in their geographic zone, and placing students at one of their top school choices.

More students are being served through an equitable, transparent enrollment process.

89% of New Orleans public schools are participating in the 2015-2016 enrollment process. OneApp has adapted over time to increase school offerings. EnrollNOLA schools now serve 84% of Orleans Parish students.

8,178 families were served during the Late Enrollment period. 87% of placements were made during July and August, suggesting that most students had a placement by the beginning of the school year.

2,740 placements were made during the 2013-2014 school year. Student enrollment doesn't stop with OneApp. Throughout the year, students move in and out of the city, enter from non-participating schools, or enter public school for the first time through EnrollNOLA.

Families have the power to choose.

92% of students with the option to return to their current school did not apply to transfer. This translates into greater educational stability for most New Orleans students.

10,093 OneApps were submitted during the 2014-2015 Main Round. An indicator that families who are required to participate are doing so, and when they have the greatest likelihood of being assigned to one of their top school choices.

74% of students applied to at least one school outside of their geographic zone. OneApp enables families to apply to all participating schools based on what is most important to them.

Families are getting what they want.

96% of students with sibling priority were placed at school with their sibling. During the 2014-2015 application cycle, the vast majority of sibling-applicants to attend school with their brothers and sisters.

96% of applicants who applied only to schools within their zone and listed 3 or more choices were assigned to a school in-zone. Nearly all students who indicated that they would strongly prefer to go to school in their geographic area were able to do so.

80% of students were placed at one of their top 3 school choices. Families who listed only 1 choice on their OneApp had a match rate of 69%; families who listed 4 or more choices had a match rate of 93%.

EnrollNOLA is committed to giving every student in New Orleans access to a school of their choice. Through OneApp and mid-year enrollment cycles, EnrollNOLA is able to ensure participating schools enroll all students fairly.



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EnrollNOLA in context

What is EnrollNOLA?

EnrollNOLA is the city-wide centralized enrollment system, facilitating enrollment for nearly 40,000 New Orleans students. Every student deserves fair access to a quality education; EnrollNOLA makes this a reality for the families of our city.

EnrollNOLA is guided by three principles:

fairness

Every student should have fair access to every school, so EnrollNOLA policies apply to all students in the same way.

transparency

EnrollNOLA procedures are clearly detailed and publicly available to all schools and families.

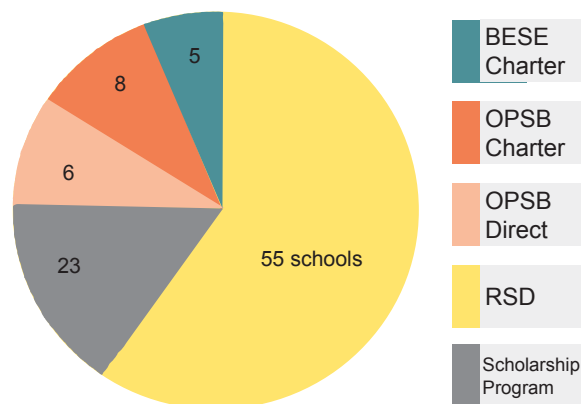
efficiency

Families fill out a single application with all of their school preferences, and receive a single best offer to one of their preferred schools.

EnrollNOLA currently manages admissions, readmissions, and transfers for 89% of New Orleans public schools. EnrollNOLA also administers OneApp, a unified process for families to apply to the schools of their choice, anywhere across the city.



Which Schools Participate in OneApp?



The 2015-2016 OneApp includes over 150 discrete program options, representing five different types of schools. *Please note that the graphical representation above includes K-12 schools only.*

"As a parent with children currently enrolled in Orleans Parish Schools, OneApp has allowed me the opportunity to choose schools... This has afforded my family to experience 'open doors' to explore other schools for a better and higher education."

Ms. Ussin, parent of elementary and high school students attending OneApp schools

Through OneApp, students receive a single school placement based on family preference, each school's priorities, and the number of available seats. A school's priorities can include priority placement for siblings of students at the school, residence within the school's geographic zone, and more.

Since the centralized enrollment system was established in 2011, EnrollNOLA has worked to continually evolve in response to family and community needs. The information included in this report will consider several key measures for tracking our ability to meet this commitment to the students, schools, and communities of New Orleans.

What was enrollment like before OneApp?

No assurance of fairness in admissions for **families.**

Difficult for **schools** to plan for the coming school year.

Inefficient systems for **city-wide** enrollment planning.

applying for schools was...

confusing,

unfair,

and inefficient.

Why OneApp?

OneApp was created to address the historical inequalities of a fractured post-Katrina enrollment system. OneApp gives all students a fair chance of being placed at a school of their choice: regardless of their socioeconomic status, background, academic accommodations, or where they live.

100% of OneApp applicants undergo the same placement process. The application process is not first-come, first-served; it does not allow schools to pick and choose which students they would like to serve; it does not reserve open seats for specific students. No individual student is given undeclared advantage over another.

A unified application process is beneficial in several ways: families are able to provide a full list of school preferences from the outset; no students hold multiple seats at participating schools, and both families and schools can more readily prepare for the school year ahead. Centralized enrollment also means that students are no longer assigned to schools based only on where they live. Why?

- Families should be given the choice to apply to whichever school they prefer, regardless of where they live.
- EnrollNOLA believes that when attendance areas determine which school students attend, poor kids tend to have access to poor schools, and rich kids access to rich schools. Breaking that system is a step towards parity.

Beginning in 2011, parents organized to call for a clear, equitable, centralized enrollment system that would ensure fair access to educational options and greater accountability for schools. With the input of families, community groups, schools, and public forums, the enrollment process was created. EnrollNOLA has continued to work closely with school and community representatives in the development of policies and procedures, and is committed to facilitating a process that reflects what is most important to students and families.

“Although families were able to exercise their right to apply to any school after Hurricane Katrina, the process at times was daunting. With multiple application processes, deadlines and required documents, applying to schools became a task that challenged many. With a system still predicated on ‘who you know’ and ‘first come, first served,’ families found it unfair, and more often than not, it was those with the greatest need that suffered.”

Arielle McConduit
Director, Parent Information Center,
Urban League of Greater New Orleans



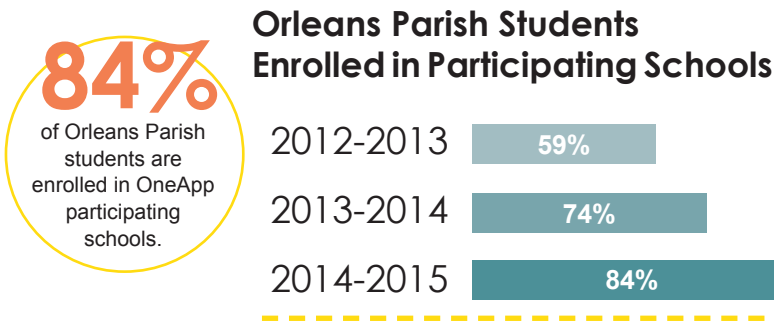
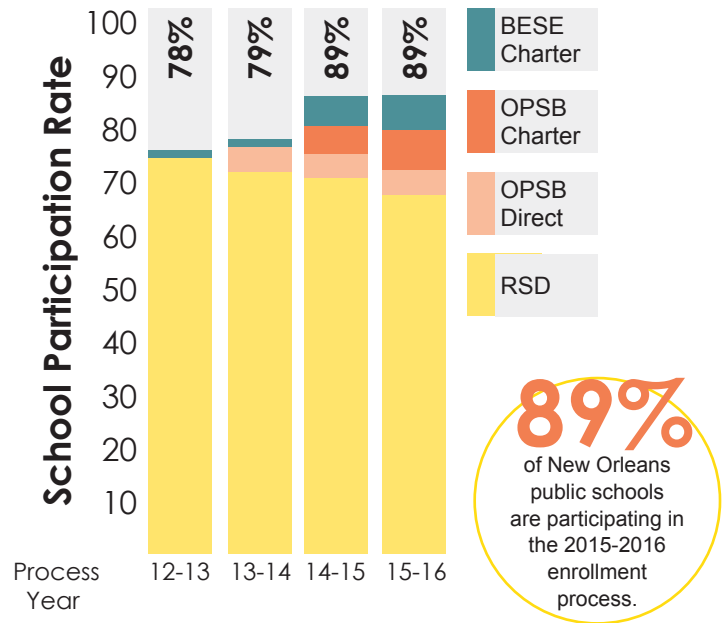
School Participation and Enrollment

89% of New Orleans public schools now participate in the OneApp process, serving 84% of Orleans Parish students. OneApp has demonstrated the ability to adapt over time to include a diverse portfolio of schools with various programming models, governance structures, and admissions criteria.

For the 2015-2016 enrollment process, OneApp includes:

- All governing bodies for schools in Orleans Parish,
- Three types of pre-kindergarten settings,
- A variety of school-level priority and eligibility structures,
- Variability within existing priority structures, and
- A new timeline accounting for historical enrollment practices.

Process changes over time have been made without compromising the guiding principles of the enrollment process, overall system stability, or parents' success in being placed at a school of their choice.



A centralized enrollment system benefits families by ensuring all schools play by the same rules. It is critical that 100% of New Orleans public schools participate in order to achieve fair access to all schools for every student. EnrollNOLA will continue to work to include all schools in the enrollment process.

Adapting to community needs

2012-2013	All RSD schools participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common application process is created • Development of geographic & sibling priority structures
2013-2014	OPSB Direct-Run Schools, LA Scholarship Program join	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Link keeps more families together • OPSB's existing enrollment practices are included • Scholarship Program & eligibility determinations (including non-Orleans residents) incorporated • Online application portal created
2014-2015	BESE selective & open admissions schools, New and renewed OPSB charter schools join	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique priorities for OPSB charters are integrated • Selective admissions timeline and process established
2015-2016	New charter schools, Non-Public School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Pre-K programs join	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of pre-kindergarten options • Timeline and process stability established

Application Patterns

The “Main Round” is the first application window during which students may apply to attend a new school for the following school year. The Main Round application rate has been consistent over time. A recent increase in applications in entry-level grades, kindergarten and 9th, is a positive indicator that more students without a school placement are submitting applications.

Main Round Applications Submitted By Year

Fig. 1

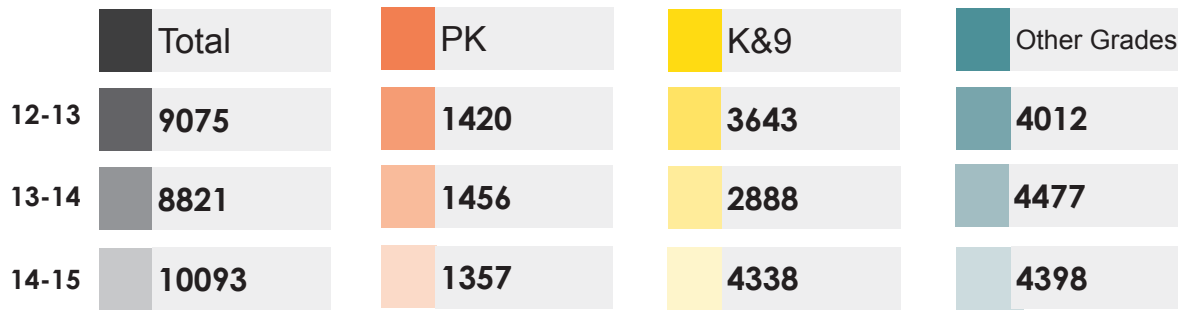
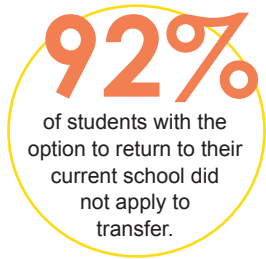


Fig. 1: The greatest flux in application rates is seen between 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. This may be the result of several changes in the application process that were implemented during 2013-2014, such as the removal of the Intent to Return application process for continuing students.

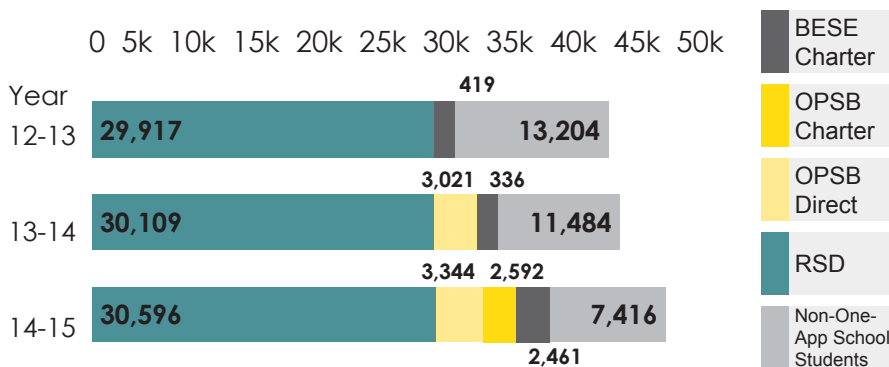


During the 2014-2015 application process, 92% of students with the option to continue chose to stay at their current school.

Students who are not matched during the Main Round may participate in the appeals round, called Round 2. Round 2 is an opportunity for students to appeal their Main Round placement, or for families who missed the Main Round to apply for the first time.

With the increased school participation rate, the percentage of Orleans Parish students attending a participating school has also increased over time. During the 2014-2015 school year, EnrollNOLA served nearly 40,000 students. Only students who are seeking to transfer schools, or who are entering school for the first time, are required to submit a OneApp.

October 1 Student Enrollment*

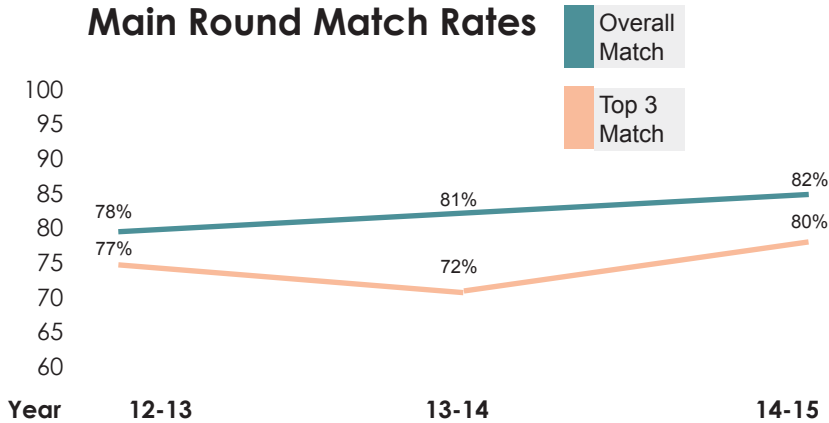


*For schools that participated in the process the previous spring.

"The introduction of OneApp has made student enrollment easier for schools and families. Our schools no longer have to hold their own separate admission lotteries, and families no longer have to fill out multiple applications and keep track of multiple deadlines. OneApp helps ensure that all families in New Orleans have the same access to the many educational options for their children."

**Kate Mehok,
Crescent City Schools**

Main Round Match Rates

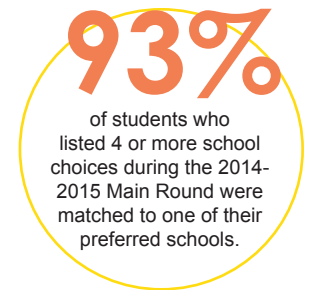


Match Rate

The “match rate” refers to applicants’ success in being assigned to a school they have chosen on their application. Every year, the OneApp match rate has increased.

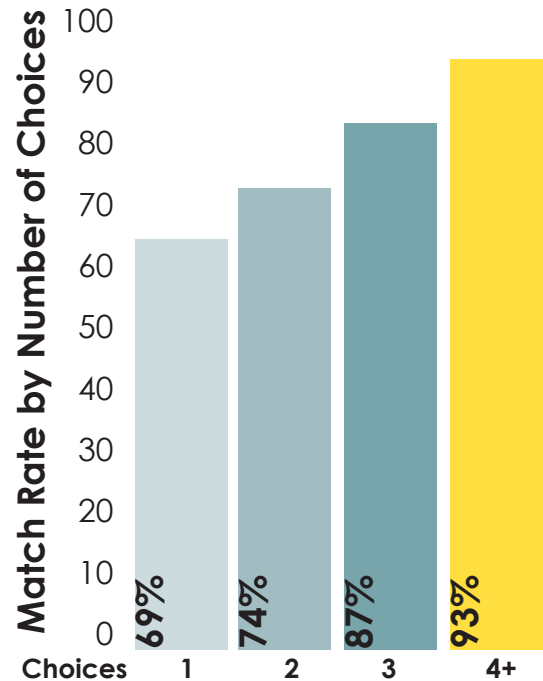
The “top three match rate” refers to how successful applicants are in being placed at one of their top three school selections. Consistently, well over two-thirds of applicants have been placed at one of their top three ranked schools.

Application Year	Students Returning to Current School	Main Round Match Rate	Top 3 Match Rate
2012-2013	90.3%	78.1%	76.6%
2013-2014	88.9%	80.6%	71.5%
2014-2015	91.9%	82.1%	79.9%



Each year, EnrollNOLA has succeeded in placing close to 80% of applicants at one of their preferred schools. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply to a wide selection of schools and to participate in the Main Round. Listing more school options on the application form increases the probability that a student will receive a match of their choice during the placement process.

The 2014-2015 match rate for students who list only one choice on the application form was 69%. Students who listed four or more choices had a match rate of 93%. On average, students listed 3 choices.



2014-2015 Enrollment

2014-2015 OneApp Main Round

During the Main Round application cycle to enroll for the 2014-2015 school year, EnrollNOLA received 10,093 applications, spread from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Applications were submitted at a steady rate from November to January, with a significant increase in submissions in the final month of the Round, February 2014. All applications are always processed at the same time, so that applicants who apply later in the Round are not at a disadvantage.

The majority of applicants were assigned to one of their top 3 choices. More students were assigned to a top 3 choice in entry-level grades (kindergarten and 9th), where there are more seats available to new applicants, and where the majority of applications were received.

Percent of Applicants Assigned to Top 3

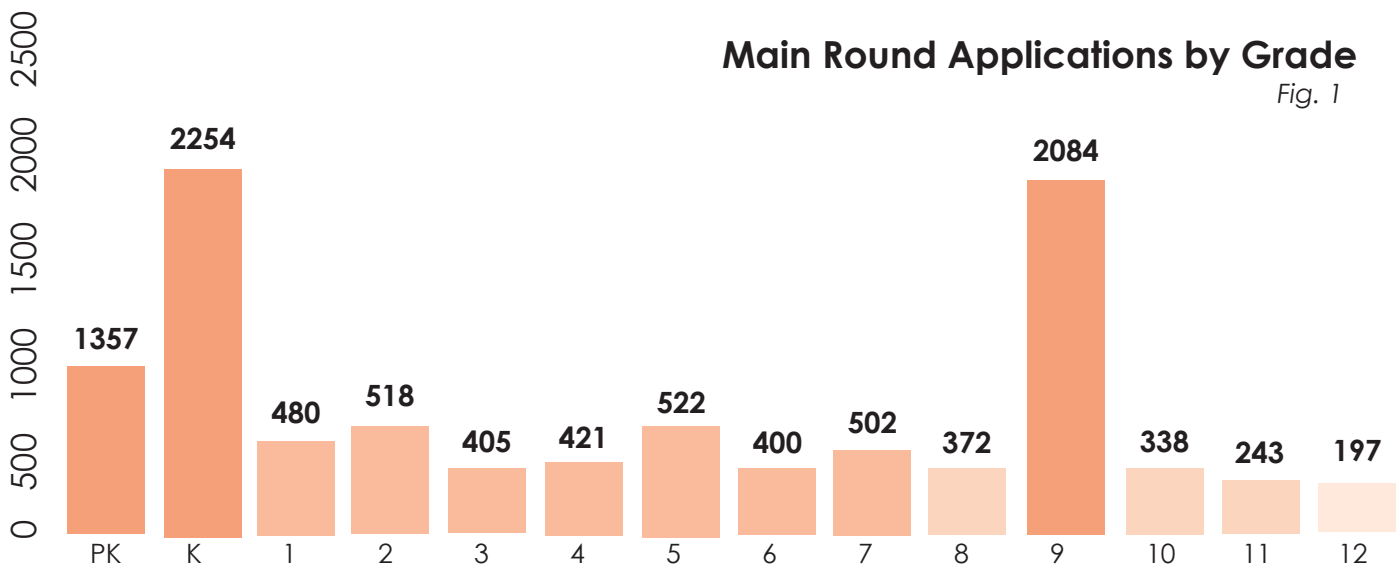
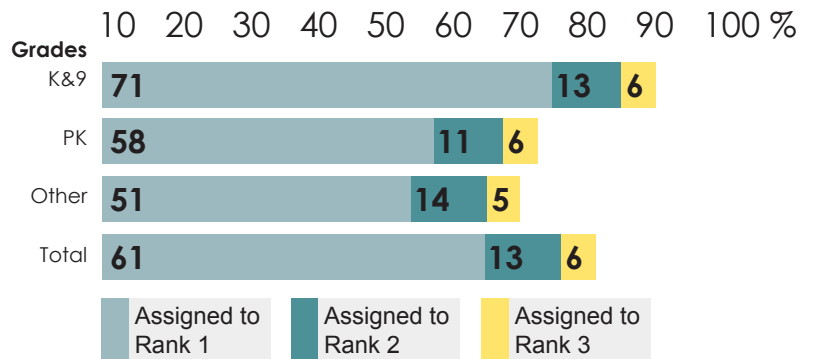


Fig. 1

Fig. 1: The majority of applications were submitted in entry-level grades, kindergarten and 9th. This is a positive indicator of overall system stability.

Benefits to Applying Online

33% of applications were submitted online during the 2014-2015 Main Round. Applying online is easy and beneficial for families. Families:

- Receive a **receipt** for their records when an application is submitted,
- Can easily update application choices if they choose to, and
- Are notified of the placement results more quickly.

Parents of pre-kindergarten applicants who have an online account are also able to view their positions on Pre-K waitlists through the online portal.

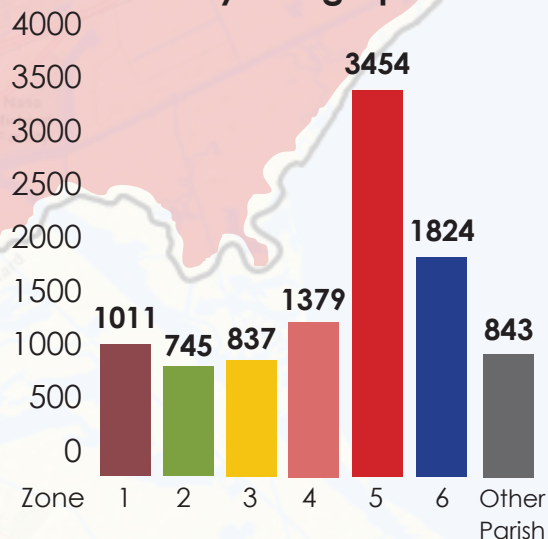
Applying online is recommended for all families.
Families can apply online at EnrollNOLA.org.

Every parent is encouraged to provide an email address on their application. During the 2014-2015 Main Round, 80% of parents listed an email address; within 24 hours of the placement results being finalized, these families received email notifications with their students' placement results.



- 1: Downtown / Ninth Ward
- 2: Central City / Garden District
- 3: Uptown / Carrollton
- 4: Mid-City / Lakeview
- 5: New Orleans East / Gentilly
- 6: Algiers / The Westbank

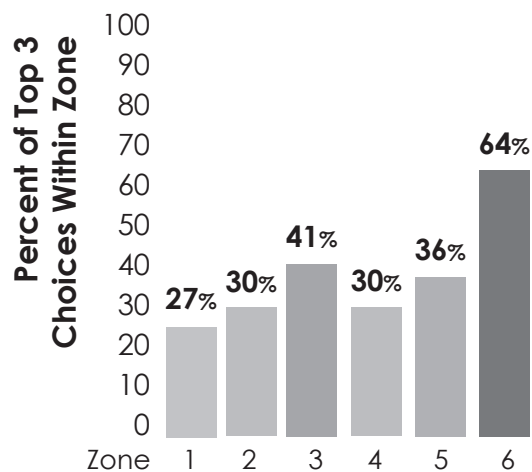
Main Round Applications by Geographic Zone



Over twice as many applications were submitted in zone 5, which reflects the greater number of overall students residing in that area.

Geography

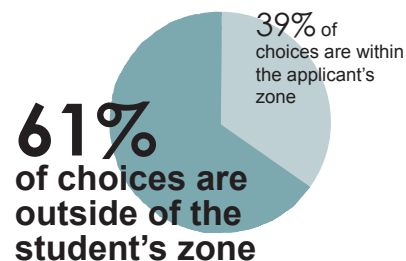
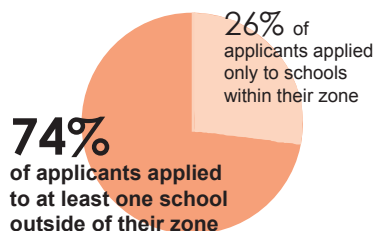
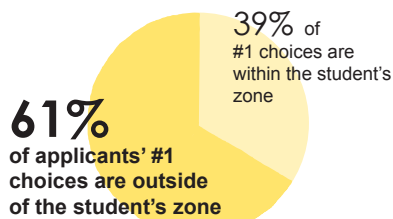
The majority of participating schools grant partial priority to applicants living within the school's geographic zone. OneApp operates under the principle that families should be able to apply to schools citywide, but those who indicate they would like to attend school close to home should be given priority to do so. This concept has largely been achieved: 96% of applicants who applied only to schools within their zone (with 3 or more school choices total) were assigned to a school in-zone.



Applicants rank in-zone choices in their top 3 at a similar rate across the city. The exception is Algiers / Westbank, where residents prefer in-zone choices much more than other zones.

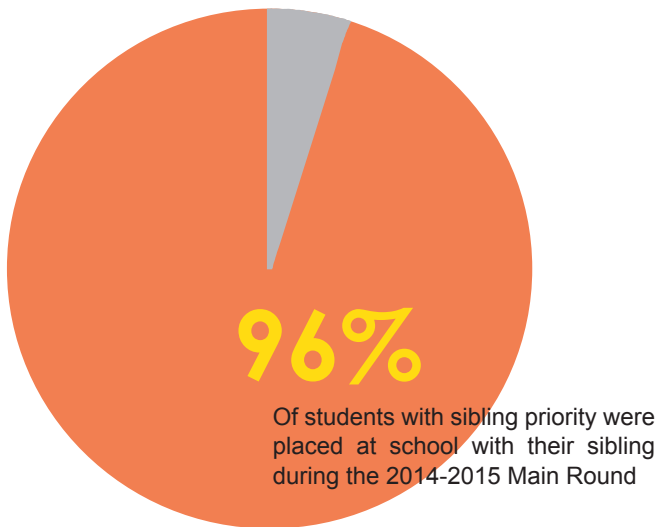
Geographic priority is determined by which "zone," a family lives in. The six zones used to determine student placements can be seen in the map above.

The majority of applicants are selecting schools outside of their geographic zone. The average application listed 1 choice within geographic zone out of 3 total choices. 61% of choices fell outside of students' residential area, and 61% of applicants' top choice was outside their geographic area.



Sibling Priority

Keeping siblings in school together is important to most families, and EnrollNOLA has worked to create a system that honors that. During the 2014-2015 OneApp Main Round, 96% of sibling-applicants were placed at the same school as their siblings.



1,218 families received sibling priority during the 2014-2015 Main Round.

The 4% of unassigned sibling-applicants were not assigned because the siblings' school had few-to-no seats open for new students.

Students who apply to a sibling's school will be given sibling priority regardless of how they rank that school, but EnrollNOLA recommends that families always rank school choices based on what is most important to them.

During the 2014-2015 Main Round, 368 families applied to a sibling's school, but chose not to rank that school first. OneApp honors parents' ability to choose either to send all of their students to school together, or to choose different schools based on each student's individual interests and needs. If a family would strongly prefer to keep their children together, it is recommended that they rank the siblings' school highly.

How does OneApp Consider Siblings?

EnrollNOLA attempts to keep siblings in school together whenever possible. The placement process considers siblings in two ways:



Family Link is a way the OneApp process prioritizes assigning concurrently applying siblings to the same school.

During the 2014-2015 Main Round, 71% of family-linked families were successfully matched together.

Sibling priority is another aspect of the OneApp process that helps assign siblings to the same school. If an applicant applies to a school their sibling currently attends, they will receive sibling priority to that school.

During the 2014-2015 Main Round, 96% of students with sibling priority were placed at school with their sibling.

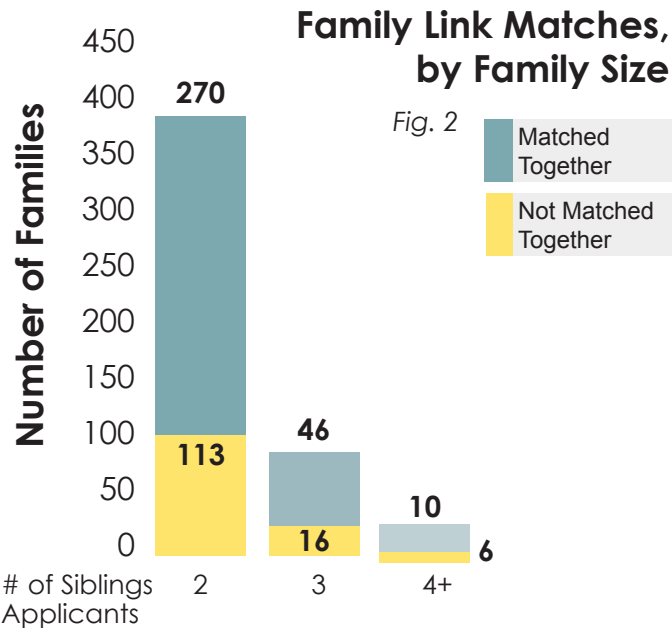


Fig. 2

Fig. 2: Of the 461 family-linked families, 326 (71%) were successfully matched together. The table above shows how many family-linked families were successfully matched together by family size.

Families had a higher chance of being placed together when they listed more choices.

Family Link

Family Link is a way to keep siblings together when they apply at the same time. If a parent submits an application for each child listing the same school selections in the same order, the students will be family-linked, and OneApp will prioritize assigning the students to the same school if possible.

For example, there is a family with applicants in 1st and 2nd grade that selects the same school choices in the same order. If the family's first-choice school only has a 1st grade seat available, but both students could be matched to their second choice together, OneApp will match both to their second-choice school.

The success rate for families who made between 2 and 4 choices is 70%, which increases to 75% for families listing more than 4 choices.



Fig. 3, right, shows how many family-linked families were matched together based on the number of preferences they entered on their application.

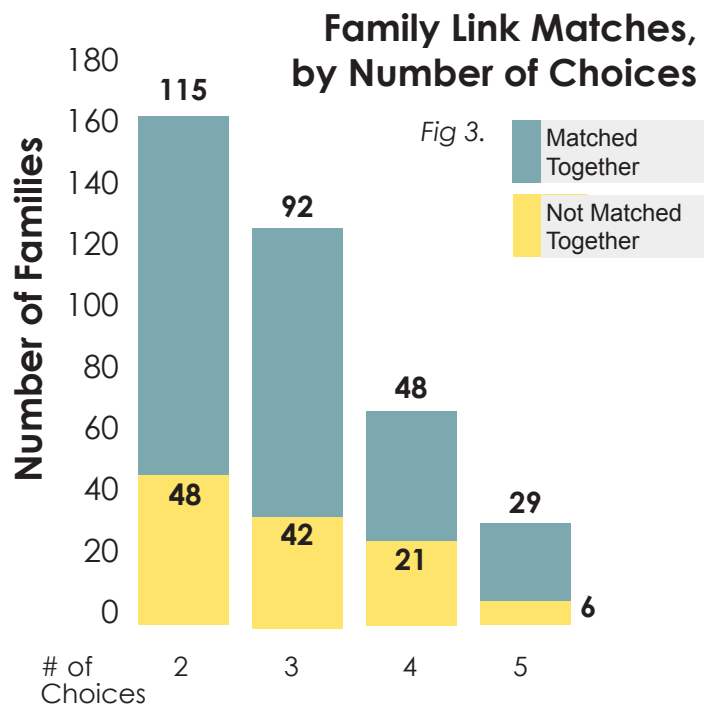


Fig. 3.

Late Enrollment

Late Enrollment spans from early July to October 1. This enrollment period is intended to give families who are new to New Orleans, missed the application window, or are experiencing circumstances requiring a placement change, an opportunity to enroll in school based on remaining seat availability.

During Late Enrollment:

- Placements are made first-come, first-served, without the benefit of the priority structures that help families most, such as sibling priority and geographic priority.
- Most schools fill during the application rounds, meaning that options may be very limited during Late Enrollment.

It is strongly recommended that all families seeking to enter or change schools participate in the OneApp process, rather than Late Enrollment, so they have a full range of choices available to them.

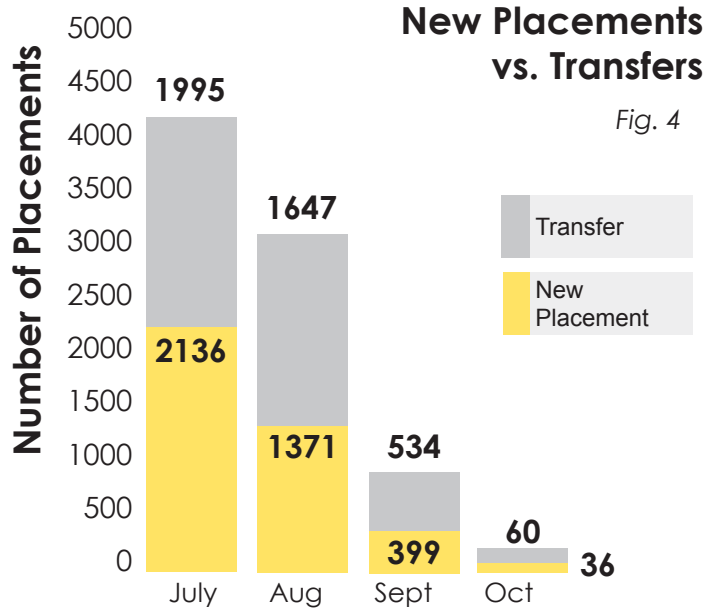
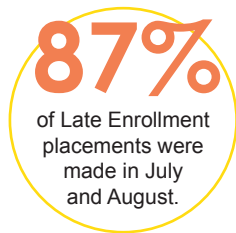


Fig. 4: During Late Enrollment, a similar number of placements were made to students who did not yet have a school placement (52%) and students electing to transfer (48%).



EnrollNOLA served a record-breaking 8,178 families during the 2014-2015 Late Enrollment cycle. 87% of the placements made during Late Enrollment were in July and August. This indicates that most families were settled in school by or before the beginning of the school year.

To give families a sense of which schools had available seats, daily Seat Availability Reports were posted at EnrollNOLA.org during the Late Enrollment period. EnrollNOLA intends to continue this practice in the future.

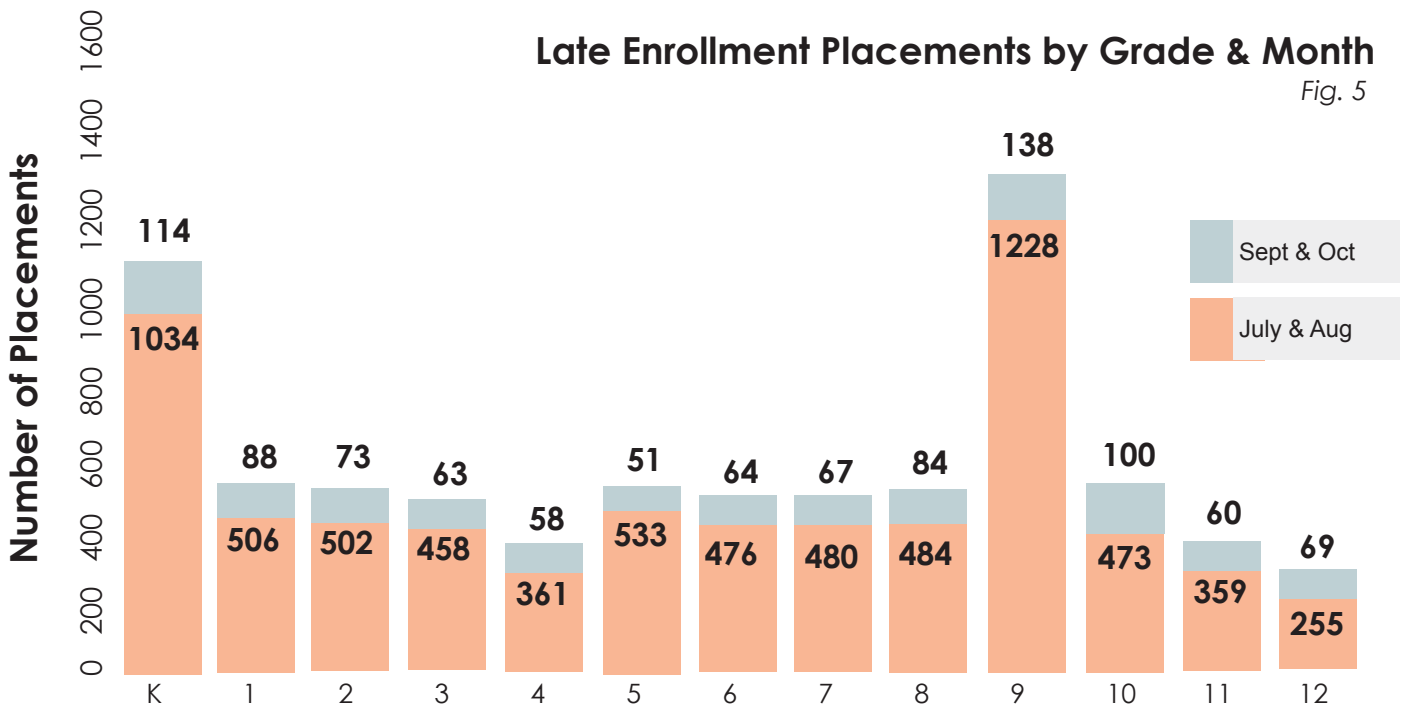


Fig. 5: The graph above includes new placements as well as transfers. The greatest number of students served were seeking placements in entry-level grades (kindergarten and 9th). This may suggest that most students in continuing grades were satisfied with their current school or OneApp placement.

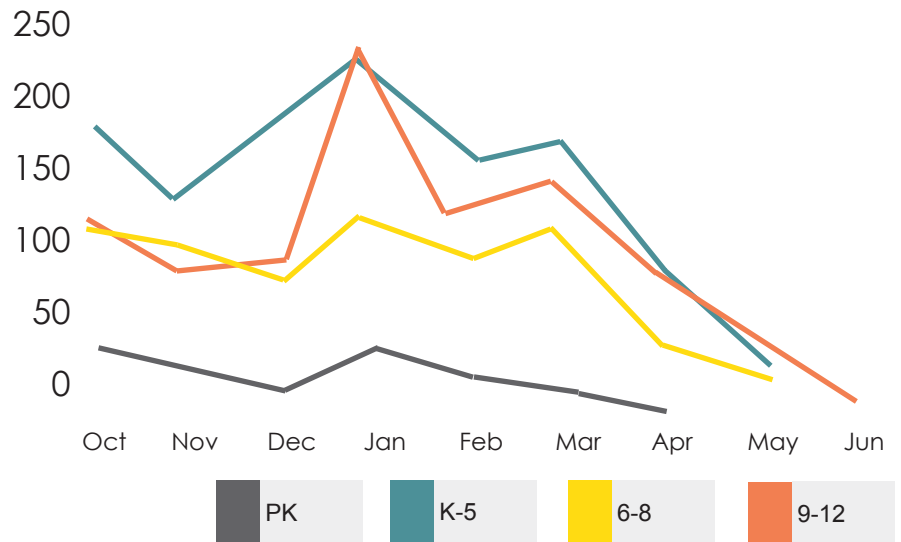
2013-2014 Mid-Year Placements

Mid-Year Enrollment

EnrollNOLA has worked to establish a balance between enrollment policies that protect classroom stability and educational consistency for students, while also accommodating year-round placements and preserving student choice. Participating schools experience a steady stream of enrollment throughout the school year, with new student arrivals peaking around the new year.

Schools understand that they will be asked to accommodate students new to the city mid-year, and they plan accordingly. EnrollNOLA has worked collaboratively with schools to ensure that families will always have several school choices available, no matter when they are seeking to enroll in New Orleans schools.

Placements by Month and Grade



Median Mid-Year Placements per School, by Grade

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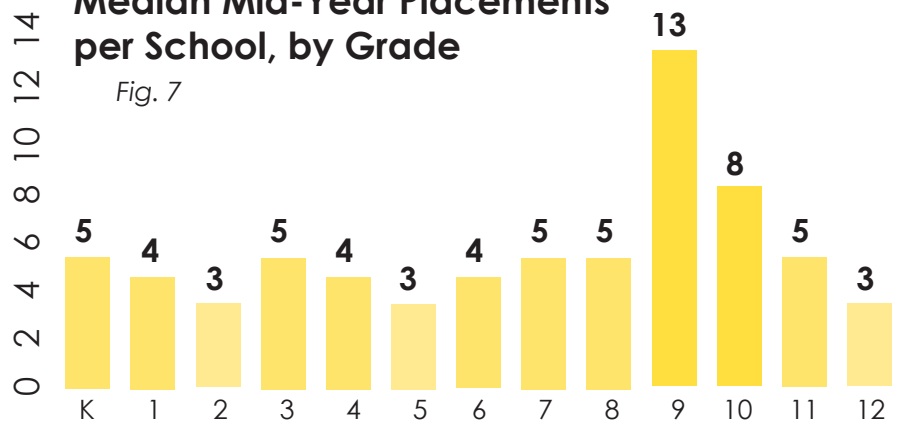


Fig. 7: Schools received a median of 3-5 new students in each grade after October 2.

Mid-Year Placements by Grade

Fig. 6

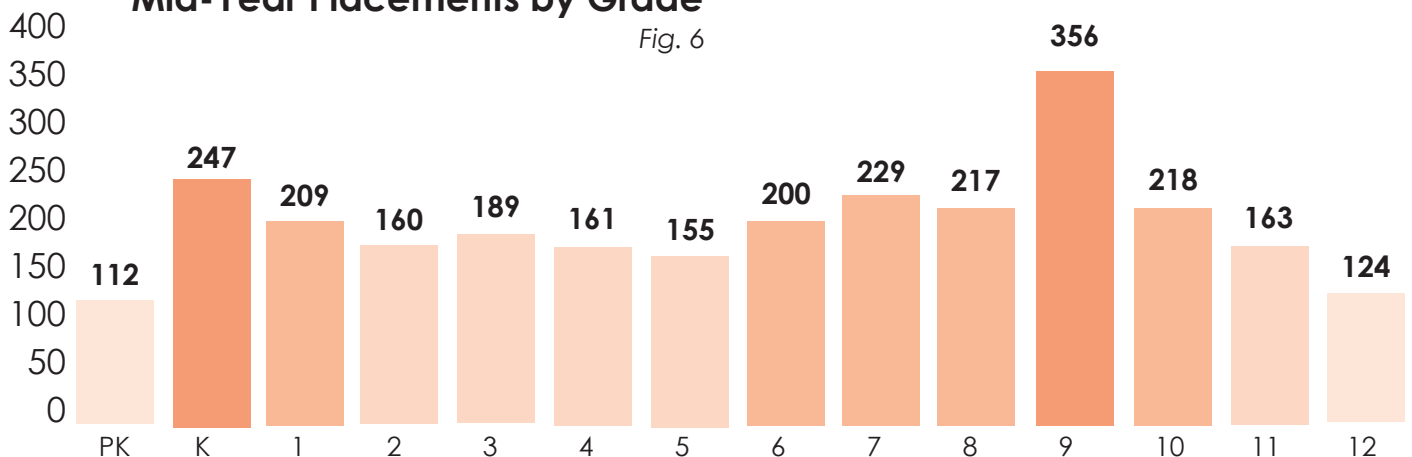


Fig. 6: As with other placement data, entry-level grades (kindergarten and 9th) receive the most mid-year placements.

Hardship Transfers

After October 1, families must qualify for a documented hardship to transfer schools. This is to preserve a stable social and academic environment for as many students as possible. City-wide enrollment stability also helps teachers build connections with their students, and helps schools determine how to best serve their student body. There are three hardship categories: medical, safety, and childcare.

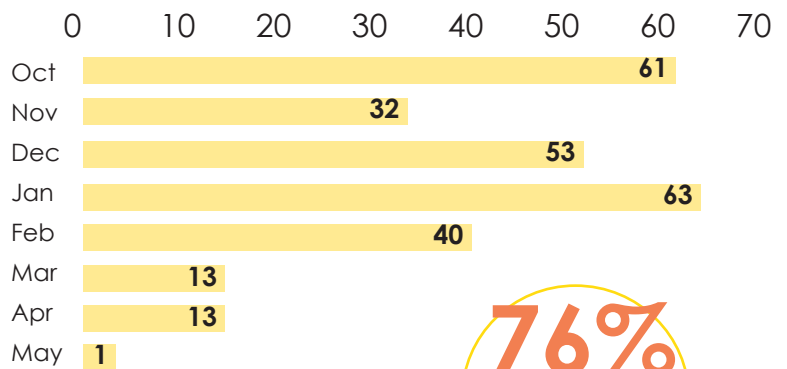
76% of transfer requests were received between October and January. A low rate of transfers during spring and summer months is a good sign that not many students were transitioning between schools during critical instruction time, or with little time to adjust before the close of the school year.

A little over 50% of Hardship Transfer requests were approved during the 2013-2014 school year.

Hardship Transfer Requests 276

Approved	156
Denied	117
Parent rescinded request	3

Hardship Requests by Month



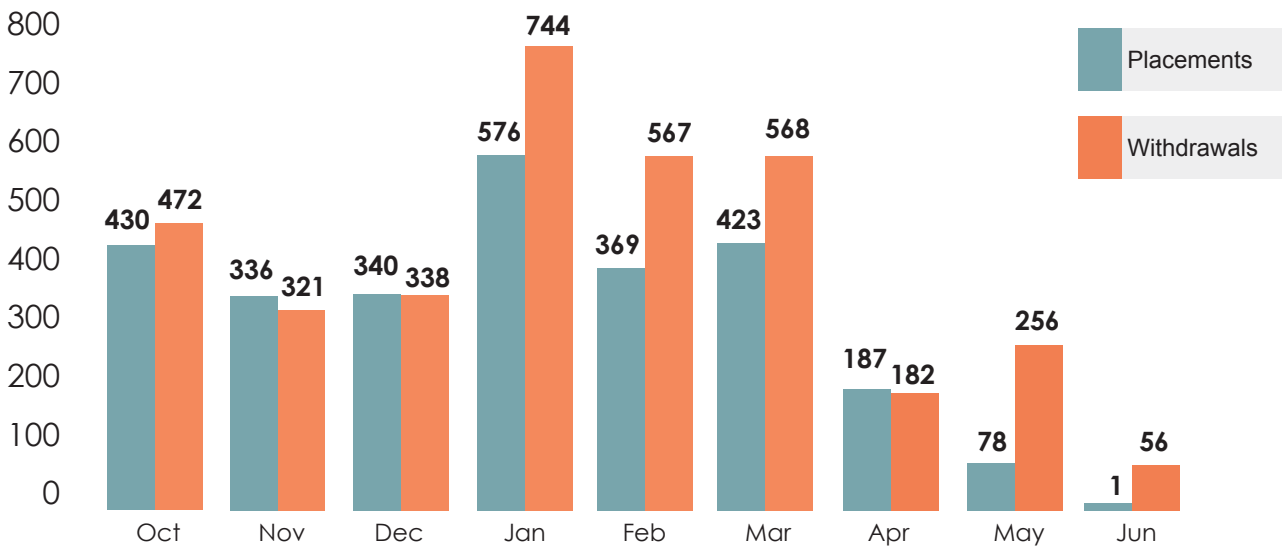
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Mid-Year Movement

Students exit and enter the system throughout the school year, with a peak at the start of the second semester. Relatively few students leave at the end of the school year, which is an indicator that most transitioning students are not leaving during testing periods, or before they are able to earn the credits they need to graduate on time.

From October through the end of the school year, there were 764 more student withdrawals than placements, resulting in a net decrease in the student population.

Mid-Year Withdrawals vs. Placements



EnrollNOLA in 2015-2016

EnrollNOLA priorities for the 2015-2016 school year were developed in consideration of the guiding principles that drive all EnrollNOLA work. This year, we are committed to improving family resources, access, and choice in the New Orleans school enrollment process.

Fairness

Fairness means providing fair access to school choices, while honoring what is most important to families. This year EnrollNOLA will evaluate how to best capture the importance of having school options close to home. Geographic zones were drawn to give all students access to a roughly equal number of schools within zone, no matter where they lived in the city.

Over time, schools have opened, moved, and closed, and EnrollNOLA has gained a better understanding of where students live. In the coming year EnrollNOLA will work with the community to ensure geographic priority continues to give families fair access to nearby schools.

Transparency

Transparency means making all aspects of the enrollment process accessible to families. This year, EnrollNOLA will work to expand public resources so students, families, and other partners are better able to navigate all EnrollNOLA processes. The publication of an EnrollNOLA Annual Report is one step towards providing a complete portrait of yearly student enrollment.

Another critical task ahead is to continue to improve parents' understanding of student placement logic. EnrollNOLA understands that the application and placement processes are as profoundly impactful as they are complex, and is in the process of creating an animation that will illustrate how OneApp placement software works, in a way that is accessible to all audiences.

Efficiency

Efficiency means making the student enrollment process easy, clear, and organized for families. This year EnrollNOLA will work on improving family satisfaction across multiple avenues, by conducting satisfaction surveys, identifying quality and consistency improvements needed at Family Resource Centers, and working to resolve them with little disruption or delay.

EnrollNOLA is additionally committed to improving the 2015 Late Enrollment cycle. The Late Enrollment experience in 2014 was unsatisfactory and distressing for many families. The EnrollNOLA team will invest all available resources to thoughtfully and strategically plan to improve summertime enrollment in 2015.

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Glossary of Terms

Centralized Enrollment:

Centralized enrollment means that city-wide school enrollment is managed through one central oversight agency, rather than at each individual school site. In a de-centralized system, each school would enroll its students according to its own admissions procedures and timelines. Centralized enrollment is a way of unifying school enrollment proceedings in order to protect families, and to make it easier for schools to plan for the coming year.

EnrollNOLA:

EnrollNOLA is the organization responsible for overseeing all enrollment for schools participating in the OneApp process. EnrollNOLA manages the OneApp application and placement processes, mid-year placements and transfers, enrollment planning and student rosters, and the Late Enrollment cycle for 89% of New Orleans public schools. Most enrollment processes take place from EnrollNOLA Family Resource Centers. EnrollNOLA is also responsible for ensuring schools are held accountable for following enrollment policies and procedures that protect students' rights.

Family Link:

Family Link is an aspect of the OneApp process that helps keep concurrently applying siblings together. If a parent submits an application for each child listing the same school selections in the same order, the students will be family-linked. OneApp will then prioritize assigning the students to the same school if at all possible.

Geographic Priority:

Geographic priority is an aspect of the OneApp process that helps assign students to a school in their area, if they apply to said schools. The majority of K-8 schools offer partial geographic priority, which means that applicants residing in the school's zone will get priority to half the seats. Geographic priority does not apply to the other half of seats, so that applicants outside of the zone will have an equal chance at those openings. Some schools offer geographic priority to all of their seats. Students enrolling in most high schools do not receive geographic priority.

Geographic Zone:

Geographic priority is determined by "geographic catchment zones," a way of splitting up the city by neighborhood. The zones we use to determine placements can be seen on the map on page 8. There are six zones total: Downtown / Ninth Ward (1), Central City / Garden District (2), Uptown / Carrollton (3), Mid-City / Lakeview (4), New Orleans East / Gentilly (5), and the Westbank / Algiers (6).

Hardship Transfer:

After October 1, students must qualify for a documented hardship in order to transfer schools. There are three types of Hardship Transfers: childcare, medical, and safety. Criteria for each hardship type is detailed on Hardship Transfer paperwork, available at all Family Resource Centers.

Late Enrollment:

Late Enrollment is the enrollment period following the end of the OneApp application cycles, and preceding the beginning of the school year. It generally spans from early July to October 1. Late Enrollment is intended to give families who are new to New Orleans, missed the application window, or are experiencing circumstances requiring a placement change an opportunity to enroll in school based on remaining seat availability.

Main Round:

The OneApp Main Round is the primary application round for families applying to enter or change schools for the upcoming school year. The Main Round generally takes place from Early November to the end of February every year. Applicants are strongly recommended to apply during the Main Round, as there is a much greater chance that they will be placed at a school of their choice. In subsequent application rounds, many schools will have been filled by Main Round applicants.

Match Rate:

The "match rate" is the percentage of applicants that were successfully assigned to a school they chose on their application.

Mid-Year Enrollment:

Students who come to the city after October 1, or who experience circumstances necessitating a change of schools mid-year, would be considered mid-year placements. Any placements made between October 1 and the end of the school year are considered to be part of the "mid-year enrollment" period.

OneApp:

OneApp is the application process for 89% of New Orleans public schools. Families seeking to enter New Orleans public schools for the first time, or who are applying to transfer schools for the upcoming school year, would complete a OneApp to do so. Applicants are given the opportunity to apply to up to eight schools at one time, and then receive a single placement to the highest-ranked choice possible. Placements are made based on the number of seats available, each school's priorities for placing students (for example, priority for students living in the school's area), and how many other students apply. OneApps are available online, at participating schools, and at Family Resource Centers.

Priority Structure:

Each school participating in OneApp has a "priority structure." This is a way of determining how to fairly place students if there are more applicants than there are available seats. Priorities can include things like siblings of currently attending students, or students who live in the school's geographic zone.

Sibling Priority:

Sibling priority is an aspect of the OneApp process that helps assign siblings to the same school. If an applicant applies to a school their sibling currently attends, they will receive sibling priority to that school.

Application Outcomes

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APPLICATION OUTCOMES

All public schools in New Orleans have an application process. Most schools participate in a centralized enrollment process called OneApp, and other schools use independent application processes with a shared timeline. Schools decide how many seats are available in each grade level - based on a number of factors including school building size, program design and student needs. Families apply for available seats and, through an application process, students are matched to those seats.

Families often want to know more about the numbers of applicants to particular schools to help them understand the likelihood that their application will lead to a successful assignment to a seat at a school they prefer.

Shown in the following charts are the results of last year's application process. Schools are sorted into two categories - those where 0% to 70% of applicants were accepted and those where 70% to 100% of applicants were accepted. These broad categories are intended to help families get a sense of past trends and make the best application decisions for their situation.

The information is broken down by grade type because of the different likelihood of being assigned a seat depending on the specific grade level. An "entry grade" is the grade that school starts at (i.e. Kindergarten for many elementary schools or 9th grade for many high schools). Acceptance rates at these grades is often higher because there are no existing students moving into that grade at the school. A "non-entry grade" is any other grade level. Acceptance rates for non-entry grades are often lower because there are rising students already enrolled at the school and fewer open seats.

Keep in mind that the acceptance rates can vary widely from year to year because they are based on two factors that can change drastically - how many seats are available and how many families apply for those seats. Families should use this information differently depending on their specific circumstances.

HERE ARE THREE COMMON SCENARIOS:

EXAMPLE A:

NEW STUDENT

If your child is NOT already enrolled in a public school OR does not already have a spot in a school for the next school year ...

(i.e. new PK or K students; 8th graders graduating from a K-8 school; students moving to the city)

RECOMMENDATION:

You should apply to many school options to increase the likelihood of being assigned to a school you prefer.

Schools with a ✓ in the "Strongly Encouraged" to apply to other schools column had significantly more applicants than available seats. This means that many applicants were not able to be assigned to this school.

EXAMPLE B:

STUDENT ALREADY ENROLLED

If your child is already enrolled in a public school and could continue at that school ...

(i.e. a 1st grade student who could go on to 2nd grade at a K-8 school)

RECOMMENDATION:

You should ONLY apply to the schools you prefer more than your child's current school.

If you apply and your child is assigned to a new school your child will LOOSE THEIR SPOT AT THEIR CURRENT SCHOOL so that another student can be assigned to that seat.

EXAMPLE C:

CONSIDERING PRIVATE/ NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If you are also considering enrollment in a private school or a school outside Orleans Parish ...

RECOMMENDATION:

You should apply only to the schools where you are truly interested in enrolling.

2 GENERAL TIPS:

- ✓ ALWAYS APPLY TO ALL THE SCHOOLS YOU PREFER
- ✓ ONLY APPLY TO THE SCHOOLS THAT YOU TRULY WANT TO ATTEND

Prekindergarten is not offered by all public schools and is not required by state law. Because of the limited number of PreK seats there are usually many more applicants for the available PreK seats. For PreK, families should always apply to as many schools as possible to increase the likelihood of successfully being assigned to a PreK seat. Listed below are schools that offered PreK for 2014-2015. Some additional schools have added PreK for 2015-2016 and are not listed here.

If Applying to Prekindergarten @ (2015-2016 grades shown)	APPLYING to ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS is ...	
	Strongly Encouraged <70% of applicants accepted	Still Encouraged 70% - 100 % of applicants accepted
ReNEW Dolores T. Aaron Elementary (PK-8)	✓	
Audubon Charter (PK-8)*	data not provided	
Martin Behrman Charter School Academy (PK-8)	✓	
Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary (PK-6)	data not provided	
Joseph A. Craig Charter School (PK-8)		✓
Lawrence D. Crocker College Prep (PK-7)		✓
Einstein Charter School (PK-8)*	data not provided	
Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy (PK-8)	✓	
ENCORE Academy (PK-7)		✓
William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy (PK-8)		✓
Ben Franklin Elementary (PK-8)	data not provided	
Gentilly Terrace Charter School (PK-8)	✓	
Paul Habans Charter @ Sheila's Kiddie Cottage (PK Only)	✓	
Langston Hughes Academy (PK-8)	✓	
Edward Hynes Charter School (PK-8)*		
Morris Jeff Community School (PK-7)	✓	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School (PK-12)	✓	
Lafayette Academy Charter School (PK-8)	✓	
Lake Forest Elementary (PK-8)*	data not provided	
Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans (PK-5)		✓
McDonogh 32 Literacy Charter School (PK-8)		✓
McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School (PK-8)		✓
Robert Russa Moton Charter (PK-6)*		
Medard H. Nelson Charter School (PK-8)	✓	
Homer A. Plessy Community School (PK-3)		✓
ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy (PK-8)		✓
ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary (PK-8)		✓
ReNEW SciTech Academy (PK-8)		✓
James M. Singleton Charter School (PK-8)		✓
Phillis Wheatley Community School (formerly Dibert) (PK-8)	✓	
Fannie C. Williams Charter School (PK-8)	✓	
Sylvanie Williams College Prep (PK-5)		✓
Andrew H. Wilson Charter School (PK-8)	✓	

Recommendations are based on 2014-2015 OneApp results.

*These schools did not participate in OneApp and their 2014-2015 application and acceptance rates were not available.

If Applying to Grades K-8 @ <small>(2015-2016 grades shown)</small>	APPLYING to ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS is ...			
	Strongly Encouraged <small><70% of applicants accepted</small>	Still Encouraged <small>70% - 100 % of applicants accepted</small>	Strongly Encouraged <small><70% of applicants accepted</small>	Still Encouraged <small>70% - 100 % of applicants accepted</small>
	FOR KINDERGARTEN		FOR OTHER GRADES	
ReNEW Dolores T. Aaron Elementary (PK-8)		✓		✓
Akili Academy of New Orleans (K-8)		✓	✓	
ARISE Academy (PK-8)	✓		✓	
Arthur Ashe Charter School (K-8)		✓	✓	
Audubon Charter School (PK-8) *	data not provided			
Martin Behrman Charter School Academy (PK-8)	✓		✓	
Mary Bethune Elementary (PK-6)	✓		✓	
Bricolage Academy (K-2)		✓	✓	
Pierre A. Capdau Charter School (K-8)		✓		✓
Mary D. Coghill Elementary School (PK-8)		✓		✓
Joseph A. Craig Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
Lawrence D. Crocker College Prep (PK-7)		✓		✓
Einstein Charter (PK-8) *	data not provided			
Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy (PK-8)		✓	✓	
ENCORE Academy (PK-7)		✓		✓
Esperanza Charter School (PK-8)		✓	✓	
William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy (PK-8)		✓		✓
Benjamin Franklin Elementary (PK-8)	✓		✓	
Samuel J. Green Charter School (K-8)		✓	✓	
Gentilly Terrace Charter School (PK-8)	✓		✓	
Paul Habans Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
E. P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy (K-8)		✓	✓	
Alice Harte Elementary School (PK-8)	✓		✓	
Langston Hughes Academy (PK-8)		✓		✓
Edward Hynes Charter School (PK-8)*	data not provided			
International School of Louisiana (French) (K-8)**		✓	✓	
International School of Louisiana: (Spanish) (K-8)**	✓		✓	
Mahalia Jackson Elementary (PK-5)		✓		✓
Morris Jeff Community School (PK-7)	✓		✓	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School (PK-12)	✓		✓	
KIPP Believe College Prep (K-8)		✓	✓	
KIPP Central City Primary & Academy (K-8)		✓	✓	
KIPP East Community Primary (K-1)		✓	N/A	N/A
KIPP McDonogh 15 Primary & Middle (K-8)		✓	✓	
KIPP Leadership Academy (K-8)		✓		✓
Lafayette Academy Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
Lagniappe Academies of New Orleans (K-5)		✓		✓
Lake Forest Elementary (PK-8) *	data not provided			
Lusher Charter School (K-12) *	data not provided			
Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans (PK-5)		✓		✓
McDonogh 32 Literacy Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
McDonogh City Park Academy (PK-8)		✓		✓
Robert Moton Charter School (PK-6)*	data not provided			
Medard H. Nelson Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓

If Applying to Grades K-8 @ (2015-2016 grades shown)	APPLYING to ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS is ...			
	Strongly Encouraged <70% of applicants accepted	Still Encouraged 70% - 100 % of applicants accepted	Strongly Encouraged <70% of applicants accepted	Still Encouraged 70% - 100 % of applicants accepted
	FOR KINDERGARTEN		FOR OTHER GRADES	
Mildred Osborne Charter School (K-8)	✓		✓	
Homer A. Plessy Community School (PK-4)		✓		✓
ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy (PK-8)		✓		✓
ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary (PK-8)		✓		✓
ReNEW SciTech Academy (PK-8)		✓		✓
James M. Singleton Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓
Success Preparatory Academy (K-8)		✓	✓	
Harriet Tubman Charter School (K-8)		✓		✓
Phillis Wheatley Community School (PK-8) (formerly Dibert)		✓	✓	
Fannie C. Williams Charter School (PK-8)		✓	✓	
Sylvanie Williams College Prep (PK-5)		✓		✓
Andrew H. Wilson Charter School (PK-8)		✓		✓

If Applying to Grades 7-12 @ (2015-2016 grades shown)	Entry Grade	APPLYING to ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS is ...			
		Strongly Encouraged <70% of applicants accepted	Still Encouraged 70% - 100 % of applicants accepted	Strongly Encouraged <70% of applicants accepted	Still Encouraged 70% - 100 % of applicants accepted
		FOR ENTRY GRADE		FOR OTHER GRADES	
Algiers Technology Academy (9-12)	9		✓		✓
G.W. Carver Collegiate Academy (9-12)	9		✓		✓
G.W. Carver Preparatory Academy (9-12)	9		✓		✓
Joseph S. Clark Preparatory High School (9-12)	9		✓		✓
Cohen College Prep (8-12)	8	N/A - no entry grade for 2014-2015			✓
Warren Easton High (9-12)*	9	data not provided			
Ben Franklin High (9-12)*	9	data not provided			
International High School (9-12)***	9		✓		✓
Edna Karr High School (9-12)***	9	✓		✓	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School (PK-12)	K	✓		✓	
KIPP Renaissance High School (9-12)	9		✓	✓	
Lake Area New Tech Early College High School (9-12)	9		✓		✓
L. B. Landry -O. Perry Walker Preparatory High (9-12)	9		✓		✓
McDonogh 35 Academy (7-8)	7		✓	✓	
McDonogh 35 College Preparatory High School (9-12)	9		✓	N/A	N/A
Eleanor McMain Secondary School (7-12)	7	✓		✓	
N.O. Charter Science & Mathematics High (9-12) *	9	data not provided			
N.O. Military and Maritime Academy (9-12)	9		✓		✓
ReNEW Accelerated High School (9-12)	9		✓		✓
Sci Academy (9-12)	9		✓		✓
NET Charter High School (9-12)	9		✓		✓
Sophie B. Wright Charter School (7-12)	7	N/A - no entry grade for 2014-2015		✓	

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** International School of Louisiana has multiple campuses and application results presented here are for the main campus.

*** IHS and Karr data based open admissions programs.