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### **SchoolAppKC Streamlines the School Application Process for KC Families**

*SchoolAppKC has simplified the process for parents and guardians by creating one application to apply to the majority of Kansas City charter schools.*

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 3, 2018 — The school application process can be daunting for parents and guardians living in the Kansas City Public Schools boundaries as so many of the schools have their own application processes and deadlines. Starting on Monday, December 3, applying to schools will be significantly easier for Kansas City families thanks to a new program called SchoolAppKC.

SchoolAppKC will streamline the charter school application process. A simple online application found at [www.schoolappkc.org](http://www.schoolappkc.org) means that parents and guardians will no longer have to manage multiple applications and deadlines or travel to several schools to complete lengthy paper applications. Inspired by Kansas City Public Schools' single online application, 16 of the 22 charter schools in Kansas City have come together to create one application that requires only basic information from families and can be completed in less than five minutes on a mobile device. By creating one application and collaborating with participating charter schools, SchoolAppKC helps to simplify the process and increase the number of educational opportunities for students. It's a win for families and schools.

SchoolAppKC is a special project of Show Me KC Schools, a nonprofit organization with a mission to help parents understand their school options, in partnership with a number of local Kansas City organizations committed to educational equity.

"For five years, we've heard parents' frustration with trying to navigate the multiple application deadlines and application processes," Tricia Johnson, Executive Director of Show Me KC Schools, said. "We're so pleased that the majority of charter schools stepped up to make applying to schools easier for all Kansas City families."

#### **How It Works**

SchoolAppKC is one simple online application with eight easy questions that families can complete on any mobile device in less than five minutes. Families will be able to apply to the charter schools that they determine are a good fit for their child. The completed application will need to be submitted by March 1 to be included in school lotteries. Charter schools will make offers to families on March 7 at 4:00 p.m. and families will have until March 22 to accept one offer. While families can only accept one school offer, they may choose to remain on other



schools' wait lists. Once the family accepts an offer from their charter school of choice, they will complete the enrollment process with that school.

### **Important Dates**

December 3, 2018 - Application opens

March 1, 2019 - Applications due

March 7, 2019 at 4 p.m. – Families receive school offers

March 22, 2019 – Families accept one school

### **About Kansas City Charter Schools**

Kansas City charter schools are tuition-free, public schools that have their own governance and operate independently of the school district. They are open to all students living in the Kansas City Public Schools boundaries. They do not require an admissions test, interview or essay in order to apply.

Participating SchoolAppKC charter schools include: Académie Lafayette, Academy for Integrated Arts, Brookside Charter School, Crossroads Charter Schools, Citizens of the World KC, DeLaSalle Education Center, Ewing Marion Kauffman School, Gordon Parks Elementary, Guadalupe Centers Schools, Hope Leadership Academy, Hogan Preparatory Academy, Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, Genesis School, Kansas City Neighborhood Academy, KIPP Endeavor Academy, and Pathway Academy.

### **About Show Me KC Schools**

Show Me KC Schools is a nonprofit organization with a mission to help families make well-informed decisions about their students' education by providing vital information about the school options available. They offer a variety of programs for Kansas Citians including a City School Fair, school tours, a thriving website and one-on-one school navigation support. For more information, email [tricia@showmekcschools.org](mailto:tricia@showmekcschools.org) or visit their website at [www.showmekcschools.org](http://www.showmekcschools.org).

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