



SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATIONS 2022-2023 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY TO PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL?

You can apply online at hisdchoice.com

The Phase 1 application window is from Friday, September 10th, 2021 to Thursday, November 11th, 2021. All qualified applications submitted during Phase 1 will be entered into the lottery.

WHEN CAN I APPLY TO PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL?

I LIVE NEAR PIN OAK, CAN I JUST COME BY AND REGISTER MY CHILD?

Pin Oak is an application only school. We encourage every child who is interested in our school to apply. We have a magnet program for Languages Other than English and a "Boundary Option" program.

Students who are zoned to Jane Long Academy, Meyerland Middle School, or Pershing Middle School are eligible to apply to Pin Oak as a "boundary option" student. Due to the high volume of boundary option applicants, Pin Oak utilizes the lottery system to award acceptance

WHAT DOES "BOUNDARY OPTION" MEAN, AND CAN MY CHILD APPLY FOR IT?

IF MY STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR THE BOUNDARY OPTION, CAN THEY ALSO APPLY TO THE MAGNET PROGRAM?

Applicants who live in the boundary zone for Jane Long Academy, Meyerland Middle School, or Pershing Middle School, who would like to be considered for Pin Oak's magnet program and boundary option should fill out an application for both programs on hisdchoice.com

Pin Oak is a Languages Other Than English magnet school. All magnet students are required to take a language other than English. Boundary option students are not required to take a language, but do have access to the foreign language program. There is no difference in the core content curriculum offered to our magnet students vs. boundary option students.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "MAGNET" AND "BOUNDARY OPTION" STUDENT?

WHAT DOES "LOTTERY" MEAN?

All qualified applications for our magnet program and boundary option will be placed in two separate lotteries (one lottery for magnet and one lottery for boundary option). Qualified applicants will be selected for acceptance from each lottery at random.

Applicants who attended 4th grade in a Houston ISD school and currently attend 5th grade in a Houston ISD school do not need to provide grades and test scores. This information is already in the system for HISD students. For those applying from outside of Houston ISD, you can upload your grades and test results during the application process. Once your child has been accepted, some information may be requested to ensure proper class placement.

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT COPIES OF MY STUDENT'S TEST SCORES AND GRADES?



PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

LINDSEY VELA, PRINCIPAL

MY CHILD IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED AND TALENTED. CAN THEY STILL APPLY TO PIN OAK?

Yes. Applicants do not need to qualify as gifted and talented to be accepted to Pin Oak. However, we do offer GT classes in our boundary option and magnet program.

You do not need to submit proof of residency at the time of application. However, if your student is accepted to Pin Oak and accepts their seat we will require proof of residence (water bill, electricity bill, gas bill, or lease agreement).

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY WHEN I APPLY?

IF MY STUDENT IS ACCEPTED AS BOUNDARY OPTION AND MY FAMILY MOVES CAN THEY STILL ATTEND PIN OAK?

Residency guidelines for zone campuses are applied. If you move out of the Jane Long Academy, Meyerland, or Pershing attendance zone your student will no longer be eligible for a boundary option transfer.

No. All qualified applications received between Friday, September 10th and Thursday, November 11th, 2021 will be placed in the same lottery.

IF I APPLY EARLY DOES THAT INCREASE MY CHANCES OF BEING ACCEPTED AT PIN OAK?

I HEARD PIN OAK HAS A WAIT LIST. HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL YOU ACCEPT FROM THE WAIT LIST?

Each year we access the wait list to fill open spots. The wait list number fluctuates each year so there is no way of knowing what number we will get to on the waiting list.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HISD'S PREMIER FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL?

PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET THURSDAYS

Join us for an informational live event
every **Thursday @ 1:00pm**

Sept. 23rd & 30th
Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Nov. 4th & 11th

bit.ly/POMSMagnetThursday