

School Choice Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply for a specialty and choice program? The application process this year will be online. The application window will be **December 1- 18, 2015**. During this time, the online application will be available on the district website. Please note this application window for choice options **does not include** Rockdale Career Academy, Rockdale Open Campus, Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology, or Rockdale Virtual Campus. Please speak directly to these schools about their enrollment process.
2. What if I don't have a computer or Internet access? The Student Registration Office on West Avenue will provide assistance to access the online application if needed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on a first come first served basis. Public computers are also available at the Nancy Guinn Library. Free Wi-Fi is also available in the City of Conyers and at many local restaurants and businesses for mobile devices.
3. Can I turn in a printed application? No, only applications fully completed online will be accepted.
4. If I am enrolled in a specialty program and plan to return to the same program at the same school do I need to reapply each year? No, enrollment remains through the highest grade offered for that program at the same school.
5. If I already attend Honey Creek, Sims Elementary, or Shoal Creek Elementary do I have to apply for the specialty program they offer? No, these elementary programs are school-wide for students in their school zone. Only students who do not reside in the school zone of the program they wish to attend need to apply.
6. If I want to participate in the specialty program at my own middle or high school, do I have to apply? Yes, unlike the elementary programs, any student interested in participating in a specialty program in middle or high school must apply.
7. What programs require an audition or artistic review? The Performing and Visual Arts Academies at both Davis Middle School and Heritage High School will require an audition and/or artistic review process.
8. If I want to enroll in the Microsoft IT Academy at my high school do I need to apply at student registration? No, this specialty program is integrated into the Business Education program at each school.
9. Can I participate in a specialty program and attend classes at RCA, RVC or Dual Enrollment? This will depend on the requirements of the specialty program and scheduling.
10. What happens if there are more applicants than space available for a non-audition program? A random lottery drawing will be held, if needed. The lottery will take place in January 2016.
11. Is transportation provided for Choice programs? Yes, however, routes / stops may be which may be longer than the ride within your attendance zone.
12. How can I find more information about these programs? All of the specialty and choice program details can be found on the district web site at www.rockdale.k12.ga.us