

Will your child be turning 5 years old by August 31, 2020?

Yes, my child will be turning
5 years old by August 31, 2020

- Your child is eligible to register to start Kindergarten in Fall (September) 2020 in the Salem Public Schools (2020-21 school year)
- Follow the steps below to review and select your top three school choices and register your child for school
- The first round of Kindergarten applications (known as Batch I) will be accepted starting in mid-January through March 1, 2020.
 - Be sure to submit your application as early as possible (**by March 1st**) to increase your chance of assignment to one of your top choices
 - If your child is a sibling of a current SPS elementary student, **you must apply by Feb 20th** to exercise the sibling priority option
 - All applicants may opt-in to the Lottery for the new Dual Language Program to be located within the Bentley School in addition to selecting three other Salem school choices (including the Bentley school)

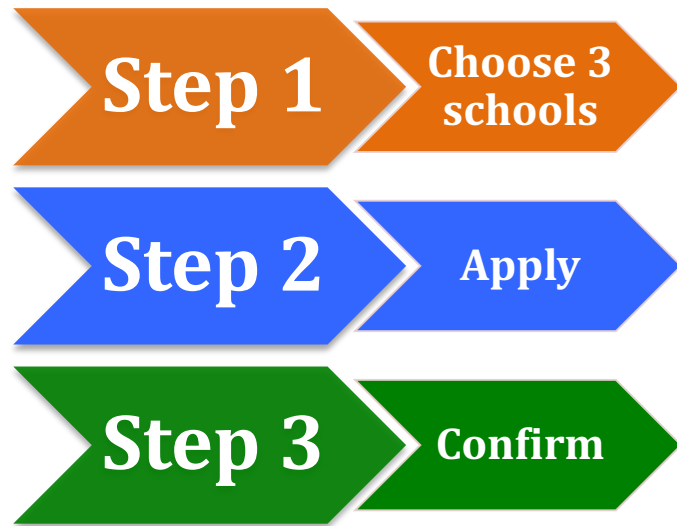
No, but my child will be turning 5
years old later in the year

- Your child is not eligible to start Kindergarten this fall. However, you have two options:
 1. Wait until next Fall. Kindergarten registration will begin in Jan 2021 for the 2021-22 school year
 2. Consider applying for your child to begin Kindergarten early at the Carlton Innovation School. Carlton accepts those who turn 5 by December 1 for entry in the Winter (Nov 2020) trimester or turn 5 by March 1 for entry in the Spring (March 2021) trimester. **NOTE: Spaces are limited – apply early – by March 1st if interested**

No, my child is only
3 or 4 yrs old

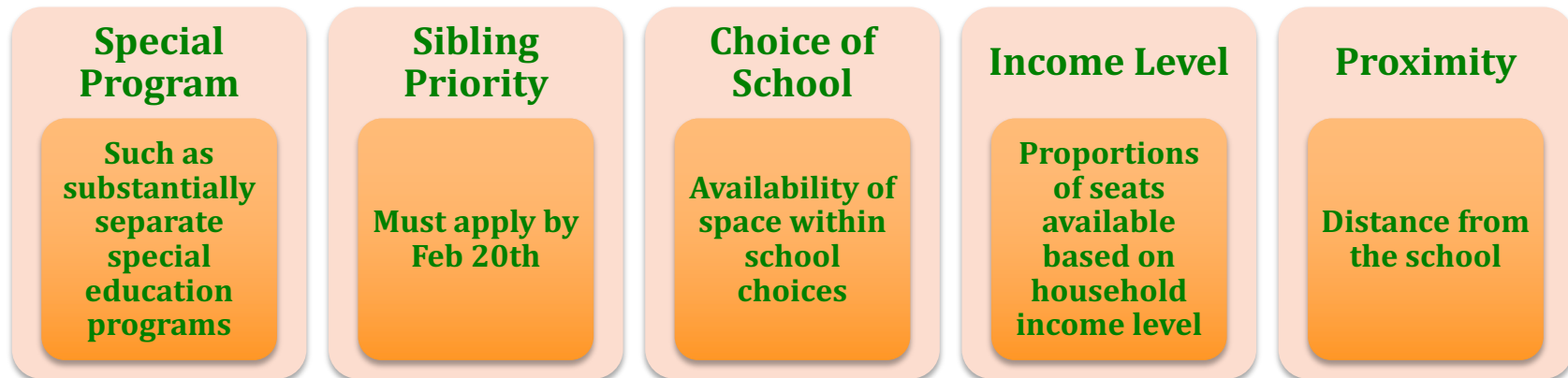
- SPS offers a limited number of spaces for both ½ and full day integrated programs for 3 and 4 year olds at the Salem Early Childhood Center (ECC). Please contact the ECC for tuition rates (tuition assistance may be available).

How do I register my child for Kindergarten in Salem Public Schools?



- Learn about available school options for your child
- Visit prospective schools
- Select your top 3 schools
- Complete and submit all student registration forms
- Submit all required documentation
- Apply as early as possible (more choices if submit by March 1st)
- Assignment policy criteria (see below) applied
- Wait for and receive assignment notification
- Confirm acceptance of seat as soon as possible

What criteria are used to assign students to schools?



What if I don't get into my first choice school?

- If your child is not assigned to your first or second choice school, you will automatically be put on a waiting list. Waiting lists are maintained through September 30th.