

# MCPS Elementary Immersion Lottery

## Elementary School Enrollment Secretaries

(September 2022)

### Immersion lottery process:

The immersion lottery process for the 2023-2024 school year begins on February 1, 2023. The deadline to participate is April 21, 2023.

Since participation in the process requires an MCPS student ID number, new students need to be future enrolled and assigned an ID number at their local neighborhood school.

Early Entrance to Kindergarten (EEK) students are waived from having an MCPS ID number to participate in the immersion lottery. The ID number will be assigned after the student has passed the EEK assessment.

NOTE: Documents required for enrollment are to be collected.

All students who will be in MCPS Kindergarten through Grade 5 in the fall and reside in Montgomery County are eligible to participate by submitting an *Immersion Interest Form*.

### Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) provides transportation from central stops for most elementary school language immersion students for the areas served by the program.

- Stops may be several miles from the student's home.
- Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from central stops.
- Bus trips are usually significantly longer than local school transportation and may vary by program or locations.
- It is important to carefully consider transportation options and responsibilities.

Parents need to submit an *Immersion Interest Form* for each child who will be participating in the process.

### Action:

- Future enroll\* incoming kindergarteners (*and possible EEK students without assigning an id#*) and assign them an MCPS student ID number.
- Future enroll\* current non-MCPS students who will be entering MCPS in Grades 1-5 and assign them an MCPS student ID number.
- Provide parents of these students with directions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the immersion programs. The information can be found on the link below-  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/)
- Instruct parents to complete an *Immersion Interest Form* online for each child participating.
- The link will be available from February 1, 2023 – April 21, 2023. All forms submitted after the deadline will go to the bottom of the waitlist.
- Please remind parents of the deadline to submit lottery immersion form is April 21, 2023.

### Immersion Lottery Questions?

Please email or contact staff at the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services (DCCAPS):

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**\*Future enrollment is following MCPS enrollment guidelines.**