

# COVINA-VALLEY DISTRICT OF CHOICE PROGRAM 2023–24

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

### 1. When will District of Choice (DOC) applications be available?

District of Choice applications will be available from October 9, 2023, to December 15, 2023.

*Note: The District Office closes for winter break December 22, 2023, at noon, and reopens on January 8, 2024. DOC applications MUST be postmarked on or before December 15, 2023.*

### 2. Where can I get an application?

Applications will be available at the District Office located at 519 E. Badillo St., Covina. You may pick up an application between 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (until noon on Dec. 15, 2023). Applications will also be available to print on the Covina-Valley Unified School District (C-VUSD) Website at [www.c-vusd.org](http://www.c-vusd.org). If your child already attends a school in Covina-Valley on an Inter-District transfer you may fill out a DOC application.

### 3. Will C-VUSD accept applications from any district?

No! We cannot accept applications for students from the following districts: Pomona USD, Rowland USD, Charter Oak USD, or Azusa USD.

### 4. When are applications due?

**Applications are due no later than December 15, 2023 ---After October 9, all applications need to be mailed, hand delivered, or emailed with a postmark no later than December 15. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. ADDITIONALLY, DUPLICATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

### 5. Will there be a lottery drawing?

If we receive more applications than we have seats available for a particular grade level, a random drawing will be held at C-VUSD on January 12th, 2024. Priority will be given to students with siblings already in attendance in C-VUSD, children of military service members, and students on free/reduced price meals. You do not need to be present at this meeting.

### 6. When will parents know if they have been accepted under DOC? Do I need to notify my home district?

Parent notification will be mailed out to all applicants by the second week in February. C-VUSD will notify your home district.

*Note: If you do not receive notification in the mail by the end of the second week in February please call Dr. Matt Dalton in Student Services at (626) 974-7000. If your child is not approved under DOC this year, we encourage you to apply for an Inter-District transfer from your home district.*

### 7. Does each child in the family need a separate application?

Yes, parents need to complete an application for each child.

### 8. If I currently have another child attending C-VUSD under DOC in a previous year, do my other children automatically enter C-VUSD on a DOC status?

*No. Each child in the family must apply and be accepted separately. Example: You have a child about to enter Kindergarten who already has a sibling in the C-VUSD enrolled via DOC. You must still submit an application for the Kindergartener.*

### 9. When will I know my child's school site assignment? Are we allowed to pick the schools?

DOC approved applicants will be provisionally assigned to a school site by the end of February 2024. The assignments are based on available seats, and determined by the District Office. New District of Choice students who have a current IEP should bring a copy of that IEP as well as the student's psycho-educational assessment to Student Services in the district office no later than February 6, 2024. We will utilize that IEP/assessment to determine the best placement for your child.

### 10. Can I mail in my application?

Yes, the application can be returned by U.S. Mail to: C-VUSD/Student Services/DOC/519 E. Badillo St., Covina, CA 91723 and must be postmarked no later than December 16, 2023.

### 11. Do I have to re-submit an application every year?

No. Students maintain enrollment in C-VUSD through the life of the DOC statute. However, if you move within the C-VUSD, you will lose your DOC status and enroll as a resident. As well, if you remove your child from our district and enroll elsewhere, your student will lose his/her DOC status.

### 12. What are the age requirements for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is for children turning 5 years of age with birthdays between September 2 - June 2. Kindergarten children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1.