Admission criteria to Secondary Choice Programs is located in each Choice Cluster description in the Choice Programs Booklet. At the secondary level, students may have to meet academic criteria for admission. In addition, some Choice Programs may require pre-requisite high school credit classes in math or foreign language prior to admission. Upon acceptance to a Choice Program, students and their parents will be required to sign a contract agreeing that the student will maintain a 3.0 GPA in their choice program classes, a 2.0 GPA overall, acceptable attendance and acceptable conduct. Acceptable conduct is defined as “has not been suspended for a Level 3 or 4 incident or an accumulation of 10 suspension days for the past school year.” Acceptable attendance is defined as “no more than 10 absences per semester during the most recent school year.” Students violating this agreement may be dismissed from the Choice Program. Additionally, many Choice Programs have adopted student uniform requirements. Contact the individual school for uniform dress code requirements. This section is not intended to supersede any 504 or IEP Plan. Students must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2007, for Kindergarten entry.

Application Deadline: All Applications must be postmarked no later than December 22, 2006

School of the Arts
Students applying for Bak Middle School of the Arts or A.W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts must pass an audition before they are eligible for the lottery. Students may only select two programs from Bak Middle School of the Arts or A.W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts and/or a third program from another school. For applications, contact the nearest school or visit the School District web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/choiceprograms.

Lottery Selection
The purpose of the student lottery selection is to provide an equitable opportunity for all eligible students seeking to enroll in Choice Programs. When there are more applications than there are seats available for the respective schools and programs, a computerized random lottery selection process will be used to ensure equity in the assignment of eligible students to programs. Eligible students who submit an application by the deadline will qualify for participation in the initial lottery.

Once a student is admitted to a choice program, he or she is expected to remain in that school or program until reaching the highest grade level offered by that school. Students do not have to reapply for admission into the same program once they have been accepted; however, if a child is not selected this year a new application must be submitted the next year.

Applicants who wish to apply to the same Choice Program or school that their sibling is already enrolled and currently attending for the FY 2007-2008 school year, will be given preference for consideration on a space availability basis. A sibling is defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister who lives in the same household. Parents must complete an application for each sibling and submit it by the deadline.
The School District of Palm Beach County
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The School District of Palm Beach County welcomes applications from ESE and ESOL students to all Choice Programs.

Mission Statement
The School Board of Palm Beach County is committed to excellence in education and preparation of all our students with the knowledge, skills, and ethics required for responsible citizenship and productive employment.

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Transportation
Choice students will receive transportation to and from the Choice Program to which they are assigned if they reside more than two miles from the school and live within the designated Choice Transportation Zone. Bus stops to Choice Programs may be limited and located significantly further from the student’s home. Students who live outside the Choice Transportation Zone may attend the Choice Program if they provide their own transportation to and from the:

1. school
2. nearest school pick-up location within the transportation zone
3. nearest Tri-Rail Station location
4. nearest Palm Tran Bus Stop

For more information on Transportation Zones, visit our website at: www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/choiceprograms or consult our Choice Programs Booklet.

For more information call (561) 434-8052 or visit our website at: www.palmbeachschools.org then click on the Home Education Link

(Grades K-12)
For more information call (561) 434-8755 or visit our website at: www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/choiceprograms

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For more information call (561) 434-8880 or visit our website at: www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/careered

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