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Report Highlights

Analysis of Student Placement Unified Enrollment System (OneApp) • Orleans Parish

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We analyzed the placement of students participating in the unified enrollment system (OneApp) in Orleans Parish.

What We Found

Overall, we found that most students were able to attend one of their top three preferred schools, with almost half receiving their number one choice, although some students did not receive any of their preferred schools. We also found that a student's school placement was impacted by the criteria and priority structure schools use during the admissions process, and most students will attend a school outside of their geographic zone for the 2018-2019 academic year. Specifically, we found:

- Overall, 7,038 (65.5%) of 10,749 applicants received one of their *top three* preferred schools for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year during the first round.
- A school's enrollment criteria and priorities, such as geographic and sibling priority, may impact whether a student receives one of their top three preferred choices.
- Overall, 1,242 (16.5 %) of 7,537 new applicants were not placed at all during the first round for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- The majority (53.8%) of students attending a public school in Orleans Parish for the 2018-2019 academic year will travel outside of their geographic zone. We found that 21,060 (46.2%) of 45,574 of students live in the same zone as their school and 24,514 (53.8%) live outside of their school's geographic zone based on first round OneApp results for the upcoming year. However, according to the Louisiana Department of Education, 50% of all first choices were for schools that were outside of the applicant's zone of residence and two-thirds of choices on all applications were for out-of-zone schools.



OneApp assigns students to schools based on families' preferences (up to 12 schools), schools' enrollment criteria and priorities, such as geography and sibling priority, and seat availability.

OneApp currently manages admissions for 84 (94.4%) of 89 New Orleans public schools where 92% (43,866 of 47,454) of public school students attended during the 2017-2018 school year.