

## **COUSD District of Choice Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

**When can I apply for District of Choice (DOC) for the 2021-2022 school year?** Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2020.

**What is the deadline to submit a DOC application for the 2021-2022 school year?** The deadline is December 31, 2020. No exceptions.

**How do I apply?** Please go to any COUSD school site, district office and pick up an application or visit [www.cousd.net](http://www.cousd.net). Once completed, please submit your application on or before December 31, 2020 to the Student Services Department located at 20350 E. Cienega Ave. Covina, CA 90724, anytime Monday through Friday, between 7:30 AM and 4 PM. After December 18, please email your application to [dmaedareyes@cousd.net](mailto:dmaedareyes@cousd.net) or [mthompson@cousd.net](mailto:mthompson@cousd.net). Due to the Winter Break most offices will be closed from December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021.

### **Who may apply?**

1. Any student who does NOT reside in Azusa, Pomona or Rowland Unified School Districts. We unable to accept students from those districts, due to reaching the cap on the number of students we may accept from them under the regulations of the DOC program. However, students from those districts may still utilize the regular interdistrict transfer (IDT) process, whereby you obtain a release from your district of residence.
2. Any student who will be enrolling in the grades for which we are accepting for the 2021-2022 school year.

**What grade levels are you accepting for the 2021-2022 school year?** All grade levels

**What about my 'home' district (district of residence)?** Students accepted through DOC do NOT need to be released from their district of residence.

**How long does DOC last?** DOC has been renewed through July 1, 2023.

**Do I need to re-apply for DOC every year?** No, DO NOT re-apply if your student is currently enrolled under DOC, and has maintained continuous attendance under DOC since being enrolled in a COUSD school.

**I have a student attending a COUSD school under DOC. Now I would like his/her sibling to start attending under DOC, too. Do I have to apply for the sibling, or will the sibling automatically be admitted under DOC?** You must apply for each sibling to attend under DOC. Siblings are not automatically admitted under DOC.

**I live in a district from which COUSD is no longer able to accept DOC applications. My older child is currently enrolled under DOC; will that child be able to continue under DOC? I would also like his/her younger sibling to attend COUSD. Is there any way I can get my younger child in under DOC?** Your older child who is currently attending will be allowed to continue under DOC as long as he/she maintains continuous attendance in a COUSD school. The younger sibling will be ineligible to apply for DOC. You will need to utilize the regular interdistrict transfer process for your younger child, whereby you get released from your home district.

**I would really like my current DOC student to go to a particular/different school next year. How do I make that happen?** Parents should fill out and submit an *intra*-district request form at the school site where they want their child to attend next year. Your completed *intra*-district request form will be due by December 31, 2020 to the site where you want your student to attend. That school site will then evaluate whether or not they have space available for *intra*-district applicants and will notify you if they are able to accommodate your request for the upcoming school year. COUSD is not obligated to place a student in a particular school or program. All requests are based on space availability at a particular site.

**My child used to attend COUSD under DOC, but we left to attend school in another district. Now we'd like to come back to COUSD. Is my child still eligible to attend under DOC?** No, not without re-applying for DOC. Once you dis-enrolled from the district, you lost your DOC eligibility. If you want to return to COUSD, you must re-apply, and you must make sure we are accepting applications from your district of residence, and for your child's grade.

Please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/cousd-student-services/home> or call 626-966-8331 x90556 for more information.