



New Waitlist Process for the 2023-24 School Year

RSCO has implemented a new waitlist process designed to help increase chances of a placement opportunity for applicants on school and program waitlists. Families can view the size of the waitlist for any school, change their choice order, and add up to five additional selections to their applications. This process takes effect after the first round of placement notifications in April. Please read through the information below to help you make the most out of this new process!

Who is eligible for the new waitlist process?

In general, only applicants who have not received a placement offer are eligible to add new schools to their application. There are two exceptions:

1. Applicants who received and declined a CTECS offer are eligible to add magnet schools and Open Choice districts to their application.
2. Hartford residents who declined their first Open Choice offer are eligible to add additional Open Choice districts to their application.

How to select new schools and program selections

Families with students on the waitlist are now able to add schools and programs to their application(s), as well as adjust their choice order, using information about the likelihood of receiving an offer to help guide their selections. Depending on eligibility, families will be able to:

- add up to five (5) additional magnet schools;
- add up to five (5) additional Open Choice districts/schools to their student's application;
- add the Hartford Regional Technical High schools as a region for those students applying to 9th grade on their application;
- remove schools and programs; or
- change the choice order of the original school selections.

Making an informed decision!

To make an informed decision, the new process allows families to view the waitlist for each of their school and program selections based on a waitlist indicator. A colored waitlist indicator will display on the student's application of original school selections and on the school directory to describe the size of the waitlist at each school.

SMALL

Small (green) indicator means a good chance of an offer if seats are available.

MEDIUM

Medium (yellow) indicator means an offer is unlikely in the next round of placements.

LARGE

Large (red) indicator means a placement is unlikely.

Note: There are no set numbers for small, medium, and large waitlists. The cut-off can vary by grade and the number of available seats. In general, the waitlist indicator provides information on the likelihood of receiving an offer if seats become available.

- ✓ This information will update on a real time basis, so families know the size of the waitlist at any given time
- ✓ Choosing schools with a small waitlist increases your likelihood of a placement!
- ✓ Families will be able to indicate their order preference for their school/district selections per program type (magnet schools, Open Choice, CTECS).
- ✓ Based on the choice order, the system will attempt to place students in the families' preferred schools or districts first before moving to the other selections.

Keep monitoring your RSCO account!

Be sure to monitor your RSCO account often for updates. RSCO makes placements through September 30, 2023, as seats become available. Seats become available when other applicants decline a placement offer or a current student withdraws.

It is important to keep in mind that indicators can change over time. As offers are made or people remove themselves from the waitlist, the applicant pool could get smaller. A medium waitlist can turn to small, and a large waitlist can become medium.