# NEW THIS YEAR
Changes to Registration and Assignment for the 2017-2018 School Year

## SCHOOL SPECIFIC METRICS

On DiscoverBPS.org, families can now learn about schools’ performance in four categories, including (1) **Student Performance**, (2) **Family, Community, & Culture**, (3) **Leadership & Collaboration**, and (4) **Teaching & Learning**.

## CHOICE LISTS

A few changes have been made to students’ list of school choices since the start of the school year. These include:

- Schools will appear on lists in order of school quality (as defined by MCAS Tier), and then in order of distance from home. If applicable, English Learner programs will be displayed at the top of each list.
- Schools identified by the state as in turnaround will not appear as additional options on students’ list of school choices. These schools will be replaced by other schools that are not already on a child’s choice list.
- The Jackson-Mann K-8 School will appear on fewer students’ list of school choices, particularly for families who live in neighborhoods far from Allston. Students who currently attend the Jackson-Mann will not be impacted.

A full list of these changes is available at Welcome Centers.

## HIGH SCHOOL WALK ZONE PRIORITY

In order to provide equitable access to all high schools throughout the city, walk-zone priority will be eliminated. All high school students will have equal priority in accessing regular-admission high schools.

## WAIT LISTS

- For families who register before March 31, 2017:
  - Families will be able to be on all wait lists for schools they ranked on their choice list.
  - As seats become available in schools, wait lists will be processed automatically, allowing students to move into their higher ranked schools.
  - By June 16, 2017, families who wish to remain on a wait list must opt-in and reduce their wait list selections to one school.
- For families who register after March 31, 2017:
  - Families will be able to opt in to one wait list on their choice list.
  - Boston Public Schools will contact families about availability by email or phone. Please ensure contact information is up-to-date.
  - Boston Public Schools will make every effort to assign newly-registered students 6 years and older within their Home-Based List, but may need to assign them ahead of wait lists in the extreme circumstance that a child’s entire list is full.

Wait lists will expire at the end of November 2017 for grades 1-12, and at the end of January 2018 for grades Ko-K2.