

Bache-Martin Out-of-Catchment Process and Tour Dates

September 2018

Greetings!

I am writing to inform you about important info regarding Kindergarten registration at Bache-Martin. Over the past few years, our two Kindergarten classes have been near capacity (28-30) and largely filled with children from the catchment. There are many of you right outside the catchment lines, who are interested in spots for Kindergarten next year, and in years to come. Only about 5 spots were given to out of catchment students this year and last year, and we predict that there may be a similar amount or fewer for next year. As such, the school administration has implemented a process for this year that will be more clear for everyone, as follows:

1) You must complete the School Selection Process on the SDP's website, which **opens on 9/21/18, and closes on 11/2/18**. NO student will be admitted who does not go through this required process. Here is the link with some info on applying: <https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/services/school-selection/>

2) It is your responsibility to make sure that the district has received your application (you should get a confirmation email after you apply), and it is your responsibility to ensure that when notifications come out in January, that you complete the required steps. You will most likely be wait-listed, and you'll need to accept that status. Refer to this link with info from last year's process. <https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/services/school-selection/notification-process/>

3) If there are spots available, which will likely not be known until late spring, decisions for admission will be made on a first-come first-served basis, and proximity to the catchment lines. Please save/print your application confirmation emails and wait-list acceptance emails. The school administration will consider the date and time stamps on these emails, and catchment line proximity in determining admissions, assuming there are spots available. So if you will be applying, I suggest you are ready to go on 9/21. Depending on the number of out-of-catchment families who have applied via the school selection process, and accepted a wait list status according to the district deadlines, Bache-Martin will offer available spots by lottery.

The school intends for this process to be transparent and equitable. We hope clear communication about the process will squash rumors about what will get your child into Bache-Martin.

For those of you that are in-catchment, please register as soon as registration opens in January, and do not wait until May to do so. You will be helping the school determine what seats are available for your fellow community members.

There will be Kindergarten open houses on the following dates, at 8:30am in the Martin (one-story) building:

10/16
11/16
12/10
2/5
3/15
5/20

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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