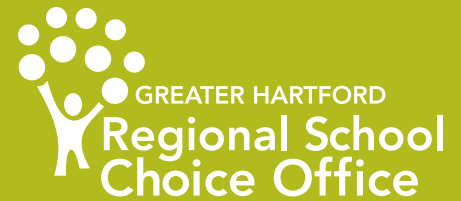


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## Frequently Asked Questions About the 2017–18 RSCO Lottery

### 1. What is the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO)?

The RSCO was created by the Connecticut State Department of Education to assist families interested in learning about, and applying to, RSCO schools and programs located in the Greater Hartford region.

### 2. What schools and programs are part of RSCO?

*Interdistrict Magnet Schools* are located in Hartford and throughout the Greater Hartford region. In most cases, student transportation is provided. These public school options attract PreK–12 applicants and have specialized educational themes.

*The Hartford Region Open Choice Program* provides an opportunity for Hartford students to attend suburban public schools, and for suburban students to attend a Hartford public school. Open Choice students attend an existing, non-magnet district school outside of their hometown. Student transportation is provided. You may apply to magnet schools, to Open Choice, or to both programs via the RSCO lottery.

### 3. What is the RSCO lottery?

The RSCO lottery is the computer-based method that places students who have submitted a complete and on-time application in available RSCO schools and programs. The Connecticut State Department of Education manages the RSCO lottery process.



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### 4. Why does RSCO conduct a lottery?

RSCO programming includes approximately 45 interdistrict magnet schools serving various grades and 29 participating Open Choice districts, but applications outnumber seats available.

### 5. Who is eligible to apply for the RSCO lottery?

Students entering Grades PreK–12, and who reside in Connecticut at the time of application, are eligible. The largest number of available seats tends to be in transition grades: PreK, K, 6 and 9.

### 6. How do I apply to the RSCO lottery?

The on-time lottery application period runs from November 1, 2016, to February 28, 2017, for placement the following school year. Visit [www.choiceeducation.org](http://www.choiceeducation.org) to view school options and apply online during the application period. Paper applications are not recommended but are available upon request.

### 7. If my student was placed on a waitlist and did not get into a school, do I need to apply again?

Yes, you must apply every year to be entered in the lottery.

### 8. Where can I get more information?

- Visit RSCO's website at [www.choiceeducation.org](http://www.choiceeducation.org) or call RSCO at 860-713-6990.
- Visit RSCO's Parent Information Center, open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.\*
- Visit a RSCO satellite site or information center (call RSCO or visit our website for locations).

\* RSCO's Parent Center is scheduled to move to 450 Columbus Blvd., in Hartford, in January 2017.