



APPLICATION PARENT AGREEMENT

I certify that:

- I am the legal guardian of this student and the child resides with me in Boston.
- I have provided true, accurate, and complete information.

I understand that:

- I must be a **Boston resident** to participate in the METCO program. If my student does not reside in the City of Boston before or after enrollment in a METCO district, they will no longer be eligible for referral or enrollment.
- Completing an application does not guarantee that my student will be referred to or enrolled in a METCO district.
- **I may select three METCO districts and rank them in order of preference.** When selecting my preferred 3 Districts, I will do my due diligence to make sure that the selected districts accept students in the grade my student will be entering next Fall. If my child is referred, s/he will be referred to one of my three choices.
- **I may choose not to do school ranking** and just apply to the METCO program. By doing so, I will be referred to any METCO district that has space availability, based on lottery number and sequence of district requests.
- Referral is based on eligibility for METCO, validity and completeness of documentation, and space availability in corresponding grades in METCO districts.
- If referred, my child will be referred with a cohort of applicants. **Referral does not guarantee acceptance or enrollment.**
- Siblings will receive preference for referral to a METCO district if there is availability in the corresponding grade, but acceptance and placement are not guaranteed.
- **Referrals to METCO districts occur between the end of January and October 1 of each school year**, based on lottery number and sequence of district requests.
- If referred to a METCO district, **I may be asked by that district to complete additional steps:** an interview, open house, and/or orientation, submission of academic, attendance, and/or discipline records, and/or provision of teacher recommendations before an enrollment decision is finalized.
- Failure to complete the additional steps at the district level could result in my application not being reviewed.
- Each student can be referred to a maximum of **one district per year**. If I choose to decline enrollment in a METCO district, my student will not be referred to other districts this school year.
- Transportation to METCO districts is available from a **limited number of bus stops** in Boston; I am responsible for getting my student to an existing bus stop or arranging other transportation.



- Once enrolled, **METCO does not transfer students between districts.** Enrolled students must completely withdraw from their current METCO school district before applying during the next application cycle for the following school year.
- Any falsification, alteration, or withholding of information may result in the termination of my student from the referral and enrollment process.

I agree that:

- I will **notify METCO HQ if anything changes related to my student's residency and/or contact information.**
- I will **keep my child enrolled in other school options** until my student is fully accepted and enrolled in a METCO district.