

“We are excited to announce that the third edition of the New Orleans Parents' Guide to Public Schools will be available beginning March 8. Like the previous editions, the fourth edition includes basic information about every open public school and easy-to-understand overviews of the New Orleans public education landscape. The fourth edition also includes information about several new schools coming online for the 2010-2011 school year, a simple explanation of how to apply for and enroll in schools, updated data about schools and other new features.

We timed the release of the new Parents' Guide for early March so that parents could have access to this tool as they consider their school options and prepare for the April 9th application deadline for all schools in the Recovery School District. This year, schools that are part of the Recovery School District, both charter and traditional schools, are following the same application and enrollment process. Through this process, parents can use a standard application to apply for any RSD-operated or RSD charter school. Applications can be turned in by April 9th to any participating school or at the Welcome School, 2239 Poydras St.

We know that community groups often have the best access to families who need the Parents' Guide most and we are extremely grateful to the hundreds of community organizations, community centers, youth programs and community agencies who have helped get Parents' Guides into the hands of families in the past. We hope you will consider helping to distribute the Parents' Guide again.

About the Parents' Guide

Who produced the Parents' Guide?

The New Orleans Parents' Guide to Public Schools is produced by the New Orleans Parent Organizing Network in partnership with several community groups and in collaboration with public school officials including the Recovery School District and the New Orleans Public Schools administration.

How many copies are available?

In our fourth press run, we are printing 10,000 copies of the guide. The guide will also be available for download online at www.nolaparentsguide.org. Once all 10,000 copies are distributed, we may be able print additional copies of the Parents' Guide based on need and available resources.

Where can parents get copies of the Parents' Guide?

In order to get this guide into the hands of the families who need this information most, we work with community organizations that have direct contact with families and children and place copies in locations that are accessible to all families. Beginning the week of March 8, parents will be able to pick up a free copy of the Parents' Guide from any branch of the New Orleans Public Library, at a nearby open public school or from a community organization. Parents can also download the guide from www.nolaparentsguide.org or contact our office by calling (504) 684-4512.”

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Communities In Schools will have 100 copies available. You may get one from the CIS Site Coordinator at your school, or call us at our main office at 504-486-8002 and we will help you get one.

