

ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR SCHOOLS

Easy In-School Activities

1. Teachers and administrators can hand out National School Choice Week (NSCW) wristbands to students.
2. Hang homemade posters in the school's hallways, and have students and teachers pose for photos.
3. Have students fill out our "I Love My School" placards, and share photos of the students holding them online using #schoolchoice.
4. Have students make a quick video about why they love their school, and share it with us.
5. Encourage students to decorate their lockers or classroom doors, and announce the winners during NSCW.
6. Have a "Yellow Day" on which students and teachers wear yellow clothing or accessories. Or have a "Spirit Week" with a different theme each day.
7. Have a student dress-down day on which students dress outside of their normal uniforms.
8. Combine fun and learning with free, printable activity sheets and decorations. Download them from our website at schoolchoiceweek.com/printables.
9. Students can learn and perform the NSCW dance, film it, and then upload it to YouTube. Tag us and use #schoolchoice. Watch the tutorial at www.schoolchoiceweek.com/dance.
10. Invite a local dignitary, such as your mayor or a county leader, to visit your school and talk with students.
11. Launch a contest to design the school's yearbook cover or school flag.
12. Have students bring in and decorate t-shirts or paint a school wall or mural.

Appreciation Activities

1. Have teachers write and send thank-you letters home with students for their families.
2. Encourage students to keep a gratitude or thankfulness journal during NSCW, detailing the different ways in which they are grateful for their parents and for their school.
3. Give students construction paper or note cards and ask them to write notes to their parents, thanking them for choosing your school.
4. Have students share at lunch the reasons why they are grateful to attend your school.

Learning Activities

1. Plant a community garden during NSCW.
2. Develop a special class, play, or video about your school's history.

Activities to Increase Enrollment

1. Arrange school tours or an open house for prospective students and their parents.
2. Conduct interviews with local radio and television shows to promote your school.
3. Share what you love about your school on social media during NSCW. Tag us and use #schoolchoice.

Community Activities

1. Hold a student poster & essay contest, & publish winning submissions in your local newspaper.
2. Take photos with students and teachers wearing their NSCW wristbands at recognizable community landmarks.
3. Have students design and complete a community service project, take pictures, and share it online.
4. Students, parents, and teachers can attend a local city council, school board, or county commission meeting and speak briefly about what school choice means to them.

