



# San Diego Unified School District

## Fact Sheet

### Benefits of Attending Your Neighborhood School

Give yourself a choice in selecting a school. Choosing a neighborhood school may simplify your family's lifestyle. Ask yourself, "What do I value most for my child's education?" Choosing a neighborhood school is the first step. As a parent, being actively involved means developing a supporting relationship with your child and helping them to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits of choosing a neighborhood school:

- As a resident of the neighborhood, it is your right to attend that school. There is no waiting list, no special application deadlines. You have first priority to enroll.
- Families have a greater sense of community ownership; more of a neighborhood feeling.
- You may develop stronger relationships with your neighbors.
- You can walk next door and have discussions with your neighbors about school issues or concerns.
- You will spend less time driving your child to school.
- More convenient for volunteering and attending parent meetings.
- Your child will have more time to spend with his/her friends rather than riding to and from school on a bus or in a car.
- Your child will be able to go to school with the same children he/she plays with, and they can study and do homework together.

To see schools in your neighborhood, please visit the district's website at <http://www.sandi.net/schoolfinder>.

No matter which school you choose, your involvement is critical. When considering a school, it's important to evaluate what your child's needs are socially, emotionally, and educationally. Often, a child may develop problems sustaining long-term friendships with other children when they do not attend schools with their neighborhood friends.

Many parents report that choosing a neighborhood school has provided them more time with their children, at home and at school. You should determine what makes a good school. Does it provide quality education? Does it provide the high standards of education you want for your child? No matter which you choose your child can get a quality education at a school that is well organized, assesses the child's progress, and teaches to high standards of education.

#### SUMMARY

- ❖ **Living in the same neighborhood as the school gives you first choice to enroll.**
- ❖ **No waiting lists.**
- ❖ **No special application deadlines.**
- ❖ **Greater sense of community ownership.**
- ❖ **Stronger neighborhood relationships.**
- ❖ **Discuss school issues with your neighbors rather than telephoning or driving.**
- ❖ **More time with your child.**
- ❖ **Your child can play and get homework help with the same children they go to school with.**
- ❖ **If your child doesn't attend a neighborhood school, will you be able to attend school meetings and events?**
- ❖ **More convenient for volunteering.**

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