



Enrollment Options

San Diego City Schools offers a variety of programs to students who reside within district boundaries and wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school, including the Magnet, Choice and Voluntary Ethnic Enrollment programs. Magnet, Choice, and VEEP options may be limited due to recent federal legislation that requires students from Program Improvement schools to be seated first.

Magnet Programs

In addition to a strong core curriculum, each Magnet program receives additional resources that allow them to provide specialized themes, learning materials and equipment, staff, and much more. Magnet schools use particular subject themes, such as science, humanities, art, music, performing arts, and second language acquisition to significantly enhance student learning in an integrated setting. Transportation is available for eligible students. Magnet schools today have four primary goals and characteristics:

1. They have diversity as an explicit purpose.
2. They seek to improve achievement for all students participating in the Magnet program.
3. They provide a distinctive curriculum or educational approach.
4. They attract students from outside an assigned neighborhood attendance zone.

Voluntary Ethnic Enrollment Program (VEEP) Program

VEEP is an integration program that encourages students from communities with diverse ethnic compositions to attend schools outside their neighborhood schools. Schools with predominantly White student enrollments are "paired" with schools having predominately non-White student enrollments in order to achieve a student body diversity that more closely reflects the composition of the district and the San Diego community. Through these paired school patterns, students in VEEP can participate in an integrated education, elementary through middle/junior and senior high school. VEEP offers:

1. Enhanced learning opportunities.
2. Equitable access to all programs and services at the school.
3. Quality support from school site administrators, teachers, and counselors.
4. A K-12 program which allows students to continue from elementary to middle to high school as long as the student does not move from the VEEP school pattern.
5. Transportation for eligible students.

Choice Program

The San Diego City Schools Choice program provides students with the opportunity to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. The School Choice program allows students to apply to any school within the San Diego Unified School District, with the exception of Magnet schools. Choice enrollment is limited to schools that have space available for additional students. The School Choice program does not provide transportation to student participants.

For more information on the Magnet, Choice or VEEP programs or to obtain an application, visit the Enrollment Options website at <http://enrollmentoptions.sandi.net/>.

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SUMMARY
<p>In 2004-2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 18,966 students participate in Magnet programs. ❖ 9,755 students participate in the Voluntary Ethnic Enrollment Program (VEEP). ❖ 9,868 students participate in the Choice Program. ❖ 966 students participate in the Program Improvement School Choice Program (PISC).

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Serving nearly 136,000 students, San Diego City Schools is the second largest school district in California, with 202 educational facilities and more than 14,500 full-time equivalent positions (representing more than 15,800 employees). SDCS is improving student achievement by focusing on challenging instruction in reading, writing and mathematics in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. The district is committed to supporting schools and enhancing the classroom learning environment through modernized facilities and resources and through parent, teacher and community involvement in the educational process.

The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.