

A Message to Parents from the Superintendent



Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Office of the Superintendent

San Diego Unified School District is proud to offer a variety of enrollment choices to students and parents throughout the city. In the following pages you will find information on a variety of exciting programs available to students who reside within district boundaries and wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school.

May we suggest that you read through the catalog to become familiar with the educational options offered in our district. When you are ready to apply to a school, other than your neighborhood school, simply complete the School Choice application at the back of this catalog.

Every program offered in this catalog supports the district's commitment to ensure our students' future success in college and career. Enrollment in these programs is available to all district students, including English Learners, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) and Special Education students. Thousands of students take advantage of these programs and enrollment is limited, so please take a moment now to review this catalog and apply before the February 15 deadline.

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Sincerely,

Terry B. Grier, Ed.D., Superintendent

Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP)

Offers transportation to encourage students from one community to attend designated schools outside their neighborhood

Open Enrollment Program

Allows students to attend any school within the district (other than Magnet schools), but does not provide transportation

Program Improvement School Choice (PISC)

Allows parents of students attending a school that is a Program Improvement School (PISC) to request a transfer to a designated non-Program Improvement school as determined by the student's residence; transportation provided

Other Opportunities

Additional innovative K-12 school programs provided by the district to meet your child's educational needs

Charter Schools

Public schools that provide innovative, high-quality learning opportunities, operating with greater autonomy but also with increased accountability

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procedures have changed!**

**February 15 is the last day for
families currently enrolled in the
district to apply for
School Choice.**

New this year...

Application Process

Applications for district School Choice options are combined on one easy School Choice application found on page 34 of this catalog.

Please Note:

Application timelines and procedures have changed!
February 15 is the last day for families currently enrolled in the district to apply for School Choice.

No late applications will be accepted. Families will have **one offer of enrollment** other than the neighborhood school. It is important that families consider their choices and school priorities carefully. Complete only one application for each student, listing all your school choices in your priority order (first, second, etc.).

Send your application directly to:

Enrollment Options Office
4100 Normal Street, Annex 7-B
San Diego, CA 92103

You can also complete your student's School Choice application online at <http://sandi.net/enrollmentoptions>.

Know your Choices!

The application process requires the prioritizing of three (3) school choices, and you may list two (2) additional schools in priority order for consideration in the event that the first three prioritized choices are not available. There will be only one offer of enrollment per student based on your designated choices (1-5). Parents need to make informed choices before submitting their student's application. Please read through this catalog, take the time to attend school tours and enrollment fairs, talk to other parents, and learn about the schools by visiting the district website and the schools. Students not offered enrollment must reapply for the following year if they are still interested in the program.

If you have questions about the application process, call the Enrollment Options Office at (619) 725-5672 or email options@sandi.net. If you are interested in charter schools, contact each school directly (see page 36).

What happens to the application once it is submitted during the November 1 through February 15 timeframe?

1. The date- and time-stamped application arrives at the Office of Enrollment Options.
2. The application is reviewed for completeness. Student applications are processed into the program that provides the student with the highest possible priority program (Magnet, PISC, VEEP, Open Enrollment) for your first, second, third, fourth and fifth choice.
3. Magnet, VEEP, and Open Enrollment applications are given a computer generated random number, which is used to sort applications by grade level. Magnet applications are also sorted by high school cluster in which the student resides. Priorities move students to the top of list in the following order: Continuity; Siblings; PISC; General (other) Applications; Out of District.
4. Parents will receive a letter offering enrollment from the Office of Enrollment Options. Parents must notify Enrollment Options of changes to the home address. Without this information in the Enrollment Options system, the office will not be able to contact you. If the student is not enrolled within the timeline listed on the offer of enrollment letter, the student will be expected to continue at their current school or their neighborhood school. The student will not be provided a second offer of enrollment.

What happens to applications submitted after February 15?

Applications are not accepted after the February 15th deadline unless the family is new to the district or current SDUSD families have a verified change of residence address that changes priority. Proof of new residence will be required. Applications received after February 15 will be prioritized for placement by date and time received.

APPLY NOW!

Applications must be
submitted between

November 1 and February 15

Enrollment Priorities

The following priorities are ranked 1 through 5, with priority 1 receiving the highest placement on the enrollment list for each school, followed by priority 2 and then 3, 4 and 5 in that order.

	Magnet–Page 3	VEEP–Page 22	Open Enrollment–Page 23	PISC–Page 29
1	Continuity: Middle and high school students continue from similar Magnets. (see p. 5, application required)	Continuity: VEEP students articulate with the VEEP school’s resident students during regular articulation. (no application required)	Continuity: Open Enrollment students articulate with the Open Enrollment school’s resident students during regular articulation. (no application required)	
2	Siblings of a concurrently enrolled student	Siblings of a concurrently enrolled student	Siblings of a concurrently enrolled student	
3	Students who are lowest achieving and from low-income families at Program Improvement schools receive priority at higher achieving Magnet schools.	Students who are lowest achieving and from low-income families at Program Improvement schools receive priority at higher achieving VEEP schools.	Elementary Gifted Cluster program and high school special course (see p. 24)	Students who are lowest achieving and from low-income families at Program Improvement schools receive highest priority at designated non-Program Improvement schools.
4	General Magnet request with priorities by high school cluster (see p. 4 & 8)	General VEEP request	General Open Enrollment request	
5	Out-of-district Magnet request		Out-of-district Open Enrollment request	

Please Note:

- **Athletics:** Specific information regarding whether or not a student can be granted immediate athletic eligibility can be obtained by contacting the district Athletic Office at (619) 725-7126. Athletic eligibility is separate from enrollment. Changing schools can impact a student’s eligibility for athletics.
- **Child Care:** An elementary student whose child-care provider is within the boundary of the school of choice does not receive priority. Students must apply directly to the school with a Child-Care Affidavit. Not all schools take Child-Care Affidavits, and these must be renewed yearly.
- **GATE Seminar:** GATE Seminar identified students may apply for school choice options outside of their cluster option. There is no special priority provided.
- **Special Education:** Special Education students may apply for school choice. There is no special priority provided.
- **Transfers:** Students who enroll in a program must remain in the school for the school year that they enroll. To be eligible to transfer, transfer requests must be received on or before the last working day before school opens in September. A transfer submitted during the school year will not be approved without the signatures of both principals. The transfer request **only** allows the student to return to the resident school.