

Program Improvement School Choice

The **Program Improvement School Choice (PISC)** program is available for San Diego Unified School District students attending a school that has not met one or more of its identified achievement targets for at least two years in a row. In compliance with the *No Child Left Behind Act*, a federal law, students residing in and attending a Title I school identified as a Program Improvement (PI) school will be notified and provided an opportunity to apply to attend a designated non-program improvement school in the district, and transportation will be provided within district guidelines.

The Program Improvement School Choice (PISC) option is limited to designated schools. Please call your current school or the Enrollment Options Office at (619) 725-5672 for more specific information about your designated school choices. It is important to note that this is a year-by-year program with limited funding. When the resident school meets its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) achievement targets two years in a row, students enrolled at a non-Program Improvement school will no longer be eligible for transportation. They may continue to attend the school until the highest grade level, but transportation will cease.

Application Process

One application will be used for all School Choice programs: Magnet, VEEP, Open Enrollment, and Program Improvement School Choice (PISC). You will find the application included in the back of this catalog. Applications received November 1 through February 15 will be ranked with lowest achieving and low-income students receiving highest priority and sorted by grade level. Grade level lists will be sent to each designated school. Schools must accept students in the order of the list for each grade level. Students from Program Improvement schools will receive priority over VEEP and Open Enrollment applicants from non-Program Improvement schools.

Transportation Guidelines

Transportation is provided on a year-to-year basis. Transportation for PISC students may end when:

- Student's resident school meets its identified AYP achievement targets
- Designated receiving school becomes a Program Improvement school
- Student changes grade levels (elementary to middle or middle to high school)

If transportation is no longer provided, the student may choose to continue to attend the receiving school of choice through the highest grade level with no district-provided transportation, or the student may return to the school of residence. District transportation guidelines and rules apply to this program, as they do to other district programs with transportation.

It is important to note:

- There must be eight riders for a bus route to be established.
- Transportation is not provided for students who reside within 2.0 miles of an elementary or 2.5 miles of a secondary receiving school.
- Transportation is not provided to the school of residence.
- Bus stops for pick up and drop off are generally set up at or close to the school of residence.
- Students may be required to walk up to one mile at the elementary level and two miles at the secondary level to the bus stop.



Schools Identified as Program Improvement (PI) Schools

Students who attend or are scheduled to attend one of the following schools in 2009-2010 may apply for Program Improvement School Choice:

Elementary	Middle	High School	Charter
Adams Alcott Audubon Baker Balboa Burbank Carson Carver Edison Emerson/Bandini Encanto Garfield Horton Kimbrough Linda Vista Logan Marshall Parks (Rosa) Perkins Porter	Bell Clark Correia (7-8) CPMA Farb* Lewis Mann Marston Montgomery Pacific Beach Pershing Roosevelt Standley Taft Wangenheim Wilson	Clairemont Crawford CHAMPS Crawford MVAS Hoover Madison Morse San Diego Business San Diego Communication San Diego Arts (MVPA)	Gompers Middle King/Chavez Arts Memorial Academy O'Farrell
			Atypical
			ALBA Garfield High* Language Academy New Dawn Twain
*School met AYP achievement targets in 2007-2008 and may exit Program Improvement in 2009-2010.			

Designated Receiving Schools

The district has specific schools in which to enroll students from Program Improvement schools. These schools are designated as Program Improvement School Choice (PISC) receiving schools. Additionally, specific transportation routes have been set up to these schools. In some cases there may already be buses going between the schools for VEEP. In other cases new transportation patterns have been identified. Parents must apply to the specific receiving schools identified for their resident school to be included in this program.

APPLY NOW!
Applications must be
submitted between
November 1 and February 15

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