

Talking Points for Magnet Student Assignment Plan

A. What is not changing in the magnet/choice processes

January Open Enrollment Period

Sibling Surveys

Applications received on-line

Must apply annually if not accepted

Applicant Pools

Existing Waiting List Remains

B. What is changing in the magnet/choice processes

How students are accepted into magnet/choice schools

How siblings are accepted into magnet/choice schools

C. Magnet & Choice Student Assignment

If there is an existing waiting list at a grade level, students will be pulled from the waiting list first, and when that list is depleted, students will then be pulled from applicant pool.

If no waiting list for a grade level, students will be pulled from the applicant pool.

Three applicant pools per grade level based on government range, township, section (RTS) grid:

Based on federally accepted Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) demographic factors with points assigned for:

FR (Free & Reduced Lunch)

R (Race)

SWD (Student with Disabilities)

and ELL (English Language Learners)

Each grid assigned to a specific pool based on these factors.

Students from each grid are assigned to magnet/choice school based on grid factors – not individual student identifiers.

D. Sibling Priority

Continued sibling requirements

When an older sibling is already enrolled and attending a magnet/choice school at the time of application and will be returning the following year, a priority is established.

Kindergarten sibling application must be submitted during open enrollment period in January.

Sibling Survey must be completed.

Changing Sibling requirements

Sibling priority will be given for kindergarten students up to 50% of available kindergarten seats.

If a student is not selected for a sibling seat, the student will then be placed in the applicant pool.