



8th Grade Mini Fairs

2024-2025 Choice Options

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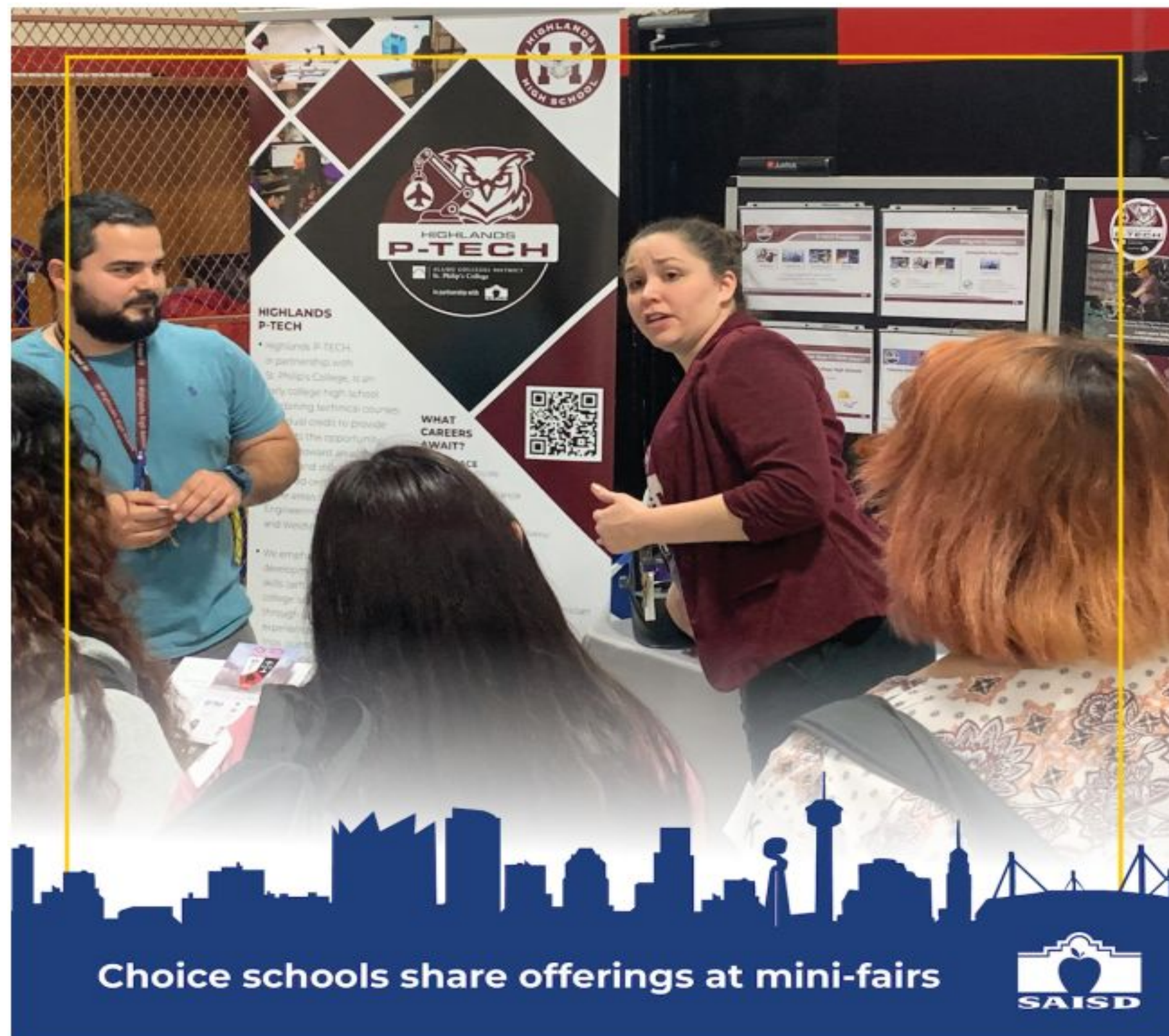
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What are Mini Fairs?

A series of small, expo-style high school presentations for 8th-grade students during school day, with a parent night the final evening.



- **WHY:** Connect with 8th graders and inform them of all their 9th-grade options for next year!
- **WHERE:** Middle schools and 1 academy. *Additional event for families at ACC the evening of the last Mini Fair.*
- **WHO:** Representatives from each high school program will visit each host site.
- **WHEN:** Jan. 8-12, 22-26, 29

Required events. All 9th-grade offerings need to present each day. All campuses ending with 8th grade need to participate.

Mini Fair Calendar

[View Calendar Here](#)

Mini Fairs for 8th-Grade Students

FINAL CALENDAR

January 2024

KEY DETAILS

- **Mini Fair dates:**

- Jan. 8-12
- *Break!*
- Jan. 22-26, 29
- 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

- 11 days

- AM/PM sessions each day

- Session time: ~1.5 hours

- **Family Night @ ACC**

- Jan. 29 (6-8 PM)
- Come & go
- No rotations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday						
1	2	3	4	5						
8 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> AM - Tafolla (112) PM - Tafolla (111)	9 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Rhodes MS]</i> AM - Rhodes MS (88) Irving (32) PM - Rhodes MS (89) Crockett (76)	10 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> AM - Davis MS (86) PM - Davis MS (87)	11 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Poe MS]</i> AM - Poe MS (83) Bowden (40) PM - Poe MS (83) MLK (27)	11 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Twain]</i> AM - Beacon Hill (37) Rogers Academy (85) PM - Twain DL (20) Cotton (35) Hawthorne (75)						
15	16	17	18	19						
22 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> AM - Harris MS (120) PM - Harris MS (119)	23 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: CAST Med HS]</i> AM - Rogers MS (127) PM - Democracy Prep (59) Japhet (87)	24 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Hot Wells MS]</i> AM - Hot Wells (74) PM - Hot Wells (74) Mission (60)	25 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Whittier MS]</i> AM - Whittier MS (119) Fenwick (44) PM - Whittier MS (119)	26 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> AM - Longfellow MS (110) PM - Longfellow MS (109)						
29 <u>Choice School Mini Fair</u> <i>[Host site: Lowell MS]</i> AM - Lowell (120) PM - Woodlawn (74) Bonham (73) <i>Family Night @ ACC</i> 6:00 - 8:00 PM	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>MINI FAIR SCHEDULE</th> <th>IMPORTANT DATES</th> <th>NOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> AM Sessions Setup: 9:00-9:30 AM Mini Fair Rotations: 10:00-11:45 AM LUNCH BREAK: 11:45 AM-12:30 PM PM Sessions Setup: 12:30-12:45 PM Mini Fair Rotation: 12:45-2:30 PM Breakdown: 2:30-3:00 PM </td> <td> January 8-12, 22-26, 29 Representatives from every Choice high school option will visit with current 8th-grade students at various campuses throughout the district, per the calendar above. January 29 (evening) High school representatives present their options to parents and families at the Alamo Convocation Center. February 15 Deadline to submit Choice application for the lottery. </td> <td> Middle School & Academy Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 sessions each day. • Some sessions may be all girls or all boys. • The Enrollment Office will determine student groups and facilitate rotations. • Students will be bused to host sites at no cost to the campus. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				MINI FAIR SCHEDULE	IMPORTANT DATES	NOTES	AM Sessions Setup: 9:00-9:30 AM Mini Fair Rotations: 10:00-11:45 AM LUNCH BREAK: 11:45 AM-12:30 PM PM Sessions Setup: 12:30-12:45 PM Mini Fair Rotation: 12:45-2:30 PM Breakdown: 2:30-3:00 PM	January 8-12, 22-26, 29 Representatives from every Choice high school option will visit with current 8 th -grade students at various campuses throughout the district, per the calendar above. January 29 (evening) High school representatives present their options to parents and families at the Alamo Convocation Center. February 15 Deadline to submit Choice application for the lottery.	Middle School & Academy Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 2 sessions each day. • Some sessions may be all girls or all boys. • The Enrollment Office will determine student groups and facilitate rotations. • Students will be bused to host sites at no cost to the campus.
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Run of Show

AM SESSION:

8:30

- OAES staff arrive; meet with campus POC

9:00

- AM students picked up from home campus
- High school presenters arrive
- Station set-up

9:30-9:45

- Students arrive; escorted to gym
- Groups assigned & directed to stations

10:00

- 4-minute rotations begin

11:45 LATEST

- Rotations end
- Students return to class / board buses

12:15

- Buses return to home campus

11:45-12:30

- PRESENTER LUNCH BREAK

PM SESSION:

12:00

- PM students picked up from home campus

12:30

- Presenters return to stations

12:30-12:45

- Students arrive; escorted to gym
- Groups assigned & directed to stations

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- 4-minute rotations begin

2:30 LATEST

- Rotations end
- Students return to class / board buses

3:00

- Buses return to home campus

2 Questions



Logistics & Set-up



- OAES will visit each host site the day before at 3:45 PM to review set-up and deliver materials.
 - **Presenters arrive by 9:00 AM / 12:30 PM and sign in at front office.**
 - All Mini Fairs are in school gyms
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- 18 High School + 1 Dual Language tables = 19 stations for rotation
 - **Each high school/program will have 1 table and 2 chairs**
 - 2 OAES tables for welcome/materials
 - SAISD Wi-Fi available. Limited electrical outlets – bring fully-charged devices (optional: extension cord)
 - OAES staff will be on hand to assist with setup, receive presenters, buses, etc.

School Layout - During day at Host Sites



Family Night for 8th-Grade Families

Jan 29, 6-8 pm @ ACC

8TH-GRADE FAMILY NIGHT



JOIN THE SAISD FAMILIA!
at our
8th to 9th grade Family Night!

- Monday, January 29, 2024
- 6pm to 8pm
- Alamo Convocation Center
(Located at 110 Tuleta Dr.)



San Antonio ISD is hosting a
**Family Night for families of current
8th graders!**


Come meet representatives of SAISD
Choice Schools and learn more about the specialized
9th-grade programs available for YOUR child for 2024-25.
Staff will be on hand to assist with submitting an online
Choice application.

Learn more about your 9th-grade
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APPLY NOW!
DEC 1 – FEB 15


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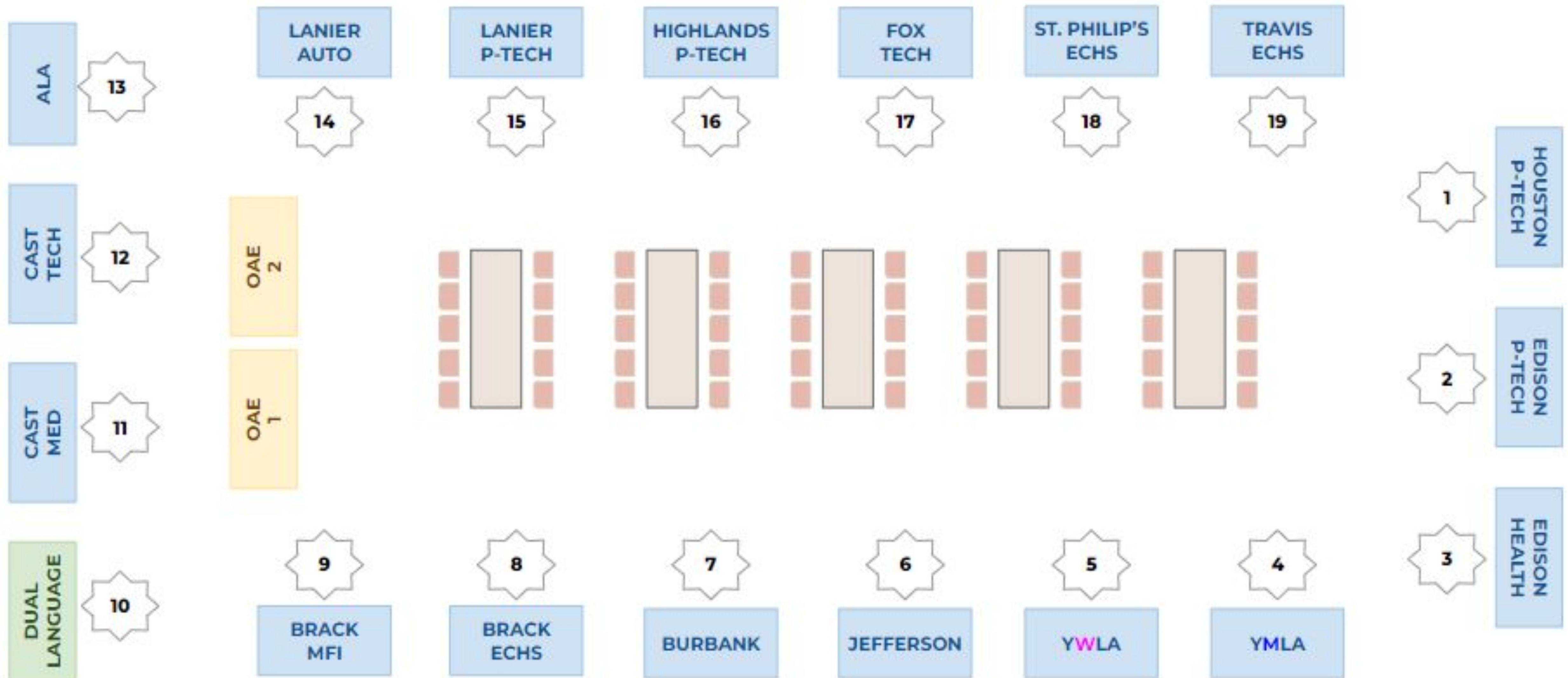

(210) 309-3259


choice@saisd.net


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Family Night Layout - Jan 29, 6-8 pm @ ACC



Family Night for 5th-Grade Families

Jan 22, 6-8 pm @ ACC

5TH-GRADE FAMILY NIGHT



JOIN THE SAISD FAMILIA!
at our
5th to 6th grade Family Night!

- **Monday, January 22, 2024**
- **6pm to 8pm**
- **Alamo Convocation Center**
(Located at 110 Tuleta Dr.)



**San Antonio ISD is hosting a
Family Night for families of current
5th graders!**

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Materials

Delivered to host site day before event:

FACILITIES

- Tables (Qty: 21)
- Chairs (Qty: 42+)

OAES (during 3:45 PM walkthrough)

- **Student packets**

Choice School/Program info, Avela application steps, timeline, QR codes, etc.

- **Table/chair layout diagram**

Campuses need to set up tables and chairs the day before the event.



OAES brings to host site day of event:

- **Megaphone**
- **Stopwatch**
- **Table signs**

Plastic frames for each high school table to facilitate rotation flow

- **School signs**

Printed high school names placed on each table so campuses knows where to set up in the morning.

- **Plastic bags**

Lunches

Mini Fair times likely overlap with regular lunch period

Complete hot lunch at HOME campus

- Students will go through cafeteria line either before or after Mini-Fair session.
- Upload your completed [Special Meal Request form](#) (for meals AND to change lunch schedule at home campus) to [this Google folder](#) by **Tues., Dec. 12**
- Questions about the form?
Contact Alyssa Garza (Child Nutrition Services)
agarza26@saisd.net | 210-554-2290



AM students return 12:30

PM students leave 12:00

2 Questions



Grouping & Rotations

- OAES will determine groupings and rotation schedule.
- Table signs with table # will facilitate table rotations.
- Students will rotate in small groups (<10) to each station.
- Each station rotation is 4 minutes long.
- OAES will direct rotations with stopwatch and megaphone.
- If any student misses a station, they will still get information for each program in a Mini Fair packet.
- *Additional campus staff members need to be on site to provide support. OAES will also assist.*



Host Sites

- Host sites are all the middle schools and one academy.
- All sites are listed on the Mini Fair calendar for each event date.
- The OAES will contact custodians and conduct walkthroughs the **afternoon** prior to the event at 3:45 pm.
- **Tables/chairs** will be delivered in the **morning** the day before the event.
- **Campuses will to set up tables and chairs the day before the event.** OAES will provide layout diagram during the walk-through.

Dates

Host Sites *(subject to change)*

Jan. 8-12

Tafolla, Rhodes, Longfellow, Poe, Twain

Jan. 22-26

Davis, Rogers MS, Hot Wells, Whittier, Harris

Jan. 29

Lowell + Evening @ ACC



Transportation



- Bus transportation will be provided at no cost to campus
 - Campuses will provide OAES with completed Bus Request form (field trip request). OAES will then submit all forms to Transportation
 - Campuses need to secure field trip **permission** forms and keep on campus.
- AM pick-up time 9:00 am / Arrival time 9:30-9:45 per location / Return time 12:15
 - PM pick-up time 12:00 pm / Arrival time 12:30-12:40 per location / Return time 3:00
- Chaperone recommended on each bus
 - Avoid leaving personal belongings on bus

2 Questions



ACTION ITEMS: 8th-grade campuses

1. Field trip permission slips

- Distribute and collect ASAP
- Keep on campus

2. [Request for Bus Services form](#)

- Save completed form with your campus name
 - *Ex: "Mission Bus Form"*
- Upload your completed form into [this Google folder](#) by **Tues., Dec. 12**

3. [Special Meal Request form](#)

- Save completed form with your campus name
 - *Ex: "Mission Meal Form"*
- Upload your completed form into [this Google folder](#) by **Tues., Dec. 12**

4. Indicate Mini Fair POC [on this sheet](#) by **Tues., Dec. 12**

Still need info from:

- Bonham
- Davis
- Hot Wells
- Irving
- Mission
- Tafolla
- Whittier
- Woodlawn



ACTION ITEMS: High Schools

**WEDS.
JAN. 3**



[Access the Presenter POC list here to:](#)

- 1. Indicate the staff member(s) who will be presenting at each Mini Fair session by **Weds, Jan. 3****
- 2. Note the number of student ambassadors you will have.**
This is optional. Last year, we found that having students in your program share their experience with 8th graders was very effective at garnering interest!



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Questions?

