

HOW CHOICE WORKS

NEW TO CHOICE TRAINING

OFFICE OF ACCESS AND
ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Agenda

- What are Choice Schools and Programs
- How does someone enter a Choice School or Program
- Choice Application Timeline
- Categories | Priorities
- Submitting an Application
- Lotteries/Offers/Waitlists
- Equity Audit
- Withdrawals
- Transportation
- Choice Enrollment Platforms
- Resources

Choice School or Program

Choice Schools and Programs offer families different academic models that best meet their student's needs. Options include dual language, single gender, early college, Montessori, International Baccalaureate, and more.

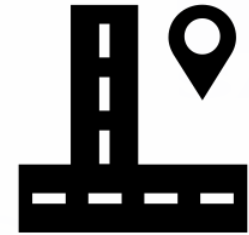
Options for
all grade
levels



Open to all
regardless
of academic
history



Open to all
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of address

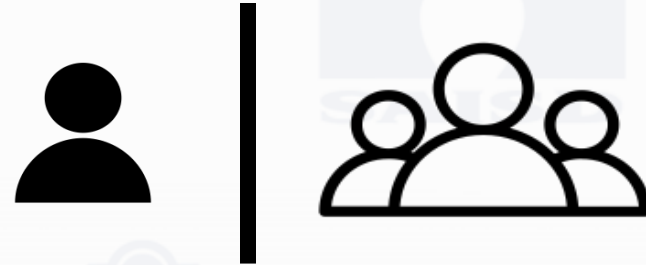


Choice School vs Choice Program



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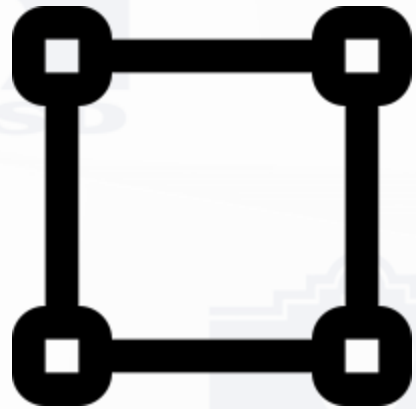
- Every student in school participates in Choice model
- In-district charters
- Schools with no attendance zone



CHOICE PROGRAM

- Only students in the program participate in the Choice model
- Students in attendance zone also apply

There are two types of Choice Schools.



With an
attendance
zone



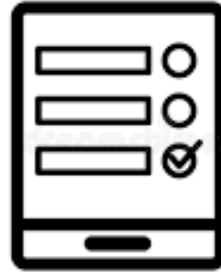
Without an
attendance
zone

Choice Schools and Programs use two of the three enrollment pathways.



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Attendance
zone



Application



Transfer

Our transfer process would be considered screening, which is against state charter law.

Students with Special Circumstances

McKinney Vento

No prioritization within Choice application process

School of Origin still applies

ARD

Family can accept through Choice process; ARD will determine if Choice School is appropriate placement

Students cannot be placed at a Choice School without an attendance zone

Academic Placement

Overage or homeschooled students

Able to apply for Choice School or Program for designated grade

Crisis Placement

Would only be placed in Choice Schools with attendance zone

Determined by district

Bilingual Hub

Determined by Dual Language, ESL & Migrant Dept

Choice School bilingual hubs enroll students automatically via application process

Head Start Placement

Separate from Choice application process

Site placement determined by the Early Childhood Dept

Choice Application Timeline



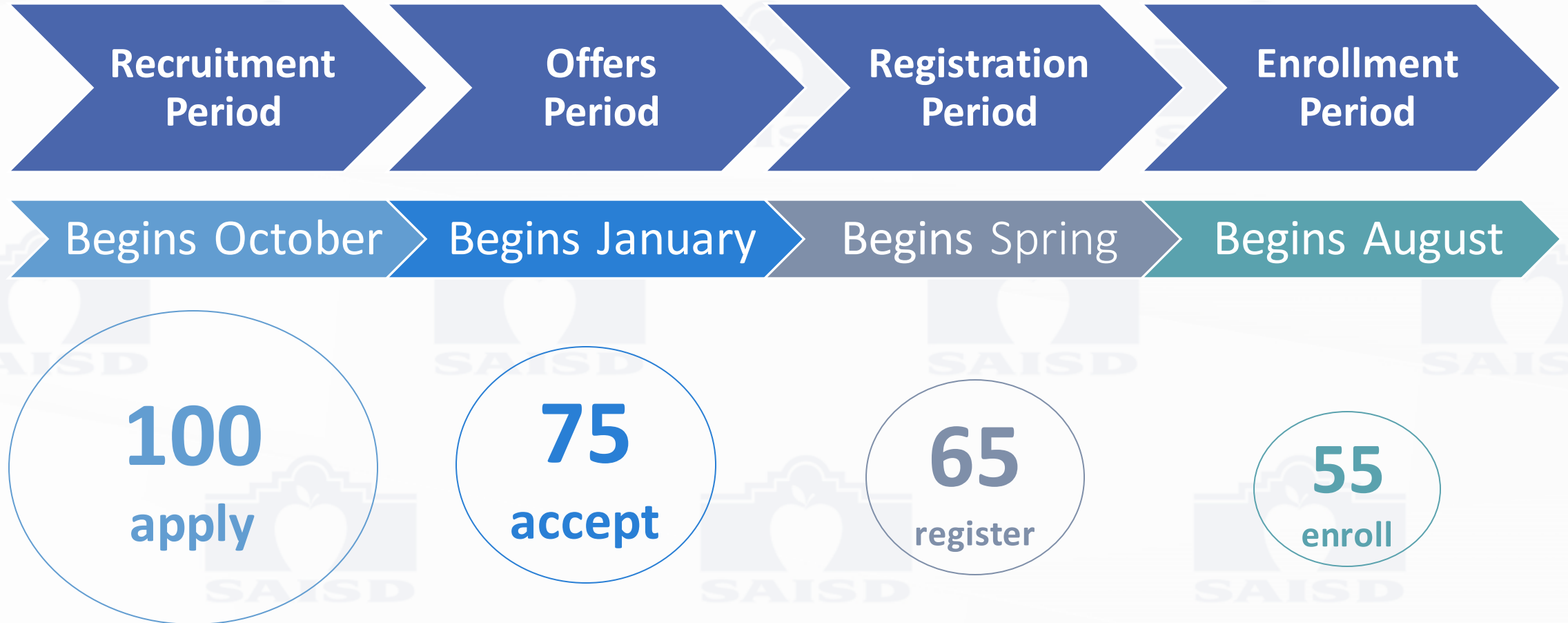
- Current/new students
- Info Sessions
- Social Media
- Submit apps

- Lottery
- Offers
- Acceptances
- Waitlists

- Help families register
- Maintain summer contact

- First Day of School follow-up
- No Show follow-up

Choice Application Timeline



Categories | Priorities

CATEGORY

A demographic factor used to determine a student's lottery assignment

PRIORITY

A demographic factor that receives additional consideration in the lottery/selection process

- Sibling Attending
- Sibling Applying

SIBLINGS

- Priority
- In District
- Out of District
- Attendance Zone
- Non-Attendance Zone

LOCATION

- Economically Disadvantaged
- Non-Economically Disadvantage
- Block status (1,2,3,4)

SES

- English
- Spanish

LANGUAGE

- CTSS - Comprehensive & Targeted Support School (designation by TEA)

ACADEMIC

- Employee Child
- PK Qualifying

OTHER

Categories | Priorities

CATEGORY

A demographic factor used to determine a student's lottery assignment

Category at School A

Priority

In-District | Economically Disadvantaged

In-District | Non-Economically Disadvantaged

Out of District

Category at School B

Non-Attendance Zone

PRIORITY

A demographic factor that receives additional consideration in the lottery/selection process

Priority at School A

Sibling Attending

Employee Child

Economically Disadvantaged

CTSS

Block Status

Priority at School B

Sibling Attending

Employee Child

CTSS

Block Status

Submitting an Application

Family selects up to 3 schools.

- Briscoe Elementary School
- Twain Dual Language Academy
- Steele Montessori Academy



Enrollment Office places into category based on application.

- CHOICE: Briscoe – Non-Attendance Zone
- CHOICE: Twain – Priority | English
- CHOICE: Steele – In District | Economically Disadvantaged



Application status remains SUBMITTED until lotteries are conducted.

Lotteries



What are lotteries?

- Mechanism used by Choice Schools and Programs to fill seats (*except for YWLA*)
- Blind, randomized, computerized process conducted in SchoolMint

Who conducts the lotteries?

- Lotteries are conducted by the Enrollment Office and Office of Innovation.

Which grades conduct lotteries?

- All grades will run lotteries, starting with 2023-24 applications
- **Campuses identify** which grades they have available seats to offer, and how many
- Waitlists are generated for each grade once the lotteries are conducted

Offers



Who makes offers?

- Offers managed by the Enrollment Office
- First round, families notified by email, and/or text of offer status.
- Choice Schools and Programs follow up with all offers.

What happens when an applicant accepts an offer?

- An applicant may receive up to three offers.
- Once they accept one offer, all other offers automatically withdrawn.
- If they are on a waitlist, they remain on the waitlist.
- If an applicant changes their mind about declining, pending on waitlist, their offer may be reinstated OR they will need to re-apply and added to the end of the waitlist.

Waitlists

What are waitlists?

- Mechanism used to backfill grades
- Choice Schools and Programs have a waitlist at each grade level for each category of their lottery structure.
- Choice Schools and Programs may request offers to be made from their waitlist.
- The Enrollment Office manages waitlists and, pending enrollment review, will make offers as needed.

How are they created?

- Generated by the lottery
- Once a waitlist is created, new applications are added to the end.

Are new waitlists created each year?

- Yes, new waitlists are created each year when the lotteries are conducted, starting with 2023-24 applications.



Equity Audit

Ensures balanced representation required by academic model

Ensures historically disadvantaged students proportionately represented

EQUITY AUDIT

Factors include gender, language, at-risk status, socioeconomic status, Block status

Specific thresholds determined by Enrollment Office

Withdrawals

Campus-initiated Withdrawals

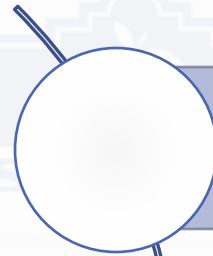
- **Campuses may not withdraw due to academics, behavior, or attendance** (other than F2)
- Only applicable if following Administrative Procedure F2

Involuntary Family Withdrawals

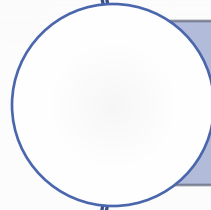
- For families whose circumstances prevent them from continued enrollment (i.e. military)
- May be re-enrolled pending change of circumstances



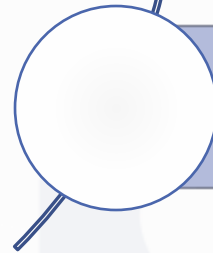
Transportation



SAISD schools used as stops



Hub system



Anyone may ride (in district and out of district)

Choice Enrollment Platforms

Function	Platform
Registration	Frontline
Enrollment	Frontline
Choice Application	SchoolMint
Transfer Process	Frontline



Resources




<https://saisdchoice.com/>




Administrative Procedure F51

Choice Schools Resource Library

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Questions?

