

Magnet and Choice School Placement Priorities

Lottery Eligible Priorities

Priority 0: Direct Continuity – Elementary students continuing from one school level to the next with the same magnet theme. i.e. Ames VPA Elementary to Carr Lane VPA Middle. Assignment occurs automatically without application. Refusal requires written documentation. Assignment notice is provided to parent using District Back to School Assignment notifications, typically sent in May, June and July. **Middle to High Direct Continuity students must apply for a seat in the high school with the continuing theme and must still meet eligibility criteria to be considered for placement.**

Priority 1: Indirect Continuity – Students graduating from one school level to the next with no continuing theme. This is limited to Busch and Mallinckrodt until the first gifted program class graduates from 5th grade, and for any 8th grade magnet middle school student wishing to apply to a school outside the continuing theme. These students are limited to, but not required to list 2 choices on an application to continue in magnet schools if they desire. Assignment occurs via the general lottery. **Indirect Continuity students are guaranteed placement in a magnet school with space available, however criteria for eligibility must be met for all high school applicants including all Continuity applicants.**

Priority 2: Siblings – Students who have a brother or sister who is attending, and is scheduled to attend a particular magnet school for the following school year, may be eligible for Sibling Priority. The two students must have at least one parent in common, and must be residing at the same address. Parents must submit an application before stated deadlines, and check the sibling priority box and complete the information requested on the general lottery applications. Also, the application must have the magnet school the sibling currently attends listed as the first choice. This priority is not available for students applying after the Pool C Application Period deadline. There is no guarantee any or all siblings will be placed in a particular magnet school.

Priority 3: Neighborhood – Students living within Transportation Dept. designated boundaries for walk-to-school students are eligible for this priority. Placement is limited to 35% of seats in any grade at each magnet or choice school.

Priorities 4: Students currently enrolled in a REGULAR St. Louis Public School - Regular, (non-magnet) students currently enrolled St. Louis City Public School Schools are the first group of general applicants considered for placement in magnet or choice schools.

Priority 5: Students currently enrolled in schools outside the St. Louis Public Schools System - The second group of students to be considered for placement in the general lottery.

Priority 6: Students currently enrolled in a St. Louis Magnet School - The final group of students to be considered for placement in the general lottery.

Post-Lottery Priorities

Priority 7: NON- SLPS Students applying after Pool C Application Period deadline.

Applicants are placed on a waiting list for possible placement in the order the applications were received at the Student Recruitment and Placement Office (formerly the Recruitment and Counseling Center).

Priority 8: Current- SLPS Students applying after the Pool C Application Period deadline.

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Priority 9: Students applying who do not meet residence eligibility criteria, are too young, submit incomplete applications, have invalid choices or are not eligible for other reasons.

Priority 9 applicants are processed but not considered for placement.