

2015-16 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. An assignment notice is provided to parents when District Back to School Assignment notifications are typically sent in May, June and July. **8th grade Middle School to 9th Grade High School Direct Continuity students must apply for a seat in the high school with the continuing theme if they wish to attend that school, 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.* These students are currently limited to Busch 8th grade to 9th grade, and Mallinckrodt 5th grade to 6th grade. When the first gifted program class graduates from 5th grade at Mallinckrodt in May/June of 2016, these students will automatically be assigned to McKinley CJA Middle. The general education 5th grade students graduating from Mallinckrodt 5th grade in 2016 will be asked to request what Magnet Middle school they may wish to attend for 6th grade. **Any 8th to 9th grade Magnet middle school student wishing to apply to a Magnet/Choice high school outside the continuing theme must meet the criteria to be eligible to attend that high school. These applicants will be provided Indirect Continuity Priority for placement in a Magnet/Choice school with space available.** These students are limited to, but not required to list 2 choices on an application to continue in Magnet/Choice schools if they desire. Assignment occurs via the general lottery.

Priority 2: Siblings – *Students who have a brother or sister who is attending, and is scheduled to attend a particular Magnet/Choice 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/Choice school the sibling currently attends listed as the first choice. This priority is not available for students applying after the Pool B Application Period deadline. There is no guarantee any or all siblings will be placed in a particular Magnet/Choice 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/Choice school.

Priorities 4: Students currently enrolled in a REGULAR St. Louis Public School - *Regular, (non-Magnet/Choice) 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 pools.*

Priority 6: Students currently enrolled in a St. Louis Magnet/Choice School - *The final group of students to be considered for placement in the lottery pools.* This priority is **NOT** applied for Magnet Middle 8th to Magnet/Choice 9th grade applicants.

Post-Lottery Priorities

Priority 7: NON- SLPS Students applying after Pool B 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 B 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 to be available should circumstances change, but these applicants are not considered for placement until acceptable verification justifying placement consideration is provided.