



## Magnet & 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, Montessori, Dewey and Mallinckrodt until the first gifted program class graduates from 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 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 high school 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 November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 school.
- **Priority 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 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 the Mid-October early deadline for gifted and secondary schools and the Nov. 30 general lottery deadline.**  
Applicants are placed on a waiting list in the order the applications were received to the Recruitment and Counseling Center, for possible placement to a magnet school.
- **Priority 8: Current- SLPS Students applying after the Mid-October early deadline for gifted and secondary schools and the Nov. 30 general lottery deadline.**  
Applicants are placed on a waiting list in the order the applications were received to the Recruitment and Counseling Center, for possible placement to a magnet school.

### Other Priorities

- **Priority 9: Students applying who do not meet residence eligibility criteria, are too young, submit incomplete applications, have invalid choices or not eligible for other reasons.**  
Priority 9 applicants are placed on the waiting list in the order the applications were received. Justification for this priority is to allow for out of town applicants who will/may be moving to St. Louis prior to the next school year, and wish to try for placement in magnet schools. They are given a pick number in the lottery to be used for waiting list placement when eligible residency is verified. Students applying from ineligible districts under the desegregation court order, those applying for non-magnet schools choices, or those who are too young for school, and those with incomplete applications are also placed in this group when possible.