

2019-20 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 the District Back to School Assignment Notification is sent over the summer. **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.**

Students determined eligible for SLPS District Gifted Programs who attend SLPS General Education Magnet Schools or SLPS Neighborhood Schools are not given Continuity Placement Priority into Gifted Program Magnet Schools. Parents wishing for their child to attend one of the Gifted Education Program Magnet Schools must apply and be considered in the lottery with the priority assigned as a student currently enrolled in a magnet or choice school.

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 Magnet/Choice High School 9th 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 currently attending a particular Magnet/Choice school that is also scheduled to attend the same 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; must request Sibling Priority on the application submitted; and must complete the Sibling Priority information requested for their children. 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 Lottery Application Period Deadline. Pool B Lottery Sibling Priority eligible applicants are considered for placement after all Pool A Lottery Applicants. There is no guarantee any or all siblings will be placed in a particular Magnet/Choice school requested. Adding a sibling name to an application is not considered a valid application for the child whose name is added. Separate applications must be submitted to be considered for placement.

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.

Priority 4: Students currently enrolled in a General Education/Neighborhood St. Louis Public School – *General Education (non-Magnet/Choice) students currently enrolled St. Louis City Public School Schools are the first group of general applicants considered for placement in Magnet /Choice schools in the lottery pools.*

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. This priority **IS** applied for matriculating elementary students applying for Magnet schools outside of the current schools feeder pattern, including Early Childhood Center 2nd to 3rd grade, and Elementary 5th to Middle 6th grade applicants. 2nd grade students in the Stix ECC Gifted Classroom will automatically be assigned to Kennard CJA Elementary for 3rd grade. Please review the *SLPS Magnet Schools Feeder Pattern* for more information.

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.

Priority 8: Current- SLPS Students applying after the Pool B Application Period Deadline.

Includes students attending both SLPS Neighborhood Schools and Magnet/Choice Schools. Applicants are placed on a waiting list for possible placement in the order the applications were received at the Student Recruitment and Placement Office.

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 age and/or residency verification justifying placement consideration is provided.