

## 2021-22 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. **8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Magnet/Choice High School 9<sup>th</sup> grade. **Any 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 meeting residency requirements-** *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 8<sup>th</sup> to Magnet/Choice 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> to Middle 6<sup>th</sup> grade applicants. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the Stix ECC Gifted Classroom will automatically be assigned to Kennard CJA Elementary for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.