

SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS POLICIES

1. Students who enroll into any School Choice program—including Open Enrollment, Magnet, and Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP)—are encouraged to remain in the school or program through the end of each school year. Students enrolled in a School Choice program are considered residents of the school in which they have enrolled.
2. Siblings of concurrently enrolled students receive the highest priority when a school choice application is submitted during the priority open enrollment period, prior to the school year desired. There is no sibling priority for applications received after the deadline. The priority time period (deadline) can be found at <http://www.sandiegounified.org/apply>.
3. **TRANSFERS**--Students may leave the program and return to the neighborhood school during the first four weeks of the school year. After that time period the parent must complete a *Transfer Request to Return to Neighborhood School* form and have the approval of the neighborhood school administrator who must determine if space is available at the neighborhood school. The only exception to the policy is for students who have moved out of the transportation pattern and no longer have transportation to the Choice school. They should enroll immediately into the neighborhood school.

A student who transfers from the School Choice program and then wishes to return to that program will be subject to all eligibility and enrollment criteria.

4. Students who move outside of the San Diego Unified School District must apply through School Choice to continue attending the same school and have an approved *Interdistrict Attendance Permit*. The enrollment will be subject to all eligibility and enrollment criteria.

The Open Enrollment (Choice) Program is designed for students who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. Open Enrollment offers students the option of applying to San Diego Unified School District schools outside of their neighborhood.

1. Students may continue through the regular feeder pattern (elementary to middle school and middle to high school) without reapplying once accepted through the Open Enrollment application process as long as space is available.
2. No student transportation is provided with the Open Enrollment program enrollment. Parents must provide or make transportation arrangements.

The Magnet Program allocates additional resources to specific schools allowing for innovative themes, learning materials and equipment to significantly enhance student learning and attract students across the district.

1. A student enrolled in a magnet program will not be allowed to make a parallel transfer to another magnet program of the same emphasis at the same level (elementary, middle/junior, senior).
2. Transportation guidelines for ridership apply.
3. Students who have made a commitment to a specific magnet theme are given first priority to continue in that theme when the student changes level/articulates (elementary to middle school and middle to high school).
4. Students may continue through the school's regular feeder pattern (elementary to middle school and middle to high school) without reapplying once accepted. This *may* apply to dedicated Magnet schools.

The Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP) offers transportation to middle and high school students residing within a specific boundary and encourages students from one community to attend approved pattern schools in another community.

1. Students may continue through the regular feeder pattern (middle to high school) without reapplying once accepted. Transportation is provided as long as the student resides in the VEEP school pattern and all transportation guidelines are met.
2. Transportation guidelines for ridership apply.

I have read and understand the above School Choice policies for Open Enrollment, Magnet, and VEEP programs and have received a copy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Print student name)

Date