

1. **Does it matter when I apply?**

As long as you apply during the designated application time period that runs from November 1st through February 15th it does not matter when during this timeframe you apply. The process is not date and time order, so there is no need to be first to apply. A family that applies on the first day (Nov. 1) has no advantage over a family that applies on the last day (Feb. 15).

2. **Do I need to apply during this enrollment period to enroll in my neighborhood school?**

No, students can enroll at their neighborhood school without applying to school choice. School choice applications are only necessary if you want your child to attend a school other than your neighborhood school.

3. **Will there be a school bus to the school we are applying for?**

Due to funding cuts over the several years, bus transportation is limited to the Program Improvement (PISC), Voluntary Enrollment Exchange Program (VEEP), Magnet, and Special Education programs only. These programs do have transportation limitations. (Bus stops are centralized, the school must be at least 5 miles from your residence and there must be at least 25 riders.) There is no transportation to neighborhood schools or for School Choice/Open Enrollment Act programs. Parents must make their own transportation arrangements. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to www.sandi.net/transportation.

4. **How do I reach someone in your office?**

Our goal is to return calls within 48 hours. Due to staffing limitations, it may take longer to respond during busy periods which are usually around November 1 – 15, February 1 – 15 and during April/May when notices are sent. Answers to many common questions can be found on our website at www.sandi.net/enrollmentoptions. You can also [submit your question online](#) and receive an email response.

5. **Can I use the child's grandparent or other relative's address on the application?**

You must use the child's resident address; this is where the child sleeps.

6. **How do I obtain my child's student ID?**

If you are unable to locate your child's student ID on a Progress Report or Report Card, you can ask the current school or use the link provided that allows you to submit without an id number. We will update the ID for you. Due to privacy restrictions, our office is unable to provide student IDs over the phone or e-mail.

7. **How does my child receive sibling priority?**

You must apply between Nov. 1st and Feb. 15th for sibling priority. There is no sibling priority for applications submitted after Feb. 15. You must have one child already scheduled for enrollment at the school next year and the children must have a parent in common.

8. **My older child attended the school, but will not be enrolled next year; does the younger child still have sibling priority?**

No, siblings used for sibling priority must be enrolled at the school requested during the same year as the applicant student.

9. **I am applying for all my children to enroll at the same school. Is there sibling priority, if one is offered enrollment?**

Each student is a separate applicant. Sibling priority is only valid for siblings of students already enrolled in the school for next year at the time of application.

10. **How are the students selected for enrollment at a school?**

Students are selected by priority, random number and space available at each grade level. Priority is assigned at the time of enrollment, and goes in the following order:

1. Siblings of currently enrolled students
2. Students from [Program Improvement schools](#) this includes the students applying to [VEEP](#) and [Magnet](#) schools that are not in Program Improvement. Magnet schools are also prioritized by the Clusters 1, 2, and 3 based on where students reside. See the schools description in the catalog for more detail on cluster order by magnet school.
3. Students applying to [Open Enrollment Act schools](#)
4. General applicants
5. Out of district students

11. **How is available space determined at the school?**

Our district's Instructional Facilities Planning Department determines capacity for nonresident students at each school by grade level. They use past enrollment and facility capacity. This is reviewed with the principal and school staff. The information is used to determine the available seats at each grade level for choice enrollment. (See [School Options Applicants vs Acceptances](#) on the right side of web page for a data sampling.)

12. **We live out of district, when should we submit an interdistrict permit?**

You must first apply during the application period (Nov. 1 - Feb 15) for the schools interested in with the online application at www.sandi.net/apply. If and when your child is offered enrollment, you will need an [interdistrict attendance permit](#) from your resident district. The permit is sent by the district to the Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options Office. School principals are not authorized to sign interdistrict permits.

13. **Once I have an interdistrict attendance permit, do I need to renew each year?**

No, you do not need to renew each year. You only need to renew if you change school level (elementary, middle, high) or resident districts. Your child must have satisfactory attendance, citizenship and academic grades. The school may revoke the permit if any of these are unsatisfactory.

14. **If I do not get my first choice school, will I get one of my other school options?**

It depends on space available at the second and third choice schools. Some schools cannot offer enrollment to all students that apply. If the school reaches capacity with the first choice requests, the school cannot take any more students on their second and third choice lists. See the [worksheet](#) that shows how many first choice students each school offered enrollment to for this year (right side of [webpage](#)).

15. **If I decline the offer of enrollment, what other options will I have?**

If you do not accept the offer of enrollment from the district, your option will be the neighborhood school.

16. **Do I have a better chance of being selected if I only make one school choice instead of three?**

The number of school requests made is not a factor in the selection process.

17. **If I apply to charter schools will it impact my selections?**

Charter school applications are separate and kept at the charter school. You must contact each charter school separately for their application and timelines.

18. **I applied last year and enrolled in one of my school options. Do I need to apply again?**

Once enrolled in your school of choice, you do not need to apply again to remain at the school. The only exception is if you move outside of the school district. You must then reapply as a student from outside the district.

19. **I applied last year and was not enrolled in any of the schools I requested. Do I need to apply again?**

Yes, if you are still interested in a choice school you will need to apply again. Each school year is a separate process.

20. **When and how will I know that my child is being offered enrollment?**

Acceptance and denial letters are sent from the Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options Office in the spring (April/May/June). Schools will receive the names of students selected for enrollment and will also call families.