

## MAGNET SCHOOLS

### A. Purpose and Scope

The Governing Board wishes to create magnet schools that offer choice for parents and students. Magnet Schools may have specialized curriculum, instructional practices, and school-wide themes. The school board may declare any existing or new school a magnet school. Magnet Schools may or may not have school boundaries.

### B. General

At Magnet Schools with boundaries, the following practices will allow for parents and students to become permanent residents of their schools of choice while allowing residents original priority at their attendance area school and recognize the need for siblings to be at the same school.

No student who currently resides in the attendance area of a school shall be displaced by pupils transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

At new magnet schools, with boundaries, residents will be given an enrollment date(s) first. After all current residents are placed at the school, an open enrollment lottery will be used to allow students living in the Tracy Unified School District K-8 attendance areas to opt into the school.

If lottery students exceed space available, they will be placed on a lottery waiting list and drawn from in order of placement when the resident list is depleted, unless they have reverse sibling priority.

Registration dates will be determined yearly.

### C. Forms Used and Additional References

Registration Form  
Open enrollment/track application

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**D. Procedures**

Kindergarten Sibling Priority

1. Registration packets will be available at each school site at yearly designated times. Completed registration packets for kindergartners with sibling priority must be verified and returned to the office of the home school no later than the day prior to the first day of open kindergarten registration.
2. The registration of a kindergartner shall be given sibling priority status if, at the time the kindergartner is scheduled to attend, there will be a sibling concurrently attending who was in attendance at the time of kindergarten registration day.
3. In accordance with the established school timeline, the registrations from siblings of concurrently enrolled students will be separated from the other registrations or given an earlier enrollment period. The sibling registrations will be assigned a number at the school office. The priority number is based upon a first returned completed packet. Priority status will not be guaranteed after the first day of open kindergarten registration.
4. Mail-in registration and track selection is used at year round magnet schools or when the magnet school anticipates overcrowding. If a mail in system is used, applications will be date stamped and selected by lottery per each date stamped day.
5. The magnet school shall inform applicants as to whether their applications have been approved or placed on a waiting list.
6. Applicants who receive approval for enrollment must confirm their enrollment within **three school days.**

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7. Kindergarten siblings given priority are residents who have siblings in attendance or lottery students who have siblings in attendance at the school.

Waiting Lists and Reverse Sibling Priority

1. A resident student will be enrolled or placed on a waiting list per date of registration.
2. A lottery student will be placed on the lottery list. If the resident list is depleted and a spot opens, the lottery student will gain enrollment and obtain resident status.
3. A sibling of a lottery student, who gains attendance, will be moved to the resident waiting list per the date the sibling obtained resident status.

The principal shall maintain an up to date list of those students attending the school because of choice.

Any complaints regarding the selection process should be taken to the Superintendent or designee whose decision shall be final.

Unexcused Student Absences

If a student is absent without a valid excuse for ten (10) consecutive school days, and the school is unable to confirm the parent's residence within the District, the student will then be dropped from the school's active rolls.

NOTE: DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A SCHOOL OUTSIDE THEIR ATTENDANCE AREA ON AN OPEN ENROLLMENT LOTTERY TRANSFER

Students

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**E. Reports Required**

None

**F. Record Retention**

None

**E. Responsible Administration Unit**

Educational Resources

Student Services

Site Principals

**F. Approved by the Administrator of the Unit**

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Resources

TUSD Acknowledged: ~~2. — Students assessed as being Limited English Proficient (LEP) and those who qualify for Special Education or Gifted and Talented Education (GA~~