

Elementary School Choice Programs Lottery Selection for 2021-2022

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Process Overview

- Four Choice Programs offered:
 - Spanish Immersion (Escondido): 38 seats
 - Mandarin Immersion (Ohlone): 22 seats
 - Hoover Elementary: 57 seats
 - Ohlone Elementary: 55 seats
- Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m., February 17, 2021
 - Must be registered with PAUSD
 - Applications accepted for only one program
 - Concurrent siblings (both siblings will be enrolled in the same Choice Program during the 2021-22 year) must submit an application



Automatic Placements

- Concurrent Siblings
- Potential retentions of current kindergarten students
- VTP students: those interested in Hoover, Ohlone, and Mandarin Immersion are placed automatically; those interested in Spanish Immersion must submit a lottery application
- Young 5's Deferred: Last year's winners who chose to accept an offer to enroll in the Young Fives program
- Twins: If one twin wins the lottery, the other also wins



Logistics

- Respect student privacy: **No photos or screen shots during the lottery**
 - Results can be validated at any time by contacting the Choice Program school
- Lottery uses Random.org’s “List Randomizer” feature
 - Waitlist automatically generated as a part of the lottery
- Results emailed to parents at the conclusion of the lottery draw (24 hours)
- Parents must notify the SCHOOL of the Choice Program no later than **12:00 p.m. noon on Tuesday, March 2, 2021**, to accept or decline an offer
 - Email or phone - please do not come to the office
- Parents of waitlisted students offered a spot must notify the SCHOOL **within 48 hours** (school day) of their acceptance of the spot



Immersion Program Goals for Language Diversity

- Spanish and Mandarin Immersion programs achieve language diversity by maintaining separate lotteries for language proficiency
- Spanish Immersion 38 seats divided as follows:
 - 12 seats to Spanish speakers: 12 applications received. NO LOTTERY
 - 12 seats to Bilingual speakers: 9 applications received. NO LOTTERY
 - 14 seats to English speakers: plus 3 seats from Bilingual lottery
- Mandarin Immersion 22 seats divided as follows:
 - 11 seats to Mandarin speakers
 - 11 seats to English speakers



Enrollment Policies

- Accepting a spot in a Choice Program: student is expected to stay in the Program through the 5th grade
- The Choice Program school becomes the student's neighborhood school
- Regardless of the elementary school attended, students will be enrolled at the **neighborhood middle school for 6th grade**.
Transfer requests are rarely approved



Hoover Elementary (AP = Automatic Placements)

Kindergarten Seats	57
AP: Concurrent Siblings	-13
AP: 20-21 Young 5's deferred, Kinder repeats	-1
AP: VTP Placements	<u>-5</u>
Seats available for lottery	38
Applications (non-siblings)	41
Waitlist	3



Ohlone Elementary (AP = Automatic Placements)

Kindergarten Seats	55
AP: Concurrent Siblings	-17
AP: 20-21 Young 5's deferred, Kinder repeats	-8
AP: VTP Placements	-7
Seats available for lottery	23
Applications (non-siblings)	50
Waitlist	27



Mandarin Immersion at Ohlone (AP = Automatic Placements)

Kindergarten seats (English/Mandarin)	11	11
AP: Concurrent Siblings (English/Mandarin)	-3	-3
AP: VTP Placements	<u>-4</u>	<u>0</u>
Seats available for lottery	4	8
Applications (non-siblings)	19	25
Waitlist	15	17



Spanish Immersion at Escondido (AP = Automatic Placements)

Kindergarten Seats (English/Bilingual/Spanish)	14	12	12
AP: Concurrent Siblings	-6	-2	-1
AP: 20-21 Young 5's deferred, Kinder repeats	<u>-2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1</u>
Seats available for lottery	6+3	10	10
Applications (non-siblings)	25	7	10
Waitlist	16		





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