

# Middle School Choice Programs Lottery Selection

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# Process Overview

- Three Choice Programs offered (only one program can be applied to):
  - Mandarin Bridge (Greene Middle School): 30 students
  - Spanish Bridge (Greene Middle School): 30 students
  - Connections (JL Stanford Middle School): 88 students
  - Application Deadline was 4:00 p.m. February 24, 2021
- Automatic Placements:
  - Concurrent siblings: both siblings will be enrolled in the same Choice Program during the 2021-22 year (must submit an application)
  - Graduates from PAUSD Elementary Immersion programs
  - 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 Registration Services office
- Lottery uses Random.org’s “List Randomizer” feature
  - Waitlist automatically generated as a part of the lottery
- Results emailed by tomorrow morning to parents at the conclusion of the lottery draw
- Parents must notify the SCHOOL of the Choice Program no later than **4:00 p.m. on MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**, to accept or decline an offer
  - Email or phone accepted; no office visits, please
- Parents of waitlisted students offered a spot must notify the SCHOOL **within 48 hours** (school days) of their acceptance of the spot



# Enrollment Policies

- Accepting a spot in a Choice Program means the student will be enrolled continuously in the Choice Program **through the 8th grade**, and the Choice Program school becomes the student's neighborhood *middle* school.
- If a parent removes the student from the Choice Program, student's enrollment will be transferred to the neighborhood middle school assigned to the home address.
- Regardless of the middle school attended, students will be enrolled for 9th grade at the **neighborhood high school assigned to the home address.**



# Lottery Statistics



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# Spanish Bridge (Greene Middle School)

6th Grade Seats	30
Automatic placements: Elementary Immersion Graduates, siblings	25
Seats available for lottery: 1 set of twins, so initial lottery pull = 4	5 (4)
Applications (non-Automatic Placements)	12
Waitlist	7



# Mandarin Bridge (Greene Middle School)

6th Grade Seats	30
Automatic placements: Elementary Immersion Graduates, siblings	10
<b>Seats available for lottery: (no twins)</b>	<b>20</b>
Applications (non-Automatic Placements)	25
Waitlist	5



# Connections (JLS Middle School)

6th Grade Seats	88
Concurrent Siblings	10
Seats available for lottery: 8 sets of twins, so initial lottery pull = 70	78 (70)
Applications (non-concurrent siblings)	230
Waitlist	152







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