HEB ISD Schools of Choice – Spanish Immersion (SI)

General Assumptions:

- The administration of the lottery and admissions procedure is the responsibility of District Administration.
- The number of students admitted each year is determined by District Administration based on grade level and program capacity.
- In the event the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available seats, a random selection lottery will occur.

Application Process:

- Parents may apply for participation in the lottery, online, during the annual application window.
- Students scheduled to enter **Grade 1** the following school year may participate in the SI Lottery.
- Admission for grades 2–6 is determined by previous participation in a dual language or similar program, available space in the grade level requested and by a district administered IDEA language proficiency test.
- Approximately 26 **Grade 1** seats are available at each SI campuses each year.
- Any applications received after the Transfer Window are placed on the Wait List in the order received.
- All wait lists clear at the end of the first semester.
- Students accepted in the program must abide by all requirements of the program.

Considerations:

- Campuses may continue to accept students in the program utilizing current Lottery Wait List applicants if space becomes available **during the fall semester** for first grade students**.**
- A student currently enrolled in a Spanish Immersion program who moves to another attendance boundary may apply for a transfer as long as they remain in the Spanish Immersion program.

Lottery Process:

PowerSchool, the same online vendor HEB ISD utilizes for all application/registration for our district, conducts the Schools of Choice Lottery. The lottery does not guarantee placement in the program. However, it determines the rank order for students once they are categorized based on the criteria established by the District and generated through the PowerSchool School Choice/Lottery system.

If a student served through special education is selected to participate in a Schools of Choice program through the District lottery process, the Admission, Review & Dismissal Committee (ARDC) will meet to determine if the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) could be implemented at the Schools of Choice campus. If the ARDC determines the IEP cannot be implemented on the campus, the student is not otherwise qualified to participate in the Schools of Choice program.

The District does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, ethnicity, religion or disabling condition in providing educational services.

Order of Lottery

- Schools of Choice program siblings – sibling in the same Schools of Choice program at the same school

- Home campus students (includes Intradistrict & Interdistrict applicants who've been granted a transfer from previous year)
- Employee students
- Intradistrict transfer students
- Interdistrict transfer students

Considerations:

- If the last seat drawn belongs to a family of multiples, the parent has the choice to assume the last seat with one child while the remaining sibling(s) remain on a waiting list, or place all children on the waitlist.

Notification after lottery:

- Families of students admitted to a Schools of Choice program are notified by email and must accept by a predetermined date.