



Dwight Middle School

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January 22, 2016

Dear Parents:

In 1995 the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program (TEC Sec. 29.201 – 12.205). This program permits parents of a student enrolled in a school on the PEG list to request that their student transfer to a school in another district or to a school within their school district that is not on the PEG list. Campuses with passing rates on STAAR® that are less than or equal to 50% in any two of the preceding three years, or were rated Improvement Required in 2013 and/or 2014 under the State accountability system have been identified as PEG campuses by the Texas Education Agency.

Dwight Middle School is on the PEG list due to an Improvement Required rating in 2013 and 2014, as well as STAAR® passing rates of 50% or below in Writing in 2013, and in Social Studies in 2013 and 2014.

As part of Dwight Middle School's Improvement Plan the faculty has been and continues to be provided with intensive professional development in effective instructional strategies, such as communicating learning goals and expectations for students. Teachers continue to be coached to develop effective lessons in order to engage students by helping them practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge. Additionally, Dwight Middle School teachers utilize research-based instructional materials aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) to best serve all students to include English Language Learners and Special Education students.

As a parent/guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you have the option to request a transfer of your student for the 2016-2017 school year to another South San Antonio ISD campus not designated as a PEG school, depending on space availability at the desired transfer campus. Only students who would otherwise attend the Dwight Middle School in 2016-2017 are eligible for PEG transfers. You may pick up an intra-district transfer application from the Dwight Middle School front office and submit the completed form no later than Monday, March 7, 2016, to the SSAISD campus you wish to transfer your child to for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents who choose to transfer their student will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from the new campus.

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a PEG designated campus, you also have the option to request a transfer of your student to a campus in another school district for the 2016-2017 school year. You must contact the chosen school district to obtain a transfer application and you must apply in writing. This letter will provide adequate justification for the transfer request. The chosen school district is entitled to accept or reject the application for the student to attend

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school in that district, but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficient, sex, or socioeconomic status. South San Antonio ISD is not responsible for transportation costs to and from the chosen school or school district.

It is important to note that student eligibility for transfer expires upon any of the following three conditions:

- Completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based (6-8)
- Removal of the campus from the PEG list;
- Assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries

Additional information can be found on the Texas Education Agency PEG Frequently Asked Questions web page at:

[http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Accountability/State_Accountability/Performance_Reporting/Public_Education_Grant_\(PEG\)_FAQ/](http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Accountability/State_Accountability/Performance_Reporting/Public_Education_Grant_(PEG)_FAQ/)

If you have any additional questions regarding the campus PEG designation or transfer options, please contact me at (210) 977-7300 or Ms. Lorraine De Leon, SSAISD Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, at (210) 977-7365.

Sincerely,

Ms. Yvonne Hernandez
Principal

South San Antonio ISD Campuses on 2016-2017 PEG List:

Dwight Middle School
Neil Armstrong Elementary School
Benavidez Elementary School
Five Palms Elementary School
Hutchins Elementary
Palo Alto Elementary School
Abraham Kazen Middle School

