



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement

6172.121 – DiLoreto Elementary/Middle School Program

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Admission and Placement of Student in DiLoreto Elementary/Middle School

The Board of Education values the language diversity of our school community and is committed to providing educational programming that honors that diversity. The New Britain Board of Education supports programming that cultivates bilingualism and biliteracy so that students have the opportunity to further develop their literacy skills in both Spanish and English. To that end, the district supports A world language experience spanning elementary and middle school, with a dedicated Dual Language program that develops biliterate and culturally competent students.

I. Section One - DiLoreto Elementary/Middle School (non-Dual Language Program)

The Diloreto Elementary/Middle School (non-dual language) provides literacy and content instruction to students in English, with a K-8 world language experience. This program will deliver standards-based academic content and promote multiculturalism. The school environment capitalizes on the long term commitment by families to a K-8 program to ensure students grow into culturally responsible citizens.

A. Lottery Process for DiLoreto Elementary/Middle School (non-Dual Language Program)

- a. The selection process is explained on the district website and through the central registration parent portal.
- b. All available seats will be filled using an opt-out process, by which all families with students in K or grades with openings will be considered for entry.
- c. Registered K-8 students will be assigned a computer-generated random number that will be used to determine entrance eligibility in numeric order for the available seats at DiLoreto.
- d. The numeric order will be used to contact families about the opportunity to join Diloreto Elementary/Middle School with a deadline for acceptance. The numeric order will be used to reach out to families until the seats are filled.

- e. Only custodial parents/legal guardians of the student may accept entry.
- f. Siblings of students already enrolled at DiLoreto will have an opportunity to secure a seat through a sibling lottery conducted before the general lottery. The sibling lottery will allocate one-fourth of the available seats in each grade level to registered siblings. This process increases their likelihood of admission but does not guarantee automatic entry. Siblings who are not selected in the sibling lottery will be entered into the general lottery, where they will have the same probability of selection as all other applicants. For the purposes of this policy, siblings are defined as children who share at least one custodial parent or legal guardian and reside at the same address.
- g. Families will be notified of their placement on a waiting list.