

Programs of Choice Lottery System

Frequently Asked Questions

(French Immersion, Late French Immersion, Montessori)



Where Do We Register for a Program of Choice?

Registration for Programs of Choice will take place at the schools: Beirsto (French Immersion), Harwood (Late French Immersion) and Silver Star Elementary (Montessori) during the registration period; Jan 15 – Feb 16.



Do I Still Need to Line Up to Register My Child in a Program of Choice?

No, there is no need to line up. Registrations are accepted throughout the registration period.

How Does the Lottery Work?

Student names are drawn within one week of the close of the registration period.

Families will be notified, by email, as soon as the lottery draw is completed and will have a maximum of 24-hours to accept the space. If no email communication is received from the family, then the next student on the waitlist will be offered the space.

As per Policy 9.11.0, all applicants will be informed of their status no later than April 15.

If there are fewer students than the number of spaces available, then a lottery is not needed.

What If My Child Was Not Accepted into the Program of Choice?

If your child was not accepted into your Program of Choice, your registration form will be forwarded to your catchment area school. If you would like your child to attend a school other than your catchment area school, please visit your catchment school and complete the transfer request process.

What If a Space Opens Up After the Lottery Has Been Completed?

The lottery also determines the waitlist order. If a space opens up after the lottery has been completed, the space will be offered to the next child on the list and the family will have 24-hours to accept.

Any student registering after the lottery date is automatically added to the lottery generated waitlist, by date of submission.

My Child Has a Sibling Already Enrolled in a Program of Choice.

Siblings of students CURRENTLY enrolled in an SD22 Program of Choice will be accepted immediately, if the registration is received during the registration period. Any sibling registering after the lottery date is automatically added to the lottery generated waitlist, by date of submission.

Twins registering for a Program of Choice will have two spaces but only one entry into the draw.

Who Oversees the Lottery?

A Lottery Committee oversees the process. The committee is comprised of an administrator from the school involved, the Director of Instruction, the PAC President from the school involved, and the French Elementary Coordinator.

