March Placement Options Workshop
Placement Goals

- Equitable opportunity
- Parent’s choice
- Equal access
Placement Process

- Consistent
- All applications at once
- Tie-breakers
Capacity & demand

The most significant determinants of a student’s school placement are:

- parental choice
- school capacity (seats available)

- Approx. 270 more Kindergarten applicants
- 121 more 6th grade applicants
- Decline in high school

Consistency with demographic projections.
# Most requested Elementary Schools and Programs (Kindergarten)

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Elementary School Placement

Example: Grattan
- School Capacity: 66
- Total requests: 804

Tie-Breakers
- Younger Siblings
- SFUSD Pre-Kinder
- Test score area
- Attendance Area

Demand > Capacity
- 30% of K applicants listed one of 15 schools and programs as a first choice (70 schools/programs to choose from)
84% of Kindergarten applicants received a choice assignment

- First choice: 2668
- No choice: 748
- Other choices: 1383

First choice: 55.6%
No choice: 15.6%
Other choices: 28.8%
### Most requested Middle Schools (6th grade)

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Middle School Placement

Example: A. P. Giannini
- School Capacity: 380
- Total requests: 1189

Tie-Breakers
- Younger Siblings
- Middle School Feeder
- Test score area

Demand > Capacity
- 51% of all 6th grade applicants listed Giannini, Presidio, Aptos and Hoover as a first choice (13 middle schools)
85% of 6th grade applicants received one of their choices

- First choice: 2269
- No choice: 478
- Other choices: 505

- First choice: 69.8%
- No choice: 14.7%
- Other choices: 15.5%
# Most requested High Schools (9th grade)

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High School Placement

Example: Lincoln
• School Capacity: 470
• Total requests: 2744

Tie-Breakers
• Younger Siblings
• Test score area

Demand > Capacity
• 79% of all 9th grade applicants listed Lincoln, Washington, Balboa, Lowell, or Galileo as a first choice. (There are 15 high schools)
86% of 9th grade applicants received one of their choices

- First choice: 3040 (72.6%)
- No choice: 587 (14.0%)
- Other choices: 561 (13.4%)
City-Wide Schools/Programs Placement

Example: Alice Fong Yu
  - School Capacity: 66
  - Total requests: 728

Tie-Breakers
  - Current Program with sibling
  - Current Program pathway
  - Sibling
  - SFUSD Pre-K
  - Test score area

City-wide means there is no attendance area
What are your OPTIONS
1. If you **received** an assignment:

- **Register**
  - Finish process. You have a seat at a school
  - Submit amended form for higher choice

- **Don’t register**
  - Submit amended form for higher choice
  - Finish process. You don’t have a seat yet

* You get to keep your current assignment until we can offer you a higher choice
2. If you didn’t receive an assignment:

- Missing documents? Visit EPC
- No letter? Visit EPC with 1 proof of address and picture ID
- No space. Stay at current school
- Submit amended form for higher choice

- List any number of schools that you want more than your present assignment in the order of preference.
- All second round applicants go into the process at the same time.
Charter Schools:

- Charter schools have a separate application and enrollment process

- Contact the charters directly if you want to apply. You may apply for a charter school at the same time you apply for SFUSD schools
Attention!

If you register, you keep your assignment until you get a higher choice school.

Any placement into a higher choice will replace your current assignment.
Key dates

- **March 19-23, April 2-13:**
  - register at assigned school

- **April 13:**
  - last day to submit an amended form for May placement

- **May 11:**
  - May placement offers mailed

- **May 14-18:**
  - register at assigned school

- **June 4:**
  - Open Enrollment
August wait pool period

- **May 14 to May 29**: You may submit another request for the final assignment period.

- The request will be for any subsequent openings prior to and after the beginning of school

- A request will mean that the student will relinquish their previous assignment to accept the higher choice school.
Appeals
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- Medical Appeals (for student only) AND/OR Family Hardship Appeals
- The Appeals Committee can approve appeals for one school only.
- Staff at the Educational Placement Center do not grant the appeals and are not allowed to override appeals.
- Appeals Committee decisions are final.
- The Committee notifies the Educational Placement Center and then we place your child into a school that can meet your student’s needs and has space available.

Submit your appeal by April 13
Medical Appeals

You may decide to file if:

- The student has a serious, documented medical condition that cannot be accommodated at the assigned school.
  (Student has the condition. This does not relate to parents or other family members.)

This does not include common conditions such as motion sickness or asthma.

Appeals can be granted only to the one school that can meet the student’s needs.
Family Hardship Appeals

You may decide to file if:

• You can demonstrate that you have a UNIQUE hardship that cannot be met at the assigned school.

Problems that are common to large numbers of families are not considered a UNIQUE hardship. For example, the Appeals Committee cannot consider an appeal based only on transportation, proximity, convenience, or curricular programs offered at schools.

Appeals can be granted only to the one school that can meet the student’s needs.
Educational Placement Center

We’re here to help!

555 Franklin Street, Room 100
San Francisco, CA 94102

Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Monday to Friday

Come ask us about schools, programs, and the enrollment process.
questions

www.sfusd.edu/enroll