



### **Frequently Asked Questions About Twins and Multiples**

If placement for twins, triplets or multiples into the same school grade and program is desired, each application must indicate the same school and program choices in the same order.

The parent/guardian must answer “YES” to the question on section 6 of the application form indicating that the twins should be assigned together.

The student assignment process will seek to place students in the same school if space is available.

If assignment cannot be offered to one of the requested schools, then the students will be assigned together into the school closest to home with openings as space allows.

If you do not indicate that you want your twins to be assigned together, then they will be treated as individual students throughout the assignment process. If they are separated, and a parent submits an amended application, then one twin will receive a sibling priority to the school in subsequent assignment periods for any available openings.

#### **What happens if I check the “Yes” box on the enrollment application to have my twins assigned together?**

If you check the “yes” box, indicating that you want your twins to be assigned together, then the student assignment process will treat them initially as individual students in the computerized process. Once one twin receives a tentative assignment, the other twin will be linked with the sibling and the process will seek to assign the sibling to the school if space allows. If there is no space for the second twin, then neither twin will be assigned. If neither twin receives an assignment to any choice school, then both twins will be assigned to the school closest to home with two openings.

#### **What happens if I don’t check the “Yes” box on the enrollment application to have my twins assigned together?**

If you do not check the “yes” box indicating that you want your twins assigned together, they will go into the assignment process as individual students for the entire process. There will be a possibility that they may be separated in this process.

#### **What are my options if the twins are separated?**

The parent may submit an amended application form for the May or August Placement Periods for one twin to join the other. The twin will receive a sibling priority in the assignment process to join their sibling for any future openings. The assignment of a sibling is a higher priority after appeals, but can only be offered if there are openings at the school and program. There cannot be a guarantee that there will be openings to accommodate siblings.

#### **I want my twins assigned together, but I am concerned about getting a lower choice school, what are my options?**

Parents of twins and multiples must make a decision regarding how they want the twins’ assignment to work. Linking them together will ensure that they will be assigned together, but the trade-off will be that they both may be assigned to a lower choice or non-choice school. Having twins treated separately in the process may result in, but not guaranteed of, one or the other twin receiving an offer to a higher choice school.

#### **My twins are in a non-transitional grade (not K, 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>) but I would like to transfer them both to another school. What are my options?**

Applying for and receiving an assignment into a school and program in a non-transitional grade is only limited to available openings since students presently attending are expected to promote to the next grade. It is recommended that parents of twins who want to transfer to another school or program check the “yes” box on the enrollment application so that the twins will only transfer if there are two seats available. Otherwise, there is a risk that one twin may be assigned and the other not. Once a twin receives a new assignment, they relinquish the former placement and there may be no opportunity to return.