



Office of the Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Families,

As you may know, families in the Long Beach Unified School District have the option to have their children attend a school other than their neighborhood school through the District Wide School of Choice process. Our schools represent a variety of specialized programs, as well as a multitude of opportunities for students. As one of America's Best Urban School Districts, we believe that every school in our district will offer your child a terrific education.

While the School of Choice process ensures parents the possibility of having their child attend a school outside of their neighborhood, this possibility is dependent on actual spaces available at an individual school site at each grade level. For that reason, this letter is to provide you with current information about how the 2023-2024 School of Choice process will be conducted.

ALL students who reside in the LBUSD boundaries are assigned a neighborhood school based on their home address. Information about how to locate your neighborhood school can be obtained on the district website under "School Finder." ALL families with students new to LBUSD should plan to enroll their students at their designated neighborhood school, regardless of an interest in the district School of Choice program. Enrollment begins on February 1, 2023. Failure to register at one's neighborhood school could affect future school placement.

The School of Choice program allows a family to apply for any school outside of their neighborhood school for the upcoming school year. This program is open to all current and incoming Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade students. (The 5th to 6th transition will continue to be handled through the established Middle School Choice process.) The student selection is conducted at school sites through a district process that includes a standard timeline and random selection of received applications based upon space availability.

If you choose to participate in the School of Choice process, you will need to adhere to several important deadlines. The following information will provide you with current information about when you can expect to be informed about your School of Choice application:

1. March 1 – April 6, 2023: Application submission window for School of Choice process. To be considered for this initial random selection (Round 1), you must complete an application on ParentVue by April 6, 2023.
2. April 7 – April 28, 2023: District processing of all Round 1 applications.
3. May 1, 2023: Parents log into their ParentVue account to see if their child has been accepted or waitlisted.
4. May 1 – May 8, 2023: If accepted, parents must log into ParentVue and intend/certify School of Choice site.
5. May 9 – August 29, 2023: Second round opens for new School of Choice applications.

If you have students new to LBUSD, please be sure to enroll at your neighborhood school to ensure that we are planning for your child's attendance. You may contact your neighborhood school directly to obtain information about their registration process.

We thank you in advance for your interest in our schools. Your involvement with us is one of the things that makes LBUSD such a special school district.

Sincerely,

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