

Parents for Public Schools

Middle School Enrollment
For 2012-2013



Session Objectives



- Become familiar with the SFUSD Enrollment Process & Student Assignment System for Middle School
- Share actions for families to take

Key messages



1. Parents/guardians need to apply for middle school
2. Broaden your options
 - Consider our feeder middle school
 - Consider other schools/programs

Parents for Public Schools - SF



- a nonprofit organization
- funded by donations from parents and organizations
- supporting public education.

PPS-SF is a parent to parent network building and ensuring quality public schools for all children in San Francisco.

The PPS-SF Parent to Parent Network



- Connecting parents with other parents
- Advocating for quality public school education
- Developing and supporting parent leaders
- Helping parents enroll in public schools

New Student Assignment System



Board of Education approved, June 14, 2011

- **2012-2016 school years, phase in feeder pattern**
 - Affects students currently in grades 1-5
 - Parents need to apply
 - Choice system
 - Use of tie-breakers
- **2017-2018 school year will use feeder pattern**
 - Affects students currently in K and younger
 - Initial feeder school offer
 - Choice to apply to other schools

Elementary Feeder Pattern



Aptos

- Carver
- Feinstein
- King
- Ortega
- Sloat

Denman

- Lakeshore
- Longfellow
- Miraloma
- Sheridan
- Sunnyside

Everett

- Chavez
- Fairmount
- Marshall
- McKinley
- Milk
- Sanchez

Francisco

- CEC
- Chin
- Garfield
- Parker
- Tenderloin
- Yick Wo

Giannini

- Drew
- Grattan
- Jefferson
- Key
- Stevenson
- Sunset

Hoover

- Monroe
- Moscone
- Serra
- Ulloa
- West Portal

ISA

- Bryant
- Webster

King

- Hillcrest
- Malcolm X
- Taylor

Lick

- Alvarado
- Bret Harte
- Flynn
- Glen Park
- MEC
- Muir

Marina

- Lau
- Montessori
- Redding
- Sherman
- Spring Valley

Presidio

- Alamo
- Argonne
- Clarendon
- Lafayette
- Parks

Roosevelt

- CIS
- Cobb
- McCoppin
- New Traditions
- Peabody
- Sutro

Visitation Valley

- CEC II
- Cleveland
- El Dorado
- Guadalupe
- Vis Valley
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The Enrollment Process

The Process Timeline: *Proposed*



September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call schools to schedule tours • Gather data thru on-line resources
October 2011 – January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour Schools • Attend open houses, school events
November 5, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the School Fair, K-12 and charter schools. • Pre-printed application forms sent to 5th grade families
January 27, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply on-time by the deadline
March 23, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer letters sent.
April 2-13, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must register at your assigned school to accept the district's offer. <p>(Spring Break: March 26-30 - schools are closed)</p>
Spring, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Placement Period & Appeals.
September, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Placement Period

Applying is easy



- 5th grade families will receive a pre-printed application form
- Apply by the deadline (**January 27, 2012**). Submitting early does not increase chances. *But applying late hurts them.*
- Submit the application to any of the following :
 - Current school
 - Educational Placement Center, 555 Franklin Street
 - Satellite locations (to be announced)
 - Mobile bus (to be announced)
- Contact charter schools individually.

Otherwise...Required documentation to submit an application.



A. Application form

B. Parent/Guardian's Picture ID

C. Proof of birth to include birth certificate, passport or official hospital record. If the document does not contain the parent/guardian name, additional guardianship verification is required.

D. Two (2) proofs of home address that include the name and address of the parent/guardian. Include any two (2) of the following original documents dated within the last 45 days:

- One to two (1-2) utility bill(s) from different agencies such as PG&E, water, cable or scavenger. No cell phone bills will be accepted.
- Both automobile registration and auto insurance (count as one [1] Proof)
- Homeowner's or renters insurance policy
- Property tax statement
- Official letter from a social service/government agency
- Grant deed, Title of property or rental/lease agreement with property owner's documentation

Language Programs

Pathways



- Spanish Dual Language programs
Buena Vista, /Horace Mann, Everett, James Lick, Hoover, Paul Revere
- Cantonese Dual Language programs
Alice Fong Yu, Hoover, Marina
- Mandarin Dual Language programs
Aptos
- Korean Immersion program
Claire Lilienthal
- JBBP FLES
Presidio



Student Assignment System

Terms



- Placement Periods
- Tie-Breakers
- Elementary Attendance Areas
- Low Test Score Areas
- Middle School Feeder

- Old/former terms?

Student Assignment System

Middle School



Tie-breakers are used when there are more applicants than seats available. The following are used for middle schools:

1. Siblings
2. Elementary feeder school
3. Test score areas
4. Others

If families do not receive one of their choices, they will be offered their feeder middle school if it has openings. Otherwise, they will be offered the school closest to their home with openings.

Starting 2017 school year, 5th grade students (current K's) will be offered their feeder MS, with option for choice.

Some typical questions...



- Does it matter what order the schools are listed on the application?
- Can I list one school / program multiple times?
- Does getting one of your choices in the first place period affect subsequent placement periods?
- Does accepting first placement period offer by registering affect subsequent placement periods?
- What happens if I don't get any of my choices?
- What are appeals?



Some information...

Numbers...



- 13 middle schools with 3,925 seats
- 7 K-8 schools
- 3,131 applications for 6th grade in last year's 1st placement period
- Currently 4100-4200 5th graders
- 600+ K-12 students moved during the August placement period

Middle Schools



All schools have

- The same lunch menu
- Funding for a librarian
- GATE program
- Same math and English language arts textbooks
- DIS, RSP, and Inclusion special education programs

Schools may differ

- Start and end times
- After / before care options in terms of availability, cost, and on-site offerings
- Staffing, enrichment classes, and programs based on the School Site Council, and PTA/PTO or additional funding sources
- Special Day Classes for special education
- Language offerings and programs
- Grounds, buildings, and multipurpose rooms

Middle Schools



What can makes it special

- Location/Transportation
- Special programs (English Language Learners, special ed)
- GATE program
- After school/Before school care
- School / Class size
- Facilities
- Enrichment programs
- Partnerships / Programs
- School Leadership and Community Participation
- Principal, Faculty, Staff
- Continuing and annual events
- Family involvement / participation
- Communication (envelops, website, yahoo groups, etc.)

Parent resources



- SFUSD Enrollment Guide
- SFUSD School Fair, November 5, SF Concourse
- PPS-SF
- Use parent networks
- Schools tours
- School events
- School websites
- Internet
- Principals, teachers, staff

More information and help



- SFUSD website, www.sfusd.edu and www.sfusd.edu/enroll
- Parents for Public Schools, www.ppssf.org
- PPS-SF yahoo group, groups.yahoo.com/group/pps_sf
- Middle school yahoo group, groups.yahoo.com/group/MS-enrollment-PPSSF
- School Websites
- SF Kids (afterschool program info) www.sfkids.org
- Test score/demographic info: www.Greatschools.net
- Standards, Test Scores: California State Website: www.cde.ca.gov
- SF Advocates for Multilingual Excellence: groups.yahoo.com/group/SF_AME

Additional thoughts to share



- Be flexible and expand your options. Keep an open mind. Check out schools with lower demand.
- Test scores alone are not necessarily good indicators of school quality.
- More funds raised does not necessarily equal more programs/ services.
- Improve your chances – enter ALL schools / programs that you would consider and rank them in the order of preference.
- Evaluate schools based on current information. Schools are changing and improving every year.

See our website www.ppssf.org for a school tour checklist.

Families can get involved!



- **With the child**

- How much input from child?
- Tour with child?
- Talk about possibilities, realistic expectations

- **With the application process**

- Research and tour schools
- Ask questions
- Apply on time

- **With a school**

- Register on time
- Learn about it
- Attend community meetings and events.

- **Beyond the school**

- Become knowledgeable of district issues & policy
- Share your knowledge with others
- Reach out and work with other schools feeding to the same middle school

Thank you

Contact Parents for Public Schools if you have other questions:

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