

## Questions & Answers: Student Assignment 2009-2010

**Q.** The school board approved closing a number of zoned elementary schools for 2009-10 (Clearview Ave., Gulf Beaches, Kings Highway, North Ward, Palm Harbor, Rio Vista). How and when will the students in those schools be notified about what zoned school they will attend next year?

**A.** **Students in those schools will be sent a notification letter prior to the Feb. 16 application period deadline for magnet and fundamental schools.**

**Q.** When will the boundary lines for zoned elementary schools be finalized?

**A.** **The school board is scheduled to approve the elementary school zones for 2009-10 at the Feb. 10, 2009 school board meeting.**

**Q.** If a student is currently attending a school that is not his/her zoned school, will the student get to stay at that school next year?

**A.** **For 2009-10, all elementary students will be assigned to their zoned school. Through the open enrollment process, students can indicate if they would like to stay at their non-zoned school based on seat availability with no transportation. Students in grades 6-7 and 9-11 will be assigned their current school for 2009-10 and will be allowed to remain at that school through the highest grade.**

**Q.** Will younger siblings be able to attend the same zoned school as an older family member?

**A.** **The younger sibling (grades K, 6 and 9) will be assigned to the zoned school. These families can request a change of schools during the open enrollment period. Assignments will be based on seat availability at the requested school.**

**Q.** Will younger siblings have a preference to attend the same magnet, fundamental or career academy program as an older sibling if eligible (some programs have entrance criteria)?

**A.** **In schools with a school-within-a-school program, a priority status is provided to the school, but not guaranteed a seat in the program. For school-wide programs, priority is given to enrollment in the magnet, fundamental and career academy.**

**Q.** If I want to stay in my non-zoned school next year, will I get school bus transportation?

**A.** **Elementary students who request to stay in their non-zoned elementary school must agree to provide their own transportation next year. Eligible high school students who request to stay in their non-zoned school will receive arterial transportation only. Transportation will continue to be provided for eligible students who remain in their non-zoned middle school.**

**Q.** When will the open enrollment period be?

**A.** **There will be two open enrollment periods. The dates have not been determined. The first period will be held this spring for families of non-zoned students to try to stay where they are currently attending. The second open enrollment period will be held in early to mid-summer and will offer any family the opportunity to try to receive a different school assignment.**

**Q.** When will 5<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders find out what their zoned school is for next year?

**A.** **They will be mailed a letter prior to the Feb. 16 deadline of the application period for magnet, fundamental and career academy programs.**

## Application Period Key Dates to Remember

- Jan. 26, 8 a.m.-Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Application Period
- Jan. 26-Feb. 12 Discovery Nights (listed on the district website)
- Jan. 24, Information Fair John Hopkins Middle, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Feb. 2, Information Fair Dunedin Highland Middle, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13, Last day for new students to get a student I.D. number to apply
- March 2-13, Acceptance Period

## Kindergarten Registration

Parents of incoming kindergarteners for school year 2009-10 that want to attend a magnet or fundamental school should apply during the Jan. 26-Feb. 16 application period. All others will register for their zoned elementary school in the spring.

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