

San Bernardino City Unified School District

School Choice Program

INTRODUCTION: The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 provides parents of eligible students in certain schools the opportunity to transfer their children to other public schools in the same district. To help you understand how the School Choice program can work for you, here are some answers to the questions you may have.

1. DO I HAVE TO TRANSFER MY CHILD?

No. We are providing parents with this opportunity as an option. The decision is entirely up to you, so you should base your decision on what you think is best for your child. No further action is required in order for your child to remain at his or her current school.

2. TO WHICH SCHOOL(S) MAY MY CHILD TRANSFER?

In an effort to meet the intent of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the San Bernardino City Unified School District will be offering Public School Choice at the following locations:

Elementary – Cypress, Hillside, and Marshall

Middle School – none at this time

High School – none at this time

3. IS MY CHILD GUARANTEED A PLACE IN AN ACCEPTING SCHOOL?

Only a limited number of students can be accommodated in the Accepting Schools, so we may not be able to transfer every child whose parent applies. Until we hear from every parent in the identified schools, we cannot guarantee that if you choose to transfer your child we will be able to make the transfer happen.

4. WHAT IF I WANT TO TRANSFER MORE THAN ONE CHILD?

Because of space limitations, we may not be able to transfer every child in the same family. If you choose to transfer more than one child to the Accepting School, we will make every effort to transfer the child to that school; but we cannot guarantee that we will approve transfers for brothers and sisters to the same school.

5. HOW WILL STUDENTS BE CHOSEN?

We want to accommodate as many choices as possible, but if many parents request transfers, we will not have space for everyone. Under Federal law, we must give first priority to the lowest achieving, lowest income students. Achievement will be based on the students' grades and test scores on the statewide assessment program and low-income will be based on a student's eligibility for free lunch. In case of a tie, an **unbiased selection process**, according to District Policy 5115.1a, will determine the opportunity for transfer.

6. HOW WILL MY CHILD GET TO AN ACCEPTING SCHOOL?

If your transfer is approved, your child will have free busing to the Accepting School for as long as your current school does not make adequate yearly progress on the statewide assessment program standards. When your current school improves and becomes a Non-Program Improvement School, we may not be able to continue to provide free busing.

7. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING?

You must complete and turn in an Application to the Categorical Programs Department, 777 N. F Street, on or before **October 11, 2013**. If we do not receive the application from you, on or before **October 11, 2013**, your child will remain at their current school.

8. WHAT IF MY TRANSFER REQUEST ISN'T APPROVED?

If your transfer is not approved, your child will remain at their current school.

9. WHEN WILL YOU TELL ME IF MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED?

We will let you know by November 8, 2013 if your request is approved.

10. WHEN CAN I VISIT THE ACCEPTING SCHOOLS?

If you are thinking about transferring your child to one of the Accepting Schools, we encourage you to visit them and call us with any questions.

11. QUESTIONS

If you have any more questions about the School Choice program, please call us at (909) 381-1200.