



QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE NEW STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN AND SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010-11

Seattle Public Schools has a New Student Assignment Plan (NSAP). When fully implemented, the NSAP will provide greater predictability for families while still offering opportunities for school choice. The plan will support the significant changes underway in how we serve students with special education needs, English Language Learners, and advanced learners – as well as increasing equity of access to programs and services for all students.

This document summarizes key transition rules for the first year (2010-11) of implementation. More comprehensive information is available online at www.seattleschools.org or by calling (206) 252-0760.

QUICK REFERENCE

School Visits: http://www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/School_Visit_Schedule.pdf

School Open Houses: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/OpenHouseSchedule.pdf>

Address Look Up Tool: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/address.xml>

Attendance Area Maps: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/boundarymapa/index.dxml>

KEY FACTS

- Every address has an attendance area elementary, middle, and high school. You can use the Address Look Up Tool to find your attendance area schools, or call (206) 252-0760 for assistance.
- Students who need specialized services not available at their attendance area school will be assigned to a designated ("linked") school with those services.
- Elementary school attendance areas are combined into middle school attendance areas, so students at their attendance area elementary school "feed" together into their attendance area middle school.
- Most current students are grandfathered to continue at their current school through the highest grade, as long as the services the student needs are available at that school.
- Grandfathered assignments continue even if the student's residence within the school district changes. Transportation is also grandfathered to current assignments for 2010-11 and 2011-12 (except for students riding on a "space available" basis, which must be requested annually). Moving outside of the grandfathered area may affect the availability of grandfathered transportation.
- Assignment letters will be mailed at the end of May for students who submit an application during Open Enrollment (March 1-31, 2010).
- Students may apply for any attendance area and/or option schools. If a student submits an Open Enrollment application and doesn't get assigned to any of their choices, the original assignment is still in effect.

CURRENT AND PRE-REGISTERED STUDENTS

Assignments

Most current students and students who completed the early registration process are already assigned to a school for 2010-11. They are grandfathered to continue at their current school, or have been assigned to their attendance area school's entry grade based on the new assignment plan and attendance area boundaries. Students may apply for assignment to other schools during or after Open Enrollment through September 30.

Non-entry grade students currently enrolled in a non-attendance area school are not guaranteed immediate assignment to their new attendance area school. Families may apply for their attendance area school during Open Enrollment (March 1-31). If more applications are received than seats available, a series of tiebreakers will apply.

Addresses

If the assignment address shown on the assignment letter is not current, you must verify your new address with Enrollment Services. This will not affect grandfathered assignments, but may affect assignments for entry grade students. If the correct address is not verified before school starts, your child might be reassigned after school has started, so please be sure to get this done as soon as possible. Check online or contact Enrollment Services or the Bilingual Family Center for more information.

PreK Students

PreK students at South Shore and Graham Hill are grandfathered. PreK students in special education developmental preschools are assigned to their attendance area school for kindergarten, unless their IEP specifies services not available at that school.

PreK students in Head Start (4 year olds) who completed early registration are assigned to their attendance area school. Those who did not complete early registration will be assigned to their attendance area school when they register.

Students rising from 5th to 6th grade have been assigned to their attendance area middle school, except:

- **K-8 schools**: 5th grade students at K-8 schools have been assigned to continue at their K-8 school. If the student wants to go to their attendance area middle school instead and applies during Open Enrollment, the student will be assigned to the attendance area middle school.
- **Spectrum**
Eligible students are NOT automatically assigned to Spectrum at their attendance area middle school. Assignment to Spectrum is by application, and tiebreakers apply. All attendance area middle schools will offer Spectrum effective fall 2010.
- **APP**
Students in the Accelerated Progress Program are assigned to one of two approved APP pathways, based on where they live: Lowell Elementary-Hamilton Middle-Garfield High for students in the Eckstein, Hamilton, McClure and Whitman service areas; and Thurgood Marshall Elementary-Washington Middle-Garfield High for students in the Aki Kurose, Denny, Madison, Mercer and Washington service areas. Students are automatically assigned to the next school in their APP pathway. If 5th graders apply for their attendance area middle school for 6th grade during Open Enrollment, they will be assigned to the attendance area school.
- **ELL/Bilingual**
English Language Learners will be assigned to their attendance area middle school. (Newcomer services are available at the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center, and students are assigned individually as appropriate.)
- **Special Education Services**
Students who need special education services not available at their attendance area school will be assigned to another school where those services are available. Students who need special education services may also submit an application during Open Enrollment.

Students rising from 8th to 9th grade have been assigned to their attendance area high school, except:

- **APP**: Middle school students in APP are automatically assigned to Garfield High School. If they apply for their attendance area high school for 9th grade during Open Enrollment, they will be assigned to the attendance area school.
- **ELL/Bilingual**: English Language Learners will be assigned to their attendance area high school. (Newcomer services are available at the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center, and students are assigned there individually as appropriate.)
- **Special Education Services**: Students who need special education services not available at their attendance area school will be assigned to another school where those services are available. Students who need special education services may also submit an application during Open Enrollment.

NEW STUDENTS

Students new to the district who enroll during or after Open Enrollment will be assigned to their attendance area school or to another school to access specialized services not available at their attendance area school. They may also apply for any school with space available during or after Open Enrollment through September 30. New students who enroll after September 30 will be assigned to their attendance area school, or may choose an option school with space available. Twins/multiples will be assigned together if they apply for the same schools in the same order (as long as the services needed are available).

- **Entering Kindergarten Students**

Students entering kindergarten will be assigned to their attendance area school or to another school to access specialized services not available at their attendance area school. They may also apply for any school with space available during or after Open Enrollment through September 30. New students who enroll after September 30 will be assigned to their attendance area school, or may choose an option school with space available.

If the incoming K child cannot be accommodated at the older child's non-attendance area school, the older sibling(s) can join the incoming K sibling at the attendance area school, as long as services needed are available there. The family may request this change after Open Enrollment through September 30. This guarantee is in effect if the incoming K student has applied for the older sibling's school ONLY, during Open Enrollment. (Listing additional schools on the application invalidates this guarantee.)

If the older student is attending a school outside of the attendance area to access special education services not available at his/her attendance area school and the incoming K student applies for that school ONLY, the incoming K student will be assigned to the older sibling's school upon request (until September 30). This guarantee is in effect if the incoming K student has applied for the older sibling's school ONLY, during Open Enrollment. (Listing additional schools on the application invalidates this guarantee.)

If K-5 siblings apply for several schools during Open Enrollment and get assigned to different schools, staff will, upon request (until September 30), identify at least one school in their service area where space for siblings will be offered so they will not have to be split. Twins/multiples will be assigned together if they apply for the same schools in the same order (as long as the services needed are available).

- **Full Day Kindergarten**

All SPS elementary and K-8 schools offer full-day K. Since the State of Washington funds only half-day K, SPS is establishing a program to equitably fund full-day K across the district.

- ▶ Beginning in September 2010, the fee for full-day K will be \$207 per month.
- ▶ The fee will be waived for students eligible for Free/Reduced priced meals (FRL); they will be able to attend full-day K at no charge, no matter what school they attend.
- ▶ The fee will be waived for all students at schools where 55% or more of the students are eligible for FRL; all students at those schools will be able to attend full-day K at no charge.
- ▶ Most schools can accommodate half-day K attendance, which is always free. Talk with the principal about half-day attendance.

More information is available on the Enrollment Web site at www.seattleschools.org, or call 252-0760 for more information.

- **Early Entrance to Kindergarten**

Students born between September 1 and October 31 who meet eligibility requirements for early entrance to K will be assigned to their attendance area elementary school upon request, and may apply to attend other schools on a space-available basis. Students must apply for early entrance testing during April, and students found eligible may enroll beginning July 1.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (March 1-31, 2010)

- If you want to keep your student's current assignment, do not submit an application during Open Enrollment.
- You can request a change in your child's school assignment during Open Enrollment. Students may also apply for any school with space available after Open Enrollment through September 30.
- Students who did not complete the early registration process need to register during Open Enrollment and will receive an assignment letter at the end of May. (New students may also register throughout the school year.)
- Registration information and applications are available on our Web site. You may also pick them up in person at Enrollment Services (John Stanford Center, 2445 3rd Ave S), or the Bilingual Family Center (Aki Kurose Middle School, 3928 S Graham St, Room 105). Or call (206) 252-0010 to have an application mailed to you.
- All current and new students may submit a school choice application during Open Enrollment. This includes students receiving special education services, and students who are English Language Learners.
- The deadline for Open Enrollment applications is 8:00 p.m. on March 31. (Postmarks don't count!)
- Assignment letters for new students enrolling during Open Enrollment and for current students who applied for a different school will be mailed to families at the end of May.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-11: HIGHLIGHTS

High School Open Choice Seats

- Each attendance area HS will have Open Choice seats for 9th graders not living in the school's attendance area. Ten percent of the 9th grade target enrollment will be Open Choice seats. Students may also apply for upper grades (10-12). There are not designated Open Choice seats for these grades; assignment depends on space availability.

Two New Option Schools

- Cleveland Option School (STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This exciting new opportunity is available to students across the district. The STEM program is open to incoming 9th and 10th graders for 2010-11; a grade will be added each year. More information is available online at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/stem/index.dxml>. Students attending Cleveland from outside of the Franklin attendance area may receive supplemental District provided transportation service to augment Metro or Light Rail service as required.
- Queen Anne Elementary. The most current option program information on Queen Anne Elementary is available at http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newschools/queen_anne/index.dxml. Queen Anne Elementary will be located at Lincoln during 2010-11 while the Old Hay building is being renovated for the new option school.

Two new attendance area schools opening for K-5 in 2010-11

- McDonald will be located at Lincoln for two years while its building is being renovated.
- Sand Point will open at the Sand Point building in fall 2010.

Advanced Learning

Programs are being added for fall 2010 to expand advanced learning opportunities to more students across the city and to provide programs in each service area. In addition to existing programs:

- Spectrum programs will be added at Arbor Heights, B.F. Day, Hawthorne, and Madison MS.
- Advanced Learning Opportunities (ALO) programs will be added for fall 2010 at Brighton, Dunlap, Emerson, and Van Asselt.
- Current Spectrum programs at Leschi, North Beach and West Seattle elementary schools will be converted to ALO. Spectrum students at these schools will retain their Spectrum eligibility and will not have to retest to apply for Spectrum when they are ready to go to middle school.

TIEBREAKERS FOR 2010-11

When fully implemented, the tiebreakers in the new student assignment plan will be greatly simplified compared with the old plan. For 2010-11, the following transition tiebreakers apply:

ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOLS

Elementary (1) Sibling, (2) Lives in attendance area & grandfathered at another school, and (3) Lottery
Middle School (1) Sibling, (2) Lives in attendance area & grandfathered at another school, (3) Feeder School, and (4) Lottery
High School (1) Sibling, (2) Lives in attendance area & grandfathered at another school, and (3) Lottery

OPTION SCHOOLS

(1) Sibling and (2) Lottery

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(1) Sibling, (2) Attendance area, and (3) Lottery

SPECTRUM

Elementary (1) Sibling, (2) Service Area, and (3) Lottery
Middle School (1) Sibling, (2) Service Area, (3) Feeder School, and (4) Lottery

APP (If applying for APP at non- Pathway school)

Elementary (1) Sibling and (2) Lottery
Middle School (1) Sibling, (2) Feeder School, and (3) Lottery

Current 5th grade students rising from the language immersion program at John Stanford International School will be assigned to 6th grade at **Hamilton International Middle School** for 2010-11 if they choose Hamilton as their first choice during Open Enrollment. Tiebreakers for 6th grade assignment to **Salmon Bay** are: (1) sibling, (2) special program preference for Thornton Creek 5th grade students, and (3) lottery. Tiebreakers for PreK assignment to **South Shore** are: (1) sibling, (2) special program preference for students who live in the Aki Kurose service area, and (3) lottery. Distance will be applied as a tiebreaker for 20% of the open K seats at **TOPS** for applicants who list TOPS as their first choice. (Open seats are those remaining after siblings are assigned.) APP students who live in the **Lowell** walk zone who request Lowell as their first choice during Open Enrollment will be assigned to Lowell. Standard transportation eligibility rules apply for these school-specific tiebreakers.

Attendance Areas and Feeder Patterns

HIGH SCHOOLS

Attendance Area High Schools: Ballard, Franklin, Garfield, Nathan Hale, Ingraham, Rainier Beach, Roosevelt, Chief Sealth, West Seattle.

Option High Schools: The Center School, STEM at Cleveland, Nova

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Attendance Area Middle Schools: Aki Kurose, Denny, Eckstein, Hamilton, Madison, McClure, Mercer, Washington, Whitman

Each Middle School Attendance Area:

- Has a group of elementary schools that feed into the middle school.
- Has one or more Option Schools and/or K-8 schools with transportation provided.

SERVICE AREAS

Middle School Attendance Areas are also Service Areas. Most services needed by K-8 students who live in each Service Area will be provided within the Service Area. Transportation is provided for students in grades K-8 to all Attendance Area and Option Schools in each Service Area (for students who live outside the walk zone of the assigned school).

Students may apply for any Attendance Area or Option School.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	ELEMENTARY FEEDER SCHOOLS (Including K-8 Attendance Area Schools)	OPTION SCHOOLS WITH TRANSPORTATION	OTHER K-8 SCHOOLS WITH TRANSPORTATION	APP PATHWAY SCHOOLS
Aki Kurose	Brighton, Dunlap, Emerson, Graham Hill, Rainier View, Wing Luke	South Shore (K-8)		Thurgood Marshall Washington Garfield
Denny	Arbor Heights, Concord, Highland Park, Roxhill, Sanislo, West Seattle Elementary	Pathfinder (K-8)		Thurgood Marshall Washington Garfield
Eckstein	Bryant, Green Lake, John Rogers, Olympic Hills, Olympic View, Sacajawea, Sand Point, View Ridge, Wedgwood	AS #1 (K-8) Jane Addams (K-8) Thornton Creek (K-5)		Lowell Hamilton Garfield
Hamilton	B.F. Day, John Stanford, Laurelhurst, McDonald, West Woodland	Salmon Bay (K-8)		Lowell Hamilton Garfield
Madison	Alki, Gatewood, Lafayette, Schmitz Park	Pathfinder (K-8)		Thurgood Marshall Washington Garfield
McClure	Blaine (K-8), Coe, Hay, Lawton	Queen Anne (K-5)	Blaine K-8	Lowell Hamilton Garfield
Mercer	Beacon Hill, Dearborn Park, Hawthorne, Kimball, Maple, Van Asselt	Orca (K-8)		Thurgood Marshall Washington Garfield
Washington	Gatzert, John Muir, Leschi, Lowell, Madrona (K-8), McGilvra, Montlake, Stevens, Thurgood Marshall	TOPS (K-8)	Madrona K-8	Thurgood Marshall Washington Garfield
Whitman	Adams, Broadview-Thomson (K-8), Bagley, Greenwood, Loyal Heights, North Beach, Northgate, Viewlands, Whittier	Salmon Bay (K-8)	Broadview-Thomson K-8	Lowell Hamilton Garfield

Rainier View and Viewlands Elementary Schools open for the 2011-12 school year.

Current transportation will be continued to grandfathered elementary and middle school students at their current school for 2010-11 and 2011-12 (except for students riding on a "space available" basis, which must be requested annually). Moving outside of the grandfathered area may affect the availability of grandfathered transportation.