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Open Enrollment for 2008-09 school year set for January 22 - February 29
All-City Kindergarten and Middle School Fair to be held January 12
South and Southeast All Grades School Fair to be held February 2

Open Enrollment in Seattle Public Schools for the 2008-09 school year is scheduled from January 22 to February 29, 2008. This is the time when families register and apply for school for children entering kindergarten in September 2008; for students advancing from elementary to middle school or from middle to high school; for any other students who wish to change schools; or for students who will be new to the District in September.

Information that families need to register and apply – including forms, school tour dates and open house dates – is available at Enrollment Service Centers or on the District's Web site at www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/story.dxml. Families may enroll in person at an enrollment center, by fax to (206) 252-0761, or by mail to: Enrollment Services, MS 11-161, P.O. Box 34165, Seattle, WA, 98124-1165.

To be eligible for kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year, children must be five (5) years of age by August 31, 2008. Documents required for new students include: proof of the child's birth date (through Grade 1), photo I.D. of the parent/guardian, two additional documents for proof of address, and immunization records.

Students who apply during the Open Enrollment period receive priority assignment for September 2008. A high percentage of students receive their first- or second-choice school. However, some schools can't accommodate all students who apply, so families should list at least three choices on the application form. Assignment letters will be mailed out the first week in April 2008.

Learn about Seattle Public Schools at upcoming school fairs **School tours and Open House dates also planned**

The same high academic standards are in place in every classroom across the District, yet each school offers a unique climate that reflects its students, families and community. Families are encouraged to take advantage of school tours and Open House opportunities as they consider school choices for their student(s).

In addition, an All-City Kindergarten and Middle School Fair is scheduled for January 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, 2445 Third Ave. S. The South and Southeast All Grades School Fair is scheduled for February 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at Mercer Middle School, 1600 Columbian Way S. **(Please note: this date corrects an error in a previous press release.)** The fairs are an excellent opportunity to talk with principals, staff, and parents from schools around the District. Enrollment staff and bilingual staff will be on hand to answer questions. Dr. Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools, will also be on hand to meet and talk informally with families each day between 10 and 11 a.m.

Enrollment Centers open extended hours in February

Staff at two enrollment centers and the Bilingual Family Center provide information to students and families across the city. Enrollment centers' hours, addresses and other useful phone numbers are listed below:

Regular hours for Open Enrollment:

- Centers are open Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Centers will close March 12-14, 2008, for applications processing.
- Centers close at noon on the third Wednesday of each month, except during peak enrollment periods.

Extended hours for Open Enrollment:

- Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26 – centers open until 7 p.m.
- February 19-22, 2008 (Mid-Winter Break) – centers open
- Saturday, February 23, 2008 – centers open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Enrollment service center addresses:

- North Enrollment Center
Wilson-Pacific, Building 400
1330 N. 90th St.
(206) 252-4765
- South Enrollment Center
John Stanford Center
2445 Third Ave. S.
(206) 252-0760
- Bilingual Family Center
Aki Kurose Middle School, Room 105
3928 S. Graham St.
(206) 252-7750

Other useful phone numbers:

- Recorded enrollment information line (206) 252-0410
- Enrollment Services office main line (206) 252-0760
- Customer Service (206) 252-0010
- Advanced Learning (206) 252-0130
- Special Education (elementary, birth to Grade 5) (206) 252-0058
- Special Education (secondary, sixth grade to age 21) (206) 252-0830
- Head Start (206) 252-0960
- Transportation (206) 252-0900

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