

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN: DESCRIPTION AND RULES

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TYPE OF SCHOOL	HOW STUDENTS ARE ASSIGNED (see note a)	TIEBREAKERS (see note b)	ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (see note c)	TRANSPORTATION (see note d)
Attendance Area Elementary and Middle Schools	<u>Assignment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on address No application needed <u>Choice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from other attendance areas may apply. 	<u>Elementary School Tiebreakers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Lottery <u>Middle School Tiebreakers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Feeder School Lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine elementary attendance areas to form middle school attendance areas. This creates a <u>feeder pattern</u> from elementary school to middle school. Students who live in the same elementary attendance area go to middle school together. The middle school attendance area is also a <u>service area</u> for providing access to programs and services. 	<u>Elementary School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most specialized services (special education, bilingual, advanced learning) will be provided at designated schools within the service area. <u>Middle School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most specialized services will be provided at the attendance area middle school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bus for elementary students attending any attendance area school in their service area. School bus for K-8 students attending a K-8 school in their service area. Metro bus pass for middle school students choosing an attendance area school outside of their service area.
Attendance Area High Schools	<u>Assignment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on address No application needed <u>Choice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from other attendance areas may apply. 	<u>High School Tiebreakers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw boundaries so Open Choice seats are available for students from other attendance areas who apply through school choice. 	<u>High School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most specialized services will be provided at the attendance area high school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro bus pass
Option Schools (see note e)	<u>Assignment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By application 	<u>Tiebreakers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Geographic Zone Lottery 	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on individual need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bus for elementary and middle school students attending an option school in their service area. Metro bus pass for middle school students choosing an option school outside of their service area. Metro bus pass for high school students.
Service Schools (see note f)	Individually based on student needs	Not applicable	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to students district-wide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depends on type and location of services, student's address, and student's grade level.

(a) Students must be registered/enrolled in Seattle Public Schools prior to being assigned to any school or participating in the school choice process. This includes having a current, verified address on file with the District.

(b) The "Feeder School" tiebreaker gives a student at an elementary attendance area school outside of their middle school attendance area priority to move with their cohort group to the same middle school. The "Geographic Zone" tiebreaker gives assignment priority to students who live in a defined area in close proximity to the school to attend an option school.

(c) There will continue to be a limited number of programs or services that are unique enough, and that serve such a limited population, that they cannot be offered in every service area or in every middle and high school attendance area. In those cases, students will be assigned to an appropriate location where the services are provided. In addition, some students may be assigned individually due to exceptional student misconduct, harassment, or involvement in the court system for certain offenses that would preclude attendance at their attendance area school.

(d) Transportation is provided for students who live outside of the designated safe walk boundary for their school. Transportation for students with disabilities is determined individually.

(e) K-5 Option School: Thornton Creek. K-8 Option Schools: AS #1, Orca, Pathfinder, Salmon Bay, South Shore (previously The New School; PreK-8), TOPS. 9-12 Option Schools: The Center School, Cleveland STEM High School (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), Nova.

(f) Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center (SBOC), Homeschool Resource Center, Special Education Consortium; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute School, Intervention Services (Middle College High School, South Lake High School, Interagency Academy, Education Centers)