

San Mateo-Foster City School District

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K-8 Magnet School, Intradistrict and Overlapping Transfer Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How are students assigned to a school in the San Mateo-Foster City School District?

All students in the SM-FCSD are assigned to a school based on their home address. If you do not know your school of assignment you may contact any District school, the District Office or visit the District website and use the school look-up tool at http://www.smfc.k12.ca.us/school_assignments.html. Parents enroll students in their school of assignment beginning March 1, 2010. To receive priority enrollment, students must be registered by March 26, 2010.

What is an intradistrict transfer?

Parents may request an intradistrict transfer to another school in the District, which is not their assigned school. If approved, a transfer will remain in effect until the completion of the highest grade at the school except in the case of transfers approved for one year only. Transfers will only be granted if there is room in the school and grade level requested after all neighborhood students are placed. Enrollment priority for transfers is established by lottery. Parents may submit an application to no more than three schools total. NOTE: All intradistrict transfers may be revoked by the District based on insufficient space for neighborhood children, a student's record of academic performance, attendance, behavior or any additional factors that would negatively affect the instructional program at the receiving school.

How can I find out more information about Magnet Programs?

Parents are invited to attend the District's 12th annual Magnet School Information Fair on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Bayside Performing Arts Center, 2025 Kehoe Drive, San Mateo. Magnet school principals, teachers and parents will be on hand to answer questions. Additionally, parents can choose to participate in Parent Visitation Days at most elementary schools beginning November 16, 2009. Please contact school for date and time – www.smfc.k12.ca.us/our_schools.html.

Must I also register at my school of assignment if I'm applying for a transfer?

All families completing this application for a new incoming student MUST ALSO REGISTER the student at their school of assignment unless you have been accepted to one of the four District-wide Magnet Schools – College Park, Fiesta Gardens, North Shoreview and Parkside Montessori - in which case you would register at that school. A transfer request is not a registration form and is not a guarantee of placement. Students will attend their school of assignment if the transfer request is not approved.

When are transfer applications due?

Applications are due February 12, 2010 at 12:00pm noon to any District school office or the District Office.

What happens to my application if I apply after the February 12, 2010 deadline?

All applications received after the February 12 deadline will be placed on waitlists in the order in which they are received. No notification will be sent for late applications.

How many spaces are available for transfers?

School enrollment capacity is determined annually. Some impacted schools may not have the capacity to take transfers at any time during the year. Transfers will only be granted if there is room in the school and grade level requested after all neighborhood students are placed.

When and how will I be notified of my transfer request status?

Families will be notified of lottery results by mail. Notifications will be sent on February 26.

What should I do if I'm still on a transfer waitlist and school is about to begin?

Your child should attend their school of assignment. Transfers will be granted only if there is room in the school and grade level requested after all neighborhood students are placed. Some transfers may not be offered until after the school year has begun. Waitlisted students will be notified only if space becomes available.

What happens if I begin school at year-round school?

Once a student begins school at a year-round school that student relinquishes the right to transfer to a traditional calendar school for the remainder of that school year.

What is the Foster City Overlapping Priority?

Families residing in the Audubon or Foster City School attendance areas may apply with priority over San Mateo residents to Brewer Island. Brewer Island attendance area families may apply with priority to either Audubon or Foster City school, but not to both. Foster City residents may also apply to any other school in the District under the regular intradistrict transfer process, but not to more than 3 schools total.

What are the requirements for applying to Fiesta Gardens and Abbott Immersion Programs?

If applying to Fiesta Gardens for grades 1-5, students will need to be assessed by a teacher and the Principal before being accepted into the program. Students applying to the Abbott Middle School immersion program must have completed the elementary program at Fiesta Gardens.

What are the requirements for applying to the Montessori Programs?

If applying to North Shoreview or Parkside Montessori programs, students entering grades 1-8 will need to be assessed by a teacher and the Principal to ensure that they will be able to make a successful transition into the upper grade Montessori program. Middle school Montessori applicants must have already attended a Montessori elementary school.

What are the requirements for applying to the College Park School of Talented and Gifted Education with Mandarin Immersion Program?

If applying to College Park for grades K-5, students will need to be assessed by the Principal to ensure that they will be able to make a successful transition into the Mandarin Immersion program.

K-8 Magnet School, Intradistrict and Overlapping Transfer Application for 2010-2011

This application is due February 12, 2010 at 12:00 pm to any school office or the District Office.

To enroll in Kindergarten for 2010-2011, children must be 5 years old by December 2, 2010.

CHILD NAME:
(Last name, First name) _____ Gender _____ Grade in _____ Birth date _____ Name of Current School _____ Primary Language _____
(M/F) ('10-'11) (m/d/yr) or Preschool (circle one)
English or Spanish
English or Spanish
English or Spanish

ETHNICITY / RACE: (Select one or more)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong | <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahitian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> White |

SIBLINGS:

Do you have another child who already attends, on an approved transfer, one of the schools you are requesting? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide student's name _____ Current School _____ Current Grade _____

SPECIAL SERVICES: Does your child qualify for a Special Day Class? If yes, enter name of child _____

PARENT NAME(S): _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____ [District GC: _____]

- Rank choices in order of preference (1, 2, and 3). You may apply to 1, 2 or 3 schools.

- DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR SCHOOL OF ASSIGNMENT AS ONE OF YOUR CHOICES.

- T = Traditional Calendar YR = Year Round Calendar

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

- ___ Audubon (T)
- ___ Baywood (T)
- ___ Beresford (YR)
- ___ Brewer Island (YR)
- ___ Foster City (T)
- ___ Highlands (T)
- ___ Laurel (T)
- ___ Meadow Heights (T)
- ___ Parkside Elementary (YR)

ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOLS:

- ___ College Park School of Talented & Gifted / Mandarin (YR)
- ___ Fiesta Gardens International School, Spanish-English Immersion (YR)
- ___ George Hall Project-Based Learning (YR)
- ___ Horrall Visual and Performing Arts & Technology (T)
- ___ North Shoreview Montessori (T)
- ___ Montessori Program at Parkside (YR)
- ___ San Mateo Park Math & Science (T)
- ___ Sunnybrae International Baccalaureate (IB) World School (T)

MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

- ___ Abbott (YR)
- ___ Bowditch (T)

MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOLS:

- ___ Abbott Spanish-English Immersion (YR)
- ___ THE Bayside S.T.E.M. ACADEMY Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (YR)
- ___ Borel International Baccalaureate (IB) Candidate School (T)
- ___ North Shoreview Montessori (T)

Please answer the following survey questions regarding the transfer application process in the San Mateo-Foster City School District:

1. How did you learn about the Transfer Application process?

- School staff
- District publication, *Magnet School News*
- District website
- Parents, friends, family or neighbor
- District office staff
- Other: _____
- Magnet School Information Fair
- Kindergarten/New Student Info Night

2. Did you attend the Magnet School Fair?

- Yes
- No

3. If Yes, did attending the Magnet Fair influence your decision?

- Yes, the Magnet Fair helped me choose a school
- Yes, the Magnet Fair helped to confirm my school choice

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____