

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF CHOICE (TK-5)

2020/21

Parents may submit a School of Choice (SOC) application online through their ParentVue account beginning **Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** The School of Choice application deadline is **Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** (ParentVue is a website that allows parents to view their child's current and historical information, including daily attendance, grades, report cards, test scores, discipline, graduation status, preparation for college and more.)

Parents may select up to ten (10) Elementary/K-8 School of Choice schools on one application. For instructions on completing an application: Go to "C" on the A-Z index at lbschools.net, then to Choice (Elementary, Grades TK-5), then to How to Complete the School of Choice Application.

Elementary students NEW to Long Beach Unified School District will need to complete enrollment at their school of residence. Once a child is enrolled, an activation key is given to parents to create a ParentVue account. The account must be **activated** in order to complete and submit a SOC application.

School of Choice applications are selected **randomly** from those submitted by the posted deadline date. SOC applications are not processed on a "first come, first served basis."

School of Choice application status will be available on ParentVue **Friday, April 24, 2020** after 5:00 p.m. For application status, parents will login to their ParentVue account, change to the 2019/20 screen located on the upper left hand corner, and click on the School of Choice link on the left hand side of the screen. From the child's screen, parents will select the link for "**Other Parents**" to access the SOC application.

### **Accepted Applications**

Parents will have until **Friday, May 8, 2020** to select the school of attendance by setting **INTENT** for the School of Choice. Parents must then **CERTIFY** the selection to confirm acceptance. Parents will receive a confirmation email with the school assignment. Acceptance from the school site will be withdrawn if Intent and Certification is not done by **May 8, 2020**.

Beginning **Monday, June 15, 2020**, parents who have not set an Intent for a school may change (add or delete) schools to which they have applied. Deleting a school removes the application from the wait list. Adding a school places the application on the wait list in a date/time applied order. Schools must exhaust their priority list from Round 1 before selecting additional applications.

### **Wait List Applications (Round 1 Wait List, Round 2 Applications)**

Applications marked "Not Accepted Round 1", will remain active and on a wait list until August 31, 2020. New SOC selections from the wait list may be made as space becomes available. Applicants selected from the Round 1 wait list and from Round 2 will receive an email instructing them to login to ParentVue for updated application status. (Note: All Round 1 wait list applicants must be exhausted before Round 2 applications may be accepted.)

## SCHOOL OF CHOICE REGULATIONS FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

- If the school of residence does not offer TK, parents will need to participate in the School of Choice process to choose a site for their child to attend. For schools that offer Transitional Kindergarten, go to: “T” on the A-Z index at lbschools.net, then to Transitional Kindergarten, then to 2020-21 Transitional Kindergarten Map.
- **Transitional Kindergarten School of Choice applications are effective for the TK school year only.** TK students will automatically return to their school of residence for Kindergarten. Parents who would like their child to continue at the school of choice for Kindergarten will need to submit a School of Choice application the following year.

## PRIORITY ORDER OF OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

1. Neighborhood students in a school’s attendance boundary have first priority for enrollment. (Student must be in attendance on the first day of school). Students whose home school is overcrowded will have priority placement after neighborhood students.
2. Brothers and sisters of students already in attendance at a school of choice and continuing the next year at the same school will be given priority based upon space availability.
3. Dual Immersion
4. Attend school other than school of residence. (Special consideration will be given to children currently enrolled in a LBUSD CDC program and that will continue LBUSD childcare at the same school.)

## DISTRICT POLICIES

1. No district transportation is provided.
2. School of Choice applications are approved based on space availability, reason for attendance, and if the student meets the requirements and/or submitted all appropriate documents.
3. School of Choice applications are selected **randomly** from those submitted by the posted deadline date. SOC applications are not processed on a “first come, first served basis.” Applications not selected in Round 1 will be placed on a wait list and remain active until the new school year begins. Round 2 applications will be accepted after the Round 1 wait list is exhausted.
4. School of Choice is TENTATIVE through the end of the first day of school. New resident students have priority in attending schools in their attendance area. Therefore, a new neighborhood student may displace a NEW School of Choice transfer student on the first day of school. After the first day of school, SOC transfer students have the right to remain at the school.
5. School of Choice applications may be denied, or voided, if information is incorrect or falsified.
6. School of Choice approval for a school does NOT guarantee space in any specific program, course, or class at that school.