

HEB ISD Schools of Choice – Spanish Immersion (SI)

General Assumptions:

HEB ISD will provide a fair and open process for enrolling students in Schools of Choice programs and follow Board Policy FDA (LOCAL) and FBD (LOCAL).

The administration of the lottery and admissions procedure is the responsibility of District Administration.

The number of students admitted each year is determined by District Administration based on grade level and program capacity.

In the event the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available seats a random selection lottery will be used.

Application Process:

- Parents may apply for participation in the lottery, online, during the annual application window. <https://www.hebisd.edu/page.cfm?p=3170>
- Any HEB ISD resident or inter district transfer applicant scheduled to enter **Grade 1** the following school year may participate in the Immersion Lottery.
- Admission for grades 2–6 is determined by previous participation in a dual language or similar program, available space in the grade level requested and by a district administered IDEA language proficiency test.
- Approximately 26 **Grade 1** seats are available at each SI campuses each year.
- To qualify for the lottery, families must complete and submit an online application before the annual application deadline.
- On March 1 of each year, all Wait Lists clear pending the new Lottery.
- Any application received after the Transfer Window closes will be considered late and reviewed after Returning and New Student Registrations or as applications are received during the fall semester.
- Students accepted in the program must abide by all requirements of the program.

Considerations:

- Campuses may continue to accept students in the program utilizing current Lottery Wait List applicants if space becomes available **during the fall semester** for first grade students.
- A student currently enrolled in a Spanish Immersion program who moves to another campus in the district or moves out of the district, may continue at the current campus as long as they remain in the Spanish Immersion program.
- A student currently enrolled in a Spanish Immersion program who moves to another SI campus, will be placed in the program based on availability of space in the program.

Lottery Process:

Beginning in 2019, The Schools of Choice Lottery will be conducted by PowerSchool, the same online vendor HEB ISD utilizes for all application/registration for our district. The lottery does not guarantee placement in the program. However, it determines the rank order for students once they are categorized based on the criteria established by the District and generated through the PowerSchool School Choice/Lottery system.

If a student served through special education is selected to participate in a Schools of Choice program through the District lottery process, the Admission, Review & Dismissal Committee (ARDC) will meet to determine if the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) could be implemented at the Schools of Choice campus. If the ARDC determines the IEP cannot be implemented on the campus, the student is not otherwise qualified to participate in the Schools of Choice program.

The District does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, ethnicity, religion or disabling condition in providing educational services.

Order of Lottery

- Schools of Choice program siblings
 - Home campus siblings enrolled in the **same** Schools of Choice program
 - Transfer siblings enrolled in the **same** Schools of Choice program
- Home campus students (includes Intradistrict & Interdistrict applicants who've been granted a transfer from previous year)
- Intradistrict transfer students
 - Employee student
 - Non-employee student
- Interdistrict transfer students
 - Employee student
 - Non-employee student

Considerations:

- For families of multiples (i.e. twins, triplets, etc.) one Lottery seat will be assigned per family. If the last seat drawn belongs to a family of multiples, the parent will be given the choice to assume the last seat with one child and place the remaining sibling(s) on a waiting list, or place all children on another available campus.

Notification after lottery:

- Families of students admitted to a Schools of Choice program are notified by email and must accept by a predetermined date.