

PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO A SCHOOL

During the enrollment process, students are given a ranking based on several criteria (known as priorities) before acceptance to a school. The priorities do not guarantee acceptance. Closed and merged school priority does not include Capitol Hill and Pre-K programs.

	PRE-K*	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL	
		Community School	Regional Magnet	District Magnet		
PRIORITIES	1	Community School Zone	Community School Zone	Closed School	Closed School	Magnet/ Enrollment Pathway
	2	Area	Closed School	Merged School	Merged School	Area
	3	Regional	Merged School	Regional	Reflecting St. Paul	Closed School (Middle grades only)
	4	District	Reflecting St. Paul	Reflecting St. Paul	Specific Employee Consideration	Specific Employee Consideration
	5	Out of District	Specific Employee Consideration	Specific Employee Consideration	District	Regional
	6		Area	District	Out of District	District
	7		District	Out of District		Out of District
	8		Out of District			

*Please note: All Pre-K programs give priority enrollment consideration based on a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, a home language other than English and/or requires special education services.

EXPLANATION OF PRIORITIES:

Community School Zone: These zones apply to all elementary students. Priority is given to students who live within a school's Community School Zone so that many students from the same neighborhood can attend school together.

Reflecting St. Paul: This admission priority is based on residential addresses in high-need neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are defined by the number of residents eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; with a home language other than English; and low test scores in reading and math for students in those neighborhoods.

Up to 25 percent of available seats in certain low-poverty schools will be set aside for students residing in these neighborhoods.

The current list of low-poverty schools includes Adams Spanish Immersion, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented, Chelsea Heights Elementary, EXPO Elementary, Horace Mann School, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy, J.J. Hill Montessori, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion, Randolph Heights Elementary and St. Anthony Park Elementary.

For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

Area: Priority is given to students who live within the identified Area (A-F), but outside a school's community school zone.

Regional: Priority is given to students applying to a school that is identified as a regional magnet school for their home address.

District: Priority is given to Saint Paul residents applying to a school that is identified as a district magnet.

Out of District: Students living outside the city of Saint Paul are admitted to district schools if space allows.

Specific Employee Consideration: Priority is available to children of all current employees (temporary employees and contractors/vendors are not eligible). Pre-K programs and Capitol Hill are not included in this priority consideration. In continuing to support the District's efforts to ensure equity and access for all families as well as ongoing integration efforts, schools reaching a threshold of 50 percent or lower high poverty will be excluded from this priority consideration. The list of schools for 2022-23 includes Adams Spanish Immersion, Central Senior High, Chelsea Heights Elementary, EXPO Elementary, Groveland Park Elementary, Highland Park Middle, Highland Park Senior High, Horace Mann School, J.J. Hill Montessori, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion, Open World Learning Community, Randolph Heights Elementary and St. Anthony Park Elementary.

Siblings: An application is required for all students who are new to Saint Paul Public Schools or changing schools. Siblings of students who currently attend the requested school receive priority within each of the priority categories, unless otherwise noted. To qualify for sibling priority, you must have had a child enrolled in the requested school during the 2021-22 school year who will continue at that school in 2022-23.

Please note:

- Sibling priority does not guarantee acceptance into a school.
- Siblings are defined as children who have the same parent or guardian and are living together at the same address.
- Enrollment priorities and school capacity are taken into consideration before sibling priority.