

Ballot Simplification Committee

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Student Assignment System *(working title only, subject to change)*

Requests for Reconsideration due by 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011

The Way It Is Now:

In accordance with San Francisco Unified School District (School District) procedures adopted in 2010, parents may apply for their children to attend any school in the District. If a school does not have space for all applicants, the School District admits students based on certain priorities.

For elementary schools, the School District considers several factors, including in order of priority, whether:

- older siblings attend the same school,
- the student lives in the area and attends a School District pre-kindergarten school in the area,
- the student lives in an area with low-performing schools, and
- the student lives nearby.

All elementary schools send their students to a designated middle school. If parents prefer a different middle school, they may request one. For such requests, the School District generally considers the same factors as for elementary schools, in the same priority.

For high school, the School District does not make any initial assignments. Parents may apply for their children to attend any school, and the School District considers in order of priority, whether:

- older siblings attend the same school, and
- the student lives in an area with low-performing schools.

Parents may apply for their children to attend schools with language immersion and other special programs. The School District considers requests according to similar priorities but imposes additional eligibility requirements.

The Proposal:

Proposition ____ would make it City policy to encourage the School District to adopt procedures to ensure that:

- all students have the opportunity to attend a quality neighborhood school;
- after assigning siblings to the same school, the distance from a student's home to the assigned school is the highest priority; and

- the School District continues to provide students with the opportunity to attend schools with language immersion or other special programs, even if those schools are not located near their homes.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to make it City policy to encourage the School District to place a higher priority on assigning students to schools near their homes, but still allow students to attend schools with language immersion or other special programs not near their homes.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to adopt this City policy.

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