



Board Adopts K8 Feeder Patterns for Middle School Assignment

June 15 (San Francisco) – At its regular meeting yesterday evening, the San Francisco Board of Education unanimously approved a new student assignment process for middle school enrollment that includes elementary-to-middle school K8 feeder patterns.

“Our proposal addresses the board’s policy goals for student assignment,” said Superintendent Carlos Garcia. “This will help us strategically and efficiently use limited resources to create quality middle schools, and will provide families with a degree of predictability regarding where their children will attend middle school.”

The transition period will be between 2012 and 2017. During this time the choice process for middle school assignment will have younger siblings as the first preference, followed by a preference for students enrolled in an elementary school that is one of the K8 feeder schools, and then a preference for students living in areas of the city with the lowest average test scores (known as CTIP1). These preferences, known as tiebreakers, will be used when the number of requests for a school is greater than the number of seats available.

Beginning in 2017, students exiting 5th grade will receive an initial 6th grade offer to enroll in their K8 feeder school, after which parents can apply to another middle school if they prefer.

The Board of Education originally approved the concept of elementary-to-middle K8 feeders in March 2010. Last night, after more than a year of research and extensive community input, the Board of Education approved the list of elementary schools that would feed into each middle school, and they approved the preferences for the middle school choice student assignment process.

Superintendent Garcia assured the Board of Education that staff will monitor the process and will provide regular updates. Staff is scheduled to share the first annual report on the new student assignment system with the board in January 2012.

[Read details of the middle school feeder patterns here.](#)

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