

**Bridgeport Board of Education
Magnet/Open Choice School**

Sibling Policy

Classical Studies, Geraldine Claytor, High Horizons, Interdistrict Discovery, Multicultural, Park City, Bridgeport Military Academy and Fairchild Wheeler Campus

A Sibling Policy has been adopted in order to encourage single, rather than divided, elementary school allegiances and thereby promote high levels of parental involvement and provide for continuity within the household.

Definition:

For purposes of this policy, a sibling is defined as a child who resides in the same household with a common parent or legal guardian. Legal documentation will be requested for verification of sibling status.

The sibling policy applies to **Classical Studies Academy, Geraldine Claytor Academy, High Horizons, Interdistrict Discovery, Multicultural, Park City, Bridgeport Military Academy and Fairchild Wheeler Campus**

Entrance criteria:

- Pre-Kindergarten
 - Only Interdistrict Discovery Magnet has pre-K lottery
- Kindergarten – Grade 3
 - There are no criteria for entering Kindergarten through grade 3 in any magnet school
- Grades 4 through 8 at Classical Studies Academy, Geraldine Claytor Academy, High Horizons, Multicultural, and Park City must meet the following criteria:
 - Acceptance in the lottery
 - A final grade of C or better in core academic subjects
 - A conduct/effort grade of 1 or 2 across the report card
 - Student school attendance must be aligned with the BPS Attendance Policy
- Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School has an open lottery - there is no entrance criteria

- **Interdistrict Discovery Magnet, Bridgeport Military Academy and Fairchild Wheeler are open lotteries with no entrance criteria.**
 - Interdistrict Discovery Magnet and Fairchild Wheeler Campus seats are determined by percentage per town allocation

The Process:

- Siblings must apply during the application period to be considered for admission

- the name of the sibling currently attending the Magnet School must be indicated on the application
 - legal documentation will be requested for verification of sibling status
- Kindergarten applicants, with a sibling(s) currently attending the *Magnet Program* in grades K through 8 in the same magnet school to which they have applied, will automatically gain admission into the school
- Grade 1 through 8 sibling applicants must meet the entrance criteria above
- In the event the number of sibling candidates alone exceeds the number of spaces available, a sibling lottery will be held with the non-sibling lottery to follow
- Twins, triplets, etc., will be treated as one unit in the lottery with their lottery numbers placed on the same lottery waiting list
 - Excludes Interdistrict Discovery Magnet
- Twins, triplets, etc. may submit only one sibling application
- Remaining spaces will be filled by non-sibling applicants

Waiting List for grades 1-12

- Waiting lists are established each school year for students applying for grades 1 through 12
- When a vacancy occurs, siblings will be given preference for admission over non-siblings in the order in which their names appear on the waiting list
- Siblings must meet entrance criteria
- Students on the lottery waiting list must apply each year to gain access to a magnet school
 - Legal documentation will be requested for verification of sibling status.

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