

## **Bridgeport Board of Education**

### **Elementary Magnet School Sibling Policy**

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:**

Within the context of this policy, siblings are defined as children with a common parent or legal Guardian whom live within the same household. Criteria for entrance must be met by each sibling (i.e. twin, triplets etc.) in order to be included in the lottery for acceptance.

#### **Entrance criteria:**

For Classical Studies, Geraldine Claytor (Lottery Students Only), High Horizons, Multicultural and Park City.

#### **The Process:**

Kindergarten

- Kindergarten applicants, with a sibling(s) currently attending grades K-8 in the same magnet school to which they have applied, will automatically gain admission into the school. Remaining spaces will be filled by non-sibling applicants.
  - Parents of currently enrolled/accepted students must meet parent commitment requirements in order to register an incoming sibling.
- 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.
- As follow-up to the definition of sibling, the parent or guardian will provide legal documentation as confirmation (if requested).

#### **Waiting List:**

Waiting lists are established for students applying for grades K-8.

- 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.
  - All entrance criteria for siblings grades 1-8 must be met.
- Every effort will be made to fill empty lottery seats by October 1st.

- If empty seats remain after October 15 the district will assist in ensuring all seats are filled.
- Students on the lottery waiting list must apply each year to gain access to a magnet school
- Once a student accepts a seat at a magnet program, their name will be removed from all other magnet school waiting lists for the current school year.

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