



OPTIONS PROCESS — PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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Parents or guardians of students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) who participate in the Options Open Enrollment process will be assigned a school depending on the service delivery model their child needs, and its availability.

The program that your child will attend is determined by:

- The child's IEP
- The schools that will offer the program reflected in the IEP
- The number of seats available at each school site

Parents or guardians with a child who has an IEP are encouraged bring with them the most up to date IEP to the Student Assignment Center to complete and submit an Options Enrollment Form. Forms must be submitted during the Options Enrollment application window, which is open from **12/7/15** thru **1/22/16**.

In the Options application, list the appropriate schools that you would like your child to attend. Also, indicate on the application that the student receives Special Education services and the type of services he or she will receive. This will assist the Student Assignment Center in ensuring that your application is properly processed. Forms submitted after the deadline will be processed on a space available and program capacity basis. Parents of special education students and Section 504 students may apply to transfer their student to a school other than their neighborhood school or the school listed on the student's IEP or Section 504 plan, as allowed by the district's school choice policy.

If a student with a disability is accepted through school choice, his or her position on the list will be held at the choice school until the district has objectively determined whether the choice school can provide appropriate special education and related aids and services for the student, and there is space in the program. If the Special Education program does not have space or the student's IEP or Section 504 plan cannot be implemented at the choice school, the student will be denied transfer into that choice school.

Please note: Current IEPs must be turned in with your application. All applications and documents are due by Jan. 22, 2016.

Contact Neena Bawa, Director of Schools, at neena.bawa@ousd.org if you have any additional questions regarding the Options Process. You can also go to the Student Assignment Center (746 Grand Avenue) to pick up the Options Guide when it is available on 12/7.