

August 27, 2014

AMEND BOARD REPORT 11-0824-PO2
~~ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR MAGNET, SELECTIVE~~

ENROLLMENT AND OTHER OPTIONS FOR KNOWLEDGE SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

~~THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:~~

That the Board amend the Admissions Policy For Magnet, Selective Enrollment and Other Options For Knowledge Schools and Programs.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide a comprehensive framework for enrollment in and the ~~operation of magnet, selective enrollment and other Options for Knowledge schools and programs in the~~

magnet cluster schools. To be considered for admissions, students who live outside of the attendance boundary must submit an application in accordance with the Options for Knowledge publication.

3. Selective Enrollment Elementary Schools and Programs ("SEES"): SEES provide programs and services that modify, supplement and support the standard education of students identified as gifted and talented, who consistently excel in general intellectual ability or possess aptitude or talent in a specific area. SEES schools consist of Regional Gifted Centers, Classical Schools, Academic Centers and International Gifted Programs, as further described below. CPS uses standardized testing admissions procedures for these schools and programs.

a. *Regional Gifted Centers* - A Regional Gifted Center is an elementary school or a program within an elementary school that offers a curriculum that is designed to meet the needs of gifted students and is foster inness, broader in scope, and presents subject matter in greater depth than is possible in

factors that relate to the census tract in which an applicant resides at the time of application. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing a true and correct address on all applications and

updating their current address with the Chicago Public Schools on a timely basis. The application address

will update a student's address with the system of record (IMPACT). CPS utilizes data in the following six areas to calculate SES scores and designate an SES tier for each census tract: (1) median family income, (2) adult educational attainment, (3) the percentage of single parent households, (4) the

process will be placed into the four SES tiers based on the applicant's address noted on the application. Lotteries will be conducted within each of the four SES tiers and applicants will be ranked in lottery order within each tier. If there are insufficient applicants within a tier to fill the allocated number of seats in that

particular SES tier, the unfilled seats will be divided evenly and redistributed across the remaining tier(s) as the process continues. A sufficient number of offers will be made in lottery order for each SES tier to fill the seats allocated to this lottery process. The remaining applicants will be placed on an applicant wait list by SES tier.

2 Elementary Magnet School Lottery Selections Non-Entry Level Applications to transfer to an

proximity and general wait lists, the school shall alternate between the proximity and general wait lists when enrolling students in accordance with the procedures established by the CEO or designee

6. NCLB School Choice: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CEO or designee may set aside a

~~Choice-receiving schools to conduct Choice lotteries for qualifying students~~

7. Principal Discretion: This policy does not authorize principals of magnet schools and programs to exercise principal discretion in the student selection process.

V. SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS - SELECTION PROCESS: Students

are selected for Regional Gifted Centers, Classical Schools, Academic Centers, International Gifted Programs and Selective Enrollment High Schools and High School IB Programs through academically

high schools offering an IB program applicants from partnering schools are given preference in the

to the extent that space is available. For remaining seats, applicants who satisfy threshold academic criteria are evaluated based on a combination of academic and interview criteria, with students receiving additional points if they reside within the school's attendance boundary. Applicants are ranked through a computerized process based on this combination of criteria with student selections made based on rank order.

Applications to enroll in a High School IB Program at a grade level other than the entry-level grade are

necessarily limited to, information regarding the applicant's residence or sibling status, the applicant shall be subject to immediate removal from the magnet or selective enrollment school or program to which admission was gained based on false information. The CEO or designee shall establish a process to

evaluate alleged fraud and make final determinations regarding student removal.

_____ CBO provides transportation services during the regular school days to students attending its

magnet schools and programs in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, any board reports related to specific schools and the following requirements. Subject to the availability of funding, the

following transportation services will be provided:

a. Transportation service is provided to those students attending an elementary magnet school who live more than 1.5 miles and less than 6.0 miles from the school in which they are enrolled.

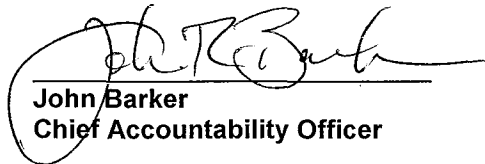
b. Transportation service is provided to those students attending a Regional Gifted Center who live more than 1.5 miles from the school in which they are enrolled (with the exception of Carnegie, _____ and _____, which provide transportation as described in the Options for Knowledge

of the requirements of this policy. The CEO or designee is further authorized to formulate and issue
CEIS principal discretion guidelines as specified in this Policy and issue revisions as needed to those

guidelines as necessary for the effective implementation of the requirements of this policy.

XIV. ENFORCEMENT: Violations of this policy or any guidelines, manuals or procedures issued pursuant to or in relation to this policy are prohibited. Employees of the Board who commit such violations will be subjected to severe penalties, up to and including termination. Students who are enrolled in violation of this policy will be subject to removal from that magnet or selective school or program.

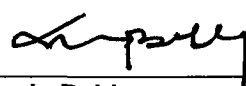
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