



Covid 19 Enrollment FAQs for 2020-21

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Q: Is the Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options office currently open?

A: All central offices are closed at this time due to Covid 19, however, all staff are working remotely. We are able to access phone calls and respond to emails, as well as process all paperwork related to Choice and Interdistrict Attendance Permits. We are also processing all Early Learning (pre K) applications for both 3 and 4 year olds.

Q: How can I reach someone to speak to? Where can I send an email inquiry?

A: For general enrollment inquiries, you can call our main line, (619) 260-2410 and either leave a voicemail message or speak to a staff member. You may also send an email inquiry to eoptions@sandi.net. For Early Learning (pre K) inquiries, you can call (619) 260-2450 or send an email inquiry to preschool@sandi.net.

Q: My child was enrolled via Choice into our current school, and we are going to enroll in a private/charter/homeschool/neighborhood school for 2020-21. Will the Choice school "save" my seat?

A: It is not possible to "save" choice seats if families enroll elsewhere. If parents choose to withdraw from a school (whether for a short time or for the entire year), they may apply for Choice for the following year.

Q: Will SDUSD change the priority choice application period for 2021/2022?

A: The Choice priority application period for 2021-22 will continue to be in the early fall from October 5 to November 16, 2020 and is aligned with District master planning calendars. The Choice application period is also set via a contract with our vendor.

Q: Will SDUSD change the date for the CHOICE lottery?

A: The Choice lottery will be conducted in mid-February, and is purposefully scheduled to take place in alignment with the budget and staffing planning process. However, we do accept late applications up until the Friday before the beginning of the new school year, and are processed after the lottery in time/date order of receipt.

Q: Will children who have to leave a school due to COVID related issues for 2020-21 have priority in the CHOICE lottery the following year to return to their Choice school?

A: Yes, applications submitted during the priority application window will have “move/continue” priority for Covid 19 related drops. However, acceptance and enrollment will be on a space available basis and cannot be guaranteed.

Q: If my family was forced to move due to Covid 19, can my child remain enrolled in our former neighborhood school?

A: Yes, the student can remain through the end of 2020-21, provided there is space available and the principal approves. If the family is not certain that they will be moving back to the attendance area, then they should apply for Choice to remain. These applicants would receive a “move/continue” weighted priority in the Choice lottery. If the family resides outside of the boundaries of SDUSD, an approved Interdistrict Attendance Permit will also be required, and enrollment is not confirmed until the permit is approved and on file.

Q: We are a military family with move orders to San Diego. We applied for Choice and were accepted. But the military has frozen our move orders due to Covid 19. Can we still enroll and participate in online learning?

A: Yes, with verification of moving orders, your child may be enrolled at the school and participate in online learning. Eligibility for enrollment of military pupils via move and/or housing orders is valid for the 6 months prior to the move order date.

Q: If our family was previously enrolled in SDUSD and moved out of state due to Covid 19, can we remain enrolled and participate in online learning?

A: The District is unable to provide enrollment to pupils who reside outside of the county of San Diego, or outside of districts with which we have Interdistrict Attendance Contracts. Families who reside out of state should enroll in their district of residence. The only exception to this applies to military families with housing orders in our district boundaries.

Q: How can SDUSD families enroll in the neighborhood school?

A: Parents wishing to enroll their children into their neighborhood school for school year 2020-21 may identify the neighborhood school at this link: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/cms/one.aspx?pagelId=28014518> and then contact the site enrollment staff via email for online enrollment support. Here is a link to the roster of email addresses of registrars and enrollment clerks by school level:

https://www.sandiegounified.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_27732394/File/Departments/Neighborhood%20Schools%20and%20Enrollment%20Options/Site%20Enrollment%20Clerk%20List/2019-20%20Site%20Enrollment%20Clerk%20list%20rev.%2005.20.2020_2eh.pdf

Please note that staff will be on summer break through August 17, 2020.

New to district families only (those with children never previously enrolled in SDUSD) may pre enroll online at this link: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=27732478&pagelId=28033802>

Q: Can parents still apply for Choice for 2020-21?

A: Yes, late Choice applications will continue to be accepted at this link:

<https://www.sandiegounified.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=27732478&pageId=28033817>

Late applications are processed in time/date order of receipt, and offers of enrollment are made only if there is still space available. The last day to submit a late Choice application for school year 2020-21 is Friday, August 28, 2020.

Q: Our child has been accepted via Choice and we reside in a different school district. What steps do we need to take to finalize enrollment?

A: You will need to submit an approved Interdistrict Attendance Permit from your district of residence to this email address: iap@sandi.net. Be sure to include all required documentation as outlined in the instructions. Here is a link to the form and the instructions:

https://www.sandiegounified.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_27732394/File/Departments/Neighborhood%20Schools%20and%20Enrollment%20Options/Interdistrict%20Attendance%20Permit/Interdistrict%20-%20-%20English.pdf