your guide to open enrollment
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January - open enrollment period
For this year’s enrollment schedule, please see insert or visit www.sanjuan.edu/openenrollment.

February - school assignment results mailed

3 ways to apply:

- online at www.sanjuan.edu/openenrollment
- in person at any San Juan Unified school
- stop by San Juan Central Enrollment & Family Services
  3700 Garfield Ave. in Carmichael

For a schedule of school visitations and orientations:
www.sanjuan.edu/openenrollment
Open enrollment is NOT determined on a first-come, first-served basis. A computerized random lottery will determine which students are accepted for their choice schools.
Open enrollment is required if ...

- You would like your student to attend a school other than your current school or school of residence, or
- Your student qualifies for the High Achiever Program and you want him/her to attend a middle school other than his/her school of residence, or
- You would like your student to attend any of the following schools: Carriage Elementary, Cowan Fundamental, Dewey Fundamental, Green Oaks Fundamental, Cambridge Heights Open, Mission Avenue Open, Orangevale Open (K-8), Arcade Fundamental (6-8) or El Camino Fundamental (9-12).

Open enrollment is not required if ...

- You want your student to continue in his/her current school or school of residence, or
- Your student is already enrolled with an approved intradistrict transfer or previous open enrollment placement.

K-6 and K-8 families: Students attending a K-8 elementary school - including Gold River Discovery Center, Kingswood, Lichen, Orangevale Open, Sierra Oaks, Starr King or Woodside - will remain at their current school for seventh and eighth grade. **Students who are attending other K-5 or K-6 schools, but are residents of a K-8 school, will automatically be returned to their K-8 school of residence for sixth or seventh grade.** If you would like your child to attend a middle school instead of a K-8, you must participate in open enrollment.

Who gets first priority?

first

- Sibling(s) of a student currently attending the requested school and who will continue to attend the requested school through the next school year.
- Students whose parent/guardian is assigned to that school as his/her primary place of employment.

second

- Students residing within a 40 percent superimposed radius of a non-boundary, choice school. **For more information, visit www.sanjuan.edu/rulemaps.**
- All students with a parent who is a full-time regular permanent employee of SJUSD.

third

- All students who are residents of the District and who do not qualify for first or second priority.

*When unique circumstances occur at a school site, such as school closure, program changes or overcrowding, the District may institute a specific priority to meet staffing and housing needs.*

Current school boundaries: www.sanjuan.edu/boundaries
Return rights: Students placed in any school requested through Open Enrollment relinquish their right to attend their residence area school, and the open enrollment school becomes the residence school.
Additional Programs & Information

**Open Schools:** Cowan, Dewey, Green Oaks, Arcade, Pasteur, Casa Roble and El Camino are **fundamental** schools that provide a highly structured learning environment founded in educational excellence. Each school strives to instill in each student a sense of responsibility, citizenship and pride in accomplishments. Cambridge Heights Ele., Mission Avenue Ele. and Orangevale Open K-8 are **open-structured** schools that provide learning opportunities in all subject areas as they relate to the individual needs and interests of the child. The emotional well-being of the student is a primary goal, and the community is used as an extension of the classroom. Active parent participation is strongly encouraged in both types of schools.

**Dual Language Immersion:** Thomas Edison offers a Dual Language Immersion program designed for both English-speaking and native Spanish-speaking students. The program offers students opportunities to learn two languages, explore rich cultures and be ready for the workforce of the 21st century. This program began in 2010 and is growing one grade level per year until it ultimately serves students in grades K-12.

**International Baccalaureate:** The IB program awards an internationally recognized diploma to students who complete the curriculum. Thomas Kelly Elementary is working toward becoming an IB Primary Years Program candidate school, offering an education with an international focus, inquiry- and action-based learning, second-language classes and an understanding of how people work together. Winston Churchill Middle School and Mira Loma High School currently operate IB Middle Years and IB Diploma programs. Both schools are recognized as IB leaders in the Sacramento region.

**Montessori:** The Montessori Program at Cottage Elementary provides a prepared environment in which children can be driven naturally to work and learn. This program encourages the child’s inherent love for learning by providing opportunities to be spontaneous and engage in meaningful activities under the guidance of Montessori-trained teachers. Throughout this program, children progress according to their individual potential while developing concentration, motivation, persistence and discipline.

**Special Education placements** are the responsibility of a student’s IEP team based on student needs and appropriate programs. Although Special Education students are entitled to participate in the open enrollment process, not all programs are available at all school sites.
For the latest on kindergarten and transitional kindergarten enrollment, visit www.sanjuan.edu/kindergarten.
For San Juan Central Enrollment & Family Services hours:

www.sanjuan.edu/sjcentral
(916) SAN-JUAN

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