

Schools of Choice 2022-2023

Elementary Schools, Grades TK-5 ♦ November 5 - December 3, 2021

WHO? Parents/guardians of school age children, who currently reside in the Ventura Unified School District boundary during the Schools of Choice (SOC) window, can apply for 1st and 2nd choices. Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022. For Transitional Kindergarten information, please contact the Curriculum & Instruction Department at (805) 641-5000 ext.1025.

WHAT? Schools of Choice (SOC) is the process Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) uses to give parents who reside in Ventura Unified School District boundary, a choice to select a school within VUSD that they feel will most benefit their child (VUSD Board Policy 5116.1). Schools and programs are identified based on space availability for additional students. *Schools of Choice* applications are selected for approval through a random and unbiased lottery. Applications are not selected on a first come, first serve basis. Upon acceptance of placement at one SOC school, the alternate selection is forfeited.

WHEN? THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS: NOVEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 3, 2021 (Deadline 4 PM). To participate in SOC, submission of application is required for every new incoming child/sibling.

HOW? You may apply online via the Ventura Unified School District's website (www.venturausd.org). For more information, or technical assistance please contact your VUSD school or the ESC Call Center, (805) 641-5000, English x1380, Spanish x1390.

Frequently Asked Questions...

- **How are students selected for *Schools of Choice*?** A lottery draw will occur after the application period closes.
- **Can I apply if my student has special needs (i.e. SDC-Special Day Class) Yes.** Special education services are available at all schools. Before you submit an application, contact your requested *School of Choice* or the Education Service Center staff listed below for a description of the special education services offered at the requested *School of Choice*. [Special Education Office, (805) 641-5000 ext.1123]
- **Can I apply if my student is an English Learner?** Yes. All schools have programs for English Learners. Before you submit an application, contact your requested *School of Choice* or the Education Service Center staff listed below for a description of the English Learner Program and academic support provided. [Multilingual/Multicultural Office, (805) 641-5000 ext.1081]
- **What if my child has a sibling already attending the desired school?** An application for the sibling must be submitted during the *School of Choice* window. These applications will be given priority if the older sibling is already in attendance and will continue attending the desired school for which the family is applying. For twins or multiples with same birthdate, a separate application is required for each child. The children will be counted together per Board Policy.
- **Will district transportation be provided?** No. Transportation will not be provided for any elementary *Schools of Choice*.
- **Can I apply if my child(ren) has never attended a Ventura Unified school or is enrolled in a private school?** Yes. First through twelfth graders may apply and incoming kindergarten students may apply prior to the kindergarten registration process. Proof of residence will be required before the student enrolls.
- **Upon acceptance of placement at one SOC, the alternate selection is forfeited.**
- **When will I be notified about the outcome of the lottery?** You will be notified by email and/or mail in early January 2022.
- **If my child(ren) is selected, must I reapply each year?** No. Once enrolled through *Schools of Choice*, the student becomes a member of that school community for the duration of the student's attendance at that level. There is no need for yearly re-application. However, the student may be subject to displacement if excessive neighborhood enrollment occurs. Any applicant not assigned to a *School of Choice* may reapply the following year.
- **Will there be a waiting list?** Yes. There will be a waiting list. Once the lottery is held, students are placed up to the number of seats available. If more seats become available, the school will be notified of more students accepted from the initial lottery and the families will be contacted. The wait-list is only good for one year.
- **Are there other opportunities to apply for schools after *Schools of Choice*?** Yes. The Intradistrict transfer process (students moving/transferring within or among Ventura Unified School District schools) is a process that becomes available when staffing and enrollments are finalized for the next school year. Intradistrict transfer forms are located on the VUSD website, www.venturausd.org, at all VUSD school sites, and at the *Education Service Center, Student Support Services, 255 W. Stanley Avenue #100, Ventura.*
- **For VUSD employees only:** With professional courtesy as per VUEA/VESPA contracts, you may apply for SOC even if you reside outside of the VUSD boundary. You are still required to submit an Interdistrict Transfer Agreement from your resident district.

All Elementary Schools:

- ATLAS School K-8, (805) 672-2701*
- Citrus Glen Elementary School, (805) 672-0220
- Elmhurst Elementary School, (805) 289-1860
- EP Foster Elementary School, (805) 641-5420*
- Juanamaria Elementary School, (805) 672-0291
- Junipero Serra Elementary School, (805) 672-2717
- Lemon Grove School K-8, (805) 289-1817
- Lincoln Elementary School, (805) 641-5438

- Loma Vista Elementary School, (805) 641-5443
- Montalvo Elementary School, (805) 289-1872*
- Mound Elementary School, (805) 289-1886*
- Pierpont Elementary School, (805) 641-5470
- Poinsettia Elementary School, (805) 289-7971
- Portola Elementary School, (805) 289-1734
- Sheridan Way Elementary School, (805) 641-5491*
- Sunset School K-8, (805) 649-6600
- Will Rogers Elementary School, (805) 641-5496*