

# **Bridgeport Board of Education**

## **Elementary Magnet School Sibling Policy**

A Sibling Policy has been adopted in order to encourage single rather than divided elementary school allegiances and thereby promote high levels of parental involvement and provide for continuity within the household.

**Definition:** Within the context of this policy, siblings are defined as children who reside in the same household with a common parent or legal guardian.

### **Priority Admission**

Priority admission will be granted to applicants for grades **K-3** with a sibling(s) currently attending grades **K-7** in the **same** magnet school to which they have applied **provided the applicant meets the requirements for admission.**

**This policy applies only to those students born by February 13, 2006, who have a sibling in a magnet school as of the 2005-2006 school year. The policy will no longer apply to students who have entered after the 2005-2006 school year.**

### **THE PROCESS**

#### **Kindergarten**

- A. Kindergarten applicants, who have met the entrance requirements, with a sibling(s) currently attending Grades K-7 in the same magnet school to which they have applied, will automatically gain admission into the school. Remaining spaces will be filled by non-sibling applicants.
- B. In the event the number of sibling candidates alone exceeds the number of spaces available, a sibling lottery will be held with the non-sibling lottery to follow.
- C. Twins, triplets, etc., will be treated as one unit in the lottery with their lottery numbers placed on the same lottery disk.

#### **Waiting Lists – Grades 1-8**

Waiting lists are established for students applying for grades 1-8. Sibling priority admission would apply only to grade K-3 as follows:

- A. At the lottery, sibling and non-sibling candidates will be drawn, by grade, from the same pool (i.e. bucket) with their names placed on waiting lists in the order in which they were drawn. When a sibling is drawn, his/her name will be identified as a sibling by placing a distinguishing notation alongside the name.
- B. When a vacancy occurs, siblings will be given preference for admission over non-siblings in the order in which their names appear on the waiting list.

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