

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is Public School Choice?

As the Dallas Independent School District seeks to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for college and career, Public School Choice will be a mechanism for growing the range of options so that all Dallas ISD students can attend a “**best-fit school.**”

A “best-fit school” is a school where educators can more meaningfully and deeply engage students by **tapping into their specific interests, aspirations, and preferred learning styles.** Choice Schools will showcase a single, school-wide “**anchor model**” around which all teaching and learning happens, such as a Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) model, a performing and visual arts model, or a Montessori model. In this sense, Public School Choice can be a game-changer for many students. It can change the lens through which they look at their own education.

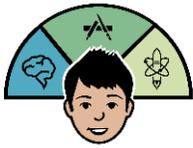
What are some examples of the types of school-wide choice anchor models?

- Montessori schools
- International Baccalaureate (IB) schools
- Single-gender schools
- Early college schools
- Personalized learning schools
- Military academies
- Leadership academies
- Schools for STEM, visual and performing arts, business/entrepreneurship, government/world affairs, and humanities
- Dual-language schools

What are the types of Public School Choice offerings?

Moving forward, all Public School Choice offerings in Dallas ISD will be formally placed under the following categories:

- **Magnet Schools:** This is a pre-existing list. The schools will stay the same as well as the academic entry requirements. The success of the district’s Magnet offerings is a key driver in the district’s commitment to expand a “best-fit” school for every child in Dallas ISD without academic entry requirements.
- **Transformation Schools (Choice School):** These are start-up campuses that design and implement a new school-wide Choice model. They do not have academic or parental entry requirements and showcase district-wide open enrollment procedures. They will open in previously vacant buildings, new school buildings, or in non-traditional spaces such as a co-location with a community college.
- **Innovation Schools (Choice School):** These are existing neighborhood schools that re-purpose the existing campus into a school-wide Choice model. They do not have academic or parental entry requirements. They stay in their existing facilities with current staff and continue to enroll students from their traditional attendance zones, maintaining their traditional neighborhood identities.



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Choice Programs: These are small scale choice programs that exist within a school. They are not school-wide models and not every student in the school participates. They may or may not have entry requirements.

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TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS

- BRAND NEW CAMPUS
- OPEN ENROLLMENT ACROSS THE DISTRICT
- VACANT BUILDING, NEW BUILDING OR NON-TRADITIONAL SPACE

TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS NOW OPEN

- D.A. HULCY STEAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
- INNOVATION, DESIGN, ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY AT JAMES W. FANNIN (PERSONALIZED LEARNING MODEL)
- EDUARDO MATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A MONTESSORI CAMPUS

TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS OPENING AUGUST 2016

- SOLAR PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AT JAMES B. BONHAM (STEAM MODEL)

TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS OPENING AUGUST 2017

- CITYLAB HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATION TBD (URBAN PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL)

CHOICE SCHOOLS

- TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION SCHOOLS
- SCHOOL-WIDE MODEL
- NO ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- 35 SCHOOLS BY YEAR 2020
- IDENTIFIED THROUGH ANNUAL PSC COMPETITIVE PROCESS

MORE CHOICE SCHOOLS WILL BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE 3.0 PROCESS FOR AN AUGUST 2017 (INNOVATION SCHOOLS) OR AUGUST 2018 (TRANSFORMATION SCHOOLS) LAUNCH.

INNOVATION SCHOOLS

- EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPUS
- SERVES TRADITIONAL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES
- STAYS IN EXISTING FACILITIES

INNOVATION SCHOOLS NOW OPEN

- WILLIAM L. CABELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PERSONALIZED LEARNING MODEL)
- DAN D. ROGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PERSONALIZED LEARNING MODEL)
- THOMAS C. MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL (PERSONALIZED LEARNING MODEL)
- BRYAN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL (LEADERSHIP MODEL)

INNOVATION SCHOOLS LAUNCHING AUGUST 2016

- MARTIN WEISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (LEADERSHIP MODEL)

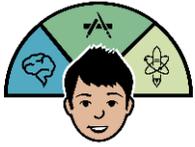
MAGNET SCHOOLS

- SCHOOL-WIDE MODEL
- ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- PRE-EXISTING LIST
- NOT IDENTIFIED THROUGH PSC COMPETITIVE PROCESS

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CHOICE PROGRAMS

- MAY OR MAY NOT BE SCHOOL-WIDE MODEL
- MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- HOUSED AT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
- NOT IDENTIFIED THROUGH PSC COMPETITIVE PROCESS



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How many new Choice Schools will be launched?

By the year 2020, Dallas ISD hopes to have launched 35 Choice Schools that reflect student, parent, educator and community demand. This includes both Transformation and Innovation Schools. Out of the 35 schools, our estimate is that approximately one-fourth will be *Transformation Schools* and three-fourths will be *Innovation Schools*.

It is important to note, however, that the number of Choice Schools also depends on the district's fund balance and the status of its Bond proposal. If, for example, the Bond does not pass, then the district would have to scale back the number of *Transformation Schools* it plans to launch by 2020.

Will new Choice Schools have attendance boundaries?

Innovation Schools will maintain their traditional neighborhood attendance zones, serving primarily the students within their boundaries.

Transformation Schools will be open enrollment schools, accepting students from across the district.

Why did the district decide to implement Public School Choice?

"Best-Fit Schools": Students need more access to schools that fit their individual needs.

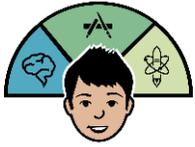
21st Century Preparation: As Dallas continues to grow and transform, so must its public education system. Thriving in the future requires the ability to think critically and creatively, solve problems with no obvious solutions, make judgments about alternative points of view, communicate effectively, work collaboratively with people from diverse backgrounds, and navigate unprecedented levels of information. Choice Schools, by tapping into student interests, learning styles, and aspirations, can help produce these desired outcomes.

Equity: Dallas ISD has some of the best *Magnet Schools* in the country, largely because *Magnet Schools* tap into what makes kids tick. Unfortunately, admission criteria and space limitations preclude many students from attending. Over the coming years, the Dallas ISD Office of Transformation and Innovation will help expand Public School Choice options for all students, regardless of their academic abilities or geographic constraints. All kids deserve a "best-fit school," not just the high-scoring kids.

Diversity: *Transformation Schools* will be new, district-run, open enrollment Choice Schools. If *Transformation Schools* offer attractive instructional options to families from all backgrounds, are open to all students across the entire district regardless of academic ability, and provide free transportation, you open up the possibility of students voluntarily moving from all areas of the city to attend school together. This could lead to more racially, geographically, and economically diverse schools than we have today.

Which schools are in the current cohort of Public School Choice?

The cohort launching in August 2015 is: Cabell Elementary (Personalized Learning *Innovation School*); Rogers Elementary (Personalized Learning *Innovation School*); Marsh Middle (Personalized Learning *Innovation School*); Bryan Adams High School (Leadership *Innovation School*); D.A.



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Hulcy STEAM Middle School (*Transformation School*); Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship Academy at James W. Fannin (*Transformation School*).

In August 2016, Solar Preparatory School for Girls at James B. Bonham will open. More schools will be identified through the Public School Choice 3.0 competitive process for an August 2016 launch.

The Choice School 2.0 cohort, selected in March 2016, is Martin Weiss Elementary (*Leadership Innovation School*) and CityLab (name pending board approval, location TBD)

Additional schools that possess “choice-like” attributes that pre-date the formal competitive process may be identified as Choice Schools as the Office of Transformation and Innovation conducts the Public School Choice Categorization Framework process.

Where can I find more information about Public School Choice?

Those with questions, concerns, or looking to find additional information may contact the Office of Transformation & Innovation:

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