

## School Choice Updates

10-9-20

“Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.”  
-Walter Elliot

## What's Happening Now

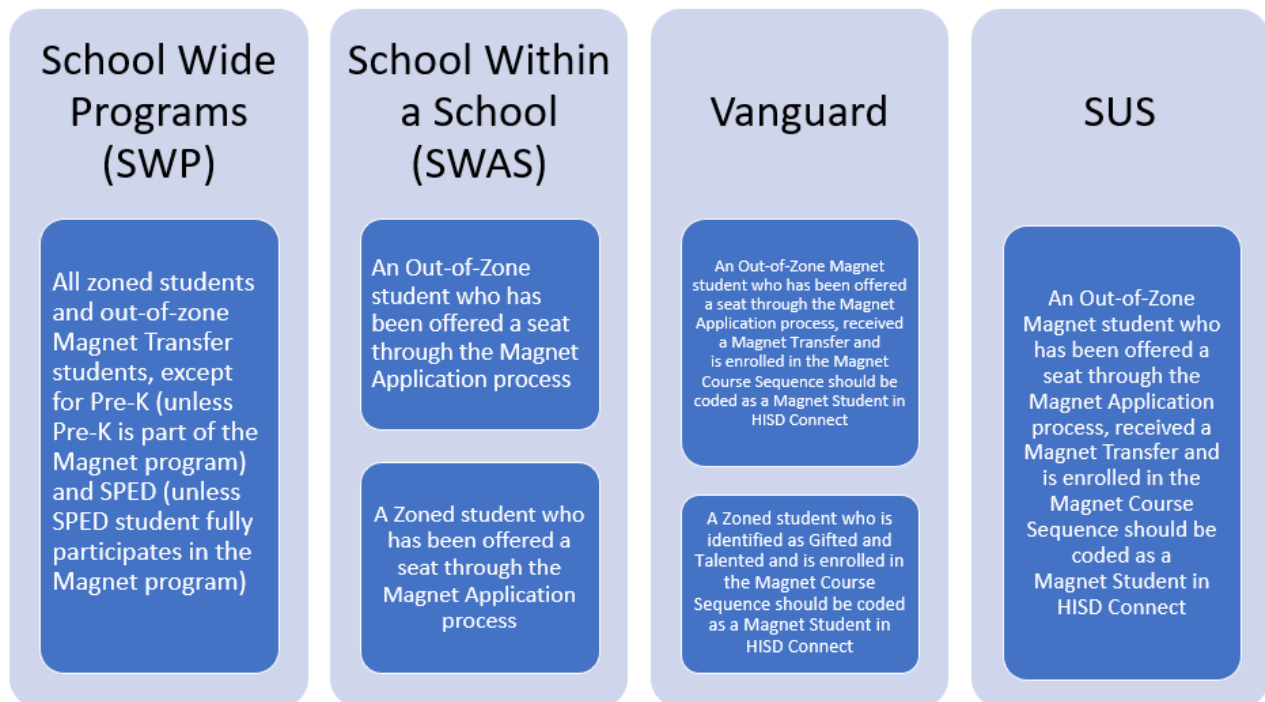
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## Updates

### Magnet HISD Connect Updates

The process for coding Magnet students, accessing the Magnet matrix, as well as the address exception report (type of transfer your students are on) in HISD Connect is now available.

A detailed guide can now be found in the Magnet PD TEAMS channel, as well as attached to this email. For a reminder of which students need to be coded at your campus, please see the graphic below.



## Processing Phase 1 Applications- Clearing Flags

All campuses should be qualifying or not qualifying applications, **except for Fine Arts campuses, high schools, and YWCPA**. However, all campuses can clear flags. Be sure to look out for the following:

Flags (Once addressed select “dismiss”)

Address (Be sure to check for “Out of District Employees”)

\*Siblings (Confirm or deny validity)\*

Please view this [video on Flags](#)

## Growth Plans

Thematic Growth Plans will be rolled out for the students entering the 2021-2022 School Year.

This year we will maintain the traditional Growth Plan expectations and process.

Refer to the September Magnet Meeting Presentation on Magnet PD Teams for more details.

Non-Renewal (Growth Plan) documentation is now available in the Magnet TEAMS PD Channel. Key Points to Remember:

Specific and targeted interventions work best

Parents must sign Growth plan (or certified mail)

Growth Plan must be for min. 1 grading cycle

Please note: Sending the warning letter is no longer required, the verbiage from the letter has been merged with the growth plan. Please use the growth plan documents uploaded to Magnet PD Teams **ONLY**. **\*\*Previous versions of growth plan documents will not be accepted\*\*.**

## Transportation

Because physical distancing limits school bus capacity, bus service will be limited to special education, homeless, elementary, and specialty school students. This includes elementary students at schools with magnet programs and all students at HISD's non-comprehensive specialty schools

Service may also be provided for some students in middle school as well as those who live along high-risk routes if resources are available.

Bus service will not be immediately provided to high school students, but could be provided later if health conditions improve and bus capacity increases.

Additionally, families that will be receiving transportation will be contacted by the Transportation Department with routing information next week. Please prepare for increased phone volume with questions pertaining to transportation.

## What's Next?

- Thematically Grouped Coordinator Meetings Beginning: **October 13, 2020** invites will be sent out for your respective meeting shortly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual School Choice Fair: **October 17, 2020** See flyers attached to the email and stored on Magnet PD Teams to distribute to your families
- Deadline for HISD Connect Magnet Coding (PEIMS Snapshot): **October 30, 2020**

## OSC Open Lab – Need Help? Have questions?

### Virtual Open Lab Hours

HISD  
School  
Choice  
HUNDREDS OF OPTIONS.  
ONE APPLICATION.

Office of School Choice Magnet Open Lab

Open Lab  
30 minutes  
Free

August 24

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	9:35 am	10:05 am	10:35 am
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Magnet Open Labs can now be booked online by visiting <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/OfficeofSchoolChoiceMagnetOpenLab@houstonisd.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>.