



School Choice

The Office of School Choice opens endless opportunities for the students of HISD. With equity at the center of everything it does, School Choice strives to make HISD programs accessible to all students, regardless of the neighborhood they live in or their socioeconomic status. With over 15 specializations including aviation, careers, college preparatory, medical, Montessori, fine arts, and STEM, students are prepared for successful college and career experiences in a competitive and rapidly-evolving world.

What does School Choice support?

Magnet School Programs

Magnet School Programs offer students a unique opportunity to attend schools with specializations such as health and sciences, language-immersion, and many more. HISD has a robust portfolio of 121 magnet programs at 112 schools—this means that almost 40% of all HISD schools have an associated magnet program! Nearly 56,000 HISD students are enrolled in magnet programs, over one quarter of the district’s entire student population. HISD exemplifies what it means to be a district of choice.

Student Transfers

The Office of School Choice processes all **student transfers** for students of families wishing to attend a non-zoned HISD school. Through the transfer process, students who meet transfer eligibility criteria at schools with available space and principal approval can receive a transfer. Currently, HISD offers 20+ different transfer types, each of which falls into one of three buckets: choice programs, open enrollment transfers, and special transfers.

Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP)

The U.S. Department of Education sponsors the **Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)** to help bridge achievement gaps by increasing diversity in schools through funding distinctive education programs. HISD has been awarded a nearly \$15 million grant through the Magnet School Assistance Program, more commonly referred to as MSAP. The grant will establish or expand STEM programs at six schools.