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**Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) School Information**

**Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy at Rusk**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/RuskSchool
Magnet Theme: Biotechnology
Grade Levels: 6-8
Address: 2805 Garrow Houston, TX 77003
Phone: 713-226-4543

**Davila Elementary School**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/davilaes
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine
Grade Levels: K-5
Address: 7610 Dahlia Houston, TX 77012
Phone: 713-924-1851

**Deady Middle School**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/deadyms
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine
Grade Levels: 6-8
Address: 2500 Broadway St. Houston, TX 77012
Phone: 713-845-7411

**Milby High School**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/milby
Magnet Theme: Aerospace, Engineering, and Medicine
Grade Levels: 9-12
Address: 1601 Broadway St. Houston, TX 77012
Phone: 713-928-7401

**Wesley Elementary School**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/wesleyes
Magnet Theme: Aerospace and Engineering Professions
Grade Levels: K-5
Address: 800 Dillard Houston, TX 77091
Phone: 713-696-2860

**Booker T. Washington School**
Website: www.houstonisd.org/washingtonhs
Magnet Theme: Aerospace and Engineering Professions
Grade Levels: 6-12
Address: 119 East 39th Houston, TX 77018
Phone: 713-696-6600

All students featured in the School Choice brochure are either current or past students participating in HISD Choice Schools.
The Houston Independent School District’s School Choice Program opens up endless opportunities for our students. They can attend excellent neighborhood schools – but they also have the option to enroll in one of our career academies, health and sciences magnet schools, high school college preparatory academies, international schools, language-immersion schools, and many more.

HISD has a robust portfolio of 112 magnet programs at 121 schools, with programs such as language immersion, single-gender preparatory, and STEM. This means about 40% of our schools have an associated magnet program! With nearly 56,000 of our students enrolled in magnet programs, that’s over a quarter of our entire student population. HISD exemplifies what it means to be a district of choice.

With equity at the center of everything we do, we strive to make our programs accessible to all students, regardless of the neighborhood they live in or their socioeconomic status. With over 15 themes, 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.

In this booklet, you will find useful and detailed information about the programs HISD offers. My hope is that this information assists you in finding the perfect school for your student.

Grenita F. Lathan, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools
Career and Technology Education (CTE) programs provide courses in diverse career concentrations to prepare students for a vast range of professional and occupational workforce opportunities. A number of programs prepare students for vocational certifications, while others offer dual credit courses that provide a chance to earn college credit while in high school. For more information, visit http://www.HISDCareerReadiness.org/plan/programs.

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Austin HS
- Baylor College of Medicine Biotech Academy at Rusk
- Baylor College Of Medicine Academy At Ryan
- DeBakey HS for Health Professions
- Heights HS
- HS for Law and Justice
- Lamar HS
- Northside HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Waltrip HS
- Washington HS
- Yates HS

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHOICE PROGRAMS

Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- North Forest HS
- Washington HS
- Westside HS
- Worthing HS

Architecture & Construction

- Milby HS
- Scarborough HS
- Washington HS
- Wisdom HS
CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHOICE PROGRAMS (continued)

**Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications**
- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Heights HS
- Kashmere HS
- Lamar HS
- Northside HS
- Sharpstown HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Yates HS

**Business, Marketing, & Finance**
- Austin HS
- Bellaire HS
- Heights HS
- Kashmere HS
- Lamar HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS
- Wisdom HS
- Yates HS

**Education & Training**
- Austin HS
- Scarborough HS
- Wheatley HS
- Worthing HS

**Health Science**
- Chavez HS
- Furr HS
- Heights HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS
- Sharpstown HS
- Waltrip HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS

**Human Services**
- Lamar HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS

**Information Technology**
- Austin HS
- Heights HS
- Madison HS
- North Forest HS
- Northside HS
- Waltrip HS
- Washington HS
- Westbury HS
- Wheatley HS
- Worthing HS

**Law and Public Service**
- Chavez HS
- North Forest HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Westbury HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Wisdom HS

**Manufacturing**
- Austin HS
- Heights HS
- Madison HS
- Milby HS
- Wisdom HS

**Hospitality & Tourism**
- Lamar HS
- Milby HS
- Northside HS
- Westside HS
- Wheatley HS
- Worthing HS
Barbara Jordan Career Center is the only career center in Houston ISD. Students at Furr High School, Heights High School, Sam Houston Math, Technology, and Science Center High School, Kashmere High School, North Forest High School, Northside High School, Booker T. Washington High School, Wheatley High School, and Yates High School are eligible to take career classes at Barbara Jordan Career Center either in the morning or the afternoon. Students take their academic classes and stay involved in all extracurricular activities at their home campus. Transportation to the career center is provided. Barbara Jordan offers classes in the following career pathways: Auto Tech, Construction Tech, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Health Science, Marketing, and Welding.
SINGLE-GENDER COLLEGE PREP

Single-Gender College Preparatory programs prepare students in grades 6-12 for higher education and life with rigorous academics and opportunities to develop leadership, critical thinking, and decision-making skills. With a focus on pre-AP and AP courses and exposure to the demands of college and career, students have a strong foundation for future success throughout the school community. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121513.

SINGLE-GENDER COLLEGE PREP MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Mickey Leland College Prep Academy
- Young Women’s College Prep Academy

FUTURES ACADEMY MAGNET PROGRAMS

- Furr HS
- Jones Academy
- Kashmere HS
- Long Academy
- Scarborough HS
- Sterling Aviation HS
- Washington HS
- Westside HS

FUTURES

The Futures Academy Program gives students the opportunity to earn an Associate’s degree and valuable industry certifications in high-demand career fields while in high school through a collaboration with Houston Community College. The Futures Academy programs are specifically tailored to meet the current and future needs of Houston’s thriving industries, which include the fields of medicine, shipping, energy, manufacturing, and computer technology. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/60413
Parents and families are encouraged to learn more about the schools that are of interest by participating in a campus tour throughout Phase One (September 25 – November 5). Each Magnet campus will conduct tours on Thursday when school is in session. Elementary and K-8 Magnet campuses will host tours at 9:00 am. Secondary and 6-12 Magnet campuses will host tours at 1:00 pm.

Campus tours allow families to visit and gain firsthand knowledge about the school and curriculum. Campus tours are a great way to observe the classrooms, additional learning environments, meet campus staff, and receive assistance with submitting an application.

**EARLY COLLEGE MAGNET PROGRAMS**

- Challenge Early College HS
- East Early College HS
- Houston Academy For International Studies
- North Houston Early College HS
- South Early College HS

**THURSDAY MAGNET TOURS**

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Early College High Schools provide students the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate degree or up to two years of college credit through a collaboration with Houston Community College – tuition free. The Early College model provides a personalized environment that blends high school and college in a rigorous yet supportive environment that provides academic and social support services to ensure student success. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/152790.
ISD’s Vanguard magnet programs serve students who have been identified as gifted and talented in intellectual ability or creativity. Vanguard curricula is both accelerated and continually rigorous. Students study interdisciplinary units that emphasize higher-level thinking, problem solving, and creativity. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121459.
Fine arts programs allow students to explore their creative nature through specialized instruction in music, visual arts, theater, dance, writing, and more. Young artists work together to produce high-quality performances, publications, and exhibitions that reflect their understanding of the arts, develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, and enhance their self-esteem. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/120690.

FINE ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

**Elementary Schools**
- Atherton ES
- Bell ES
- Bruce ES
- Burbank ES
- Burrus ES
- Codwell ES
- Cook Jr ES
- Crespo ES
- Crockett ES
- Garden Villas ES
- Kashmere Gardens ES
- Longfellow ES
- Lovett ES
- Macgregor ES
- Parker ES
- Patterson ES
- Poe ES
- Scroggins ES

**ES/Middle School**
- Gregory-Lincoln Education Center

**Middle Schools**
- Fleming MS
- Key MS
- Lawson MS
- Marshall MS
- Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts MS
- Ortiz MS
- Pershing MS
- Welch MS

**High Schools**
- Kashmere HS
- Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
- Westbury HS
VISUAL ARTS

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International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools offer challenging educational programs that focus on problem-solving and independent critical thinking skills to help students learn, work, and live comfortably and productively as global citizens. IB schools operate through a nonprofit international foundation that authorizes IB status through an extensive process including teacher training, an IB-team visit, curriculum review, and interviews throughout the local community. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121499

IB MAGNET PROGRAM
- Durham ES
- Fondren MS

IB CHOICE PROGRAMS
Elementary Schools
- Briargrove ES
- Durham ES
- Harvard ES
- Herrera ES
- Northline ES
- Poe ES
- River Oaks ES
- Roberts ES
- Rodriguez ES
- St. George Place PK-5
- Twain ES

ES/Middle Schools
- Briarmeadow K-8
- Wharton K-8

Middle Schools
- Hogg MS
- Lanier MS
- Ortiz MS
- Tanglewood MS

MS/High School
- Sharpstown International 6-12

High Schools
- Bellaire HS
- Chavez HS
- Heights HS
- Lamar HS
- Yates HS
The International Studies program allows students to learn about varied cultures, learn to speak different languages, and learn to use technologies important in our global society. Students learn the communication skills necessary to succeed in our rapidly-changing world. Students have various opportunities to learn about Houston’s many cultures and study abroad. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121483.

International Studies Magnet Program

- Sharpstown International School (Grades 6-12)

Montessori

ISD’s Montessori schools emphasize highly personalized learning for each child to develop his or her own interests and full potential. Every classroom is equipped with special materials designed to work with the whole student to develop social skills, emotional growth, physical coordination, and cognition. Class communities emphasize independent, purposeful work, and collaborative explorations. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121476.

Montessori Magnet Programs

- Blackshear ES
- Garden Oaks ES
- Wilson Montessori K-8

International Studies
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) schools prepare students for the most in-demand 21st century jobs that help fuel our local economy and our nation’s growth. Elementary and middle school STEM programs offer a broad spectrum of STEM activities such as robotics, environmental science, health science, and engineering. The STEM high school portfolio provides an array of industry-specific disciplines that prepare students to enter a pipeline of talent for medical, energy, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professions. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121479.
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programs integrate art into the STEM curriculum by drawing on design principles and encouraging creative solutions. These programs aim to teach students to think critically and have an engineering or design approach toward real-world problems while building on their math and science base. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121479.

STEAM MAGNET PROGRAMS

Elementary Schools
- Shadowbriar ES
- Stevens ES

High School
- Westside HS
- Westside HS
- Shadowbriar ES
- Stevens ES

STEM - Architectural Design (MS)
STEM - Biotech (MS)
STEM - Technical Drafting (HS)
STEM - Petro Engineering (HS)
STEAM - Material Science (ES)
STEM - Chemistry (HS)
Dual language programs promote instruction in two languages as equally important, giving English speakers the gift of bilingualism and allowing English-as-a-second language students to retain their own language while mastering English. HISD uses a model of a minimum of 50% to a maximum of 80% of daily instruction in the non-English language. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/DualLanguage.

**DUAL LANGUAGE MAGNET PROGRAMS**
- Helms ES
- Wharton K-8 Dual Language Academy

**DUAL LANGUAGE CHOICE PROGRAMS**

**Early Childhood Center**
- Farias ECC
- Laurenzo ECC

**Elementary Schools**
- Ashford ES
- Briscoe ES
- Browning ES
- Burnet ES
- Condit ES
- Coop ES
- Daily ES
- DeAnda ES
- Durham ES
- Durkee ES
- Elrod ES
- Emerson ES
- Fondren ES
- Gregg ES
- Herod ES
- Herrera ES
- Hobby ES
- Law ES
- Love ES
- Mading ES
- Martinez C ES
- Memorial ES
- Patterson ES
- Pugh ES
- Roosevelt ES
- Rucker ES
- Scarborough ES
- Shearn ES
- Sherman ES
- Smith K ES
- Twain ES
- Wainwright ES
- Whidby ES
- White M ES

**ES/Middle School**
- Reagan Education Center PK-8

**Middle Schools**
- Black MS
- Burbank MS
- Hamilton MS
- Hartman MS
- Hogg MS
- Meyerland MS
- West Briar MS

**High School**
- Heights HS
Language Immersion schools instruct students in the specialty language of the school for half the instructional day and in English for the other half. This balanced approach employs rigorous academic standards in core subjects while providing biliteracy and bilingualism. Currently, HISD offers Immersion Language programs in Arabic, French, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Page/121482.

The foreign languages and cultures program allow students to learn and grow in languages other than English. Students will have access to a variety of languages that they can study. For more information, visit https://www.HoustonISD.org/Domain/8037.

Language Immersion Magnet Programs

- Arabic Immersion Magnet School
- Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet PK-8

Language Immersion Choice Program

- Mark White ES
  French Immersion Program

Languages & Cultures

Language Magnet Programs

- Kolter ES
- Pin Oak MS
- Bellaire HS

Arabic Immersion

Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion

French Language Immersion
HISD has 155 elementary campuses with Pre-K that provide nurturing environments for young learners to reach their highest potential, as well as 8 Early Childhood Centers (ECC) which cater specifically to our youngest learners. Early childhood education offers our youngest learners strong foundations built on solid concepts, as well as individual and group discovery.

HISD residents may attend any neighborhood school for prekindergarten.

To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten program, a child must:
- Be four years of age on or before September 1 of a given school year.
- Live within the boundaries of the Houston Independent School District AND meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Child is homeless
  - Child unable to speak or understand English as determined by the Home Language Survey
  - Child is economically disadvantaged
  - Child of an active-duty member of the U.S. military or one who has been killed, injured, or missing in action while on active duty
  - Child is or has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code
  - Child meets any eligibility criteria for Head Start
  - Child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer as defined in Section 3106.002, a firefighter as defined in Section 3106.003, or an emergency medical first responder as defined in Section 3106.004

HISD offers prekindergarten on a tuition basis to students who do not meet the eligibility requirements to attend prekindergarten for free. Tuition-based students can only be enrolled into an HISD prekindergarten program once all eligible students have been enrolled. Tuition-based enrollment begins after June 3, 2021.

### Early Childhood Centers

- Bellfort ECC ................. PK - K
- Farias ECC .................... PK
- Fonwood ECC ................. PK - K
- Halpin ECC ..................... PK - K
- King ECC ..................... PK - K
- Laurenzo ECC ................. PK - K
- Mistral ECC ................... PK - K
- Neff ECC ...................... PK - 1
Prekindergarten students can apply for magnet programs in the areas of Dual Language, Language Immersion, and Montessori. Students can learn English and a foreign language simultaneously in the focus areas of Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic. In addition to language Pre-K programs, HISD offers Montessori program that emphasizes a highly personalized learning plan for each child to develop his/her own interests and full potential. Pre-K Magnet transfers function as a traditional magnet transfer and do not expire when the child enters Kindergarten through the final Magnet grade level served by the program. The transfer maintains its validity as long as the student participates in the Magnet program they are enrolled.

**PRE-K MAGNET PROGRAMS**

- Arabic Immersion Magnet School .......... Language Immersion ............... Pre-K 4
- Blackshears ES ................................ Montessori .......................... Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4
- Garden Oaks Montessori ........................ Montessori .......................... Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4
- Helms ES .............................................. Dual Language ............... Pre-K 4
- Mandarin Immersion Magnet School ...... Language Immersion ............... Pre-K 4
- Wharton Dual Language Academy ........ Dual Language ............... Pre-K 4
- Wilson Montessori ............................... Montessori .......................... Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4

A student qualifies for a transfer if the student requires a special education program not available at the zoned campus. Siblings of a student under a special education transfer may also qualify to transfer to that student’s transfer school. The campus ARD/IEP committee will determine which instructional and related services are required and recommends appropriate locations for services based on the IEP currently in effect and space availability.
BOUNDARY OPTIONS

HISD students in a limited number of school zones have a Boundary option to attend a designated relief school on a space available basis. Other than address, there are no other qualifying criteria. Each campus in collaboration with the Office of School Choice will determine available space for Boundary Option transfers based upon school enrollment and building capacity. The Office of School Choice will hold a lottery if there are more transfer requests than seats available.

Boundary Option Schools

- Boundary Option to Pin Oak MS from Long MS, Meyerland MS, and Pershing MS
- Boundary Option to West Briar MS from Revere MS
- Boundary Option to Lamar HS from Wisdom HS
- Boundary Option to Westside HS from Wisdom HS
- Boundary Option to Mark White ES from Briargrove ES, Emerson ES, Pilgrim Academy, and Piney Point ES
- Boundary Option to Baylor College of Medicine at Ryan for incoming 6th graders from Blackshear ES, Lockhart ES, and MacGregor ES

CHARTER SCHOOLS

HISD charter schools are independently-operated public schools that have the freedom to design classrooms that meet their students’ needs.

- Energized for Excellence - ECC
- Energized for Excellence - ES
- Energized for Excellence - MS
- Energized for STEM - Southeast HS
- Energized for STEM - Southwest MS
- Liberty HS
- Mount Carmel Academy
- Texas Connections Academy
- Young Learners School
- Young Scholars Academy
The 2021-2022 HISD school choice application is available online. Paper applications can be downloaded at [http://ChooseHISD.com](http://ChooseHISD.com).

Parents can rank their choice from 1-10. Families can choose a maximum of 5 Magnet programs and between 5 to 10 Choice programs to apply to.

School choice application deadline for Phase One. All Pre-K 4 TEA Eligible applications submitted by this date will be entered into lotteries.

Families must complete their ranking by this day and are not able to change their school ranking after April 30, 2021.

Phase 2 begins for Pre-K4 TEA eligible. Phase 2 applications are considered strictly on a space available basis.

Phase 1 Pre-K4 TEA Eligible documentation submission for Lottery consideration uploaded.

Pre-K4 TEA Eligible parents will learn the outcome of their children’s applications. Families will have two weeks to accept or decline an offered seat in a school choice program, only one offer may be accepted. Once a seat has been accepted or if the student’s first choice has been offered, all other seats offered will be automatically declined. You will not be removed from the waitlist of higher ranked schools.

Pre-K3 TEA Eligible and Tuition Pre-K4 Notifications are eligible for offers.

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<td>November 6, 2020</td>
<td>School choice application deadline for Phase One. All qualified in-district applications submitted by this date will be entered into lotteries or be offered auditions. Families must complete their ranking by this day and are not able to change their school ranking after November 6th.</td>
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<td>January 28, 2021</td>
<td>Parents will learn the outcome of their children’s applications. Families will have two weeks to accept or decline an offered seat in a school choice program, only one offer may be accepted. Once a seat has been accepted or if the student’s first choice has been offered, all other seats offered will be automatically declined. You will not be removed from the waitlist of higher ranked schools.</td>
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<td>Application deadline for Phase Two. All qualified in-district applications received between November 7, 2020 and this date will be considered for the Phase Two Transfer Options.</td>
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<td>Phase Three begins. Starting on this date, only in-district applications from students new to HISD and out-of-district applications will be considered depending on space availability.</td>
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The 2021-2022 HISD school choice application will be offered online or through a paper application. Applying takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The online application can be accessed by visiting HISDChoice.com. The paper application can be found at http://ChooseHISD.com. Before starting, gather documents and information, such as your child’s HISD student I.D. Number, for reference.

School Choice Rankings
When applying to HISD schools, parents may apply to a combination of 10 School Choice transfers with no more than 5 Magnet applications. For example, a parent or guardian can apply to 4 Magnet and 6 Program Choice transfers or 1 Magnet and 9 Program Choice transfers.

Online Application Tips
- Go to HISDChoice.com to start an online application.
- Create a login using an email that you check frequently.
- Search schools and programs, you want to apply to.
- Fill out the application and electronically sign and submit it.
- Apply to no more than 10 total schools, with a maximum of 5 Magnet and between 5 to 10 Choice programs.
- Parents can log back into their account to complete or update the application at any time.
- Monitor the status of your application online by viewing application updates through your account. Login using the email address provided when you created your account.
- Login to check the status of the lottery results on January 28th.

Paper Application Tips
- Download the paper application by visiting http://ChooseHISD.com.
- Hand-deliver or mail a completed paper application and required documents to each magnet program to which you apply or to Hattie Mae White Education Support Center, Office of School Choice 4400 West 18th Street Houston, TX 77092.
- Monitor the status of the application by contacting the schools to which you applied to and see if any additional steps are required.
- HISD will send a letter notifying you of your lottery results on January 28th.
**MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS AND CHOICE OPTIONS**

- **Grandparent Affidavit**
  The Grandparent In District transfer is only for students with Parent/Guardians living outside HISD’s boundaries and a grandparent who lives within the boundaries of HISD. The grandparent must provide a substantial amount of after-school care for the student. The transfer is to the grandparent’s zoned school.

- **Hardship**
  A student may qualify for a hardship transfer to attend a school near the parent’s place of employment or the child’s after-school care if extenuating circumstances prevent the student from enrolling into their zoned school. A transfer may be granted if it is in the best interest of the student.

- **Home Field Advantage**
  The Home Field Advantage (HFA) transfer is designed to ensure that students can remain at a campus even if their family moves to another neighborhood during the school year.

- **Homeless**
  To the extent feasible, the district will attempt to keep a homeless child in the “school of origin,” except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child’s parent or guardian. The district shall serve homeless children according to their best interests. “School of origin” refers to the school the child attended when they became homeless or the school in which the child was last enrolled.

- **Public Education Grant**
  Students who are enrolled in schools that have received an Improvement Required rating by the Texas Education Agency in both Student Achievement domain and the School Progress domain will be placed on the 2020-21 PEG list. Schools with space available as determined by the Area Schools Office may accept PEG transfers. The Area Schools Office will advise the Office of School Choice annually if out-of-district PEG transfers will be accepted.

- **School-Based Employee**
  A student with an HISD parent or guardian may qualify to transfer to the parent/guardian’s school work location if the receiving school has space available to accept the student.

- **Violent Crime Victim**
  A student who becomes a victim on campus of a violent criminal act is entitled to transfer to another grade-appropriate campus with space available. A victim of bullying or sexual assault also qualifies for a transfer to a campus other than where the person who committed the offense attends. Schools eligible to receive Violent Crime Victim transfers are selected by the Area School Office using criteria from No Child Left Behind Act and space availability.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**
A student qualifies for a transfer if the student requires a special education program not available at the zoned campus. Siblings of a student under a special education transfer may also qualify to transfer to that student’s transfer school. The campus ARD/IEP committee will determine which instructional and related services are required and recommends appropriate locations for services based on the IEP currently in effect and space availability.
SCHOOL LOCATIONS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS D-K

- Daily
- Davila
- De Zavala
- DeAnda
- DeChaumes
- Dogan
- Durham
- Eliot
- Elmore
- Elrod
- Emerson
- Field
- Foerster
- Fondren
- Foster
- Franklin
- Frost
- Gallegos
- Garcia
- Garden Villas
- Golfcrest
- Gregg
- Grissom
- Gross
- Harris, J. R.
- Harris, R. P.
- Hartsfield
- Harvard
- Helms
- Henderson, J. P.
- Henderson, N. Q.
- Herod
- Herrera
- Highland Heights
- Hilliard
- Hines-Caldwell
- Hobby
- Horn
- Isaacs
- Janowski
- Jefferson
- Kashmere Gardens
- Kelso
- Kennedy
- Ketelsen
- Kolter
MIDDLE SCHOOLS

1 Attucks
2 BCM Biotech Academy At Rusk
3 Baylor Academy at Ryan
4 Black
5 Burbank
6 Clifton
7 Cullen
8 Deadly
9 Edison
10 Fleming
11 Fondren
12 Fonville
13 Forest Brook
14 Hamilton
15 Hartman
16 Henry
17 High School Ahead
18 Hogg
19 Holland
20 Key
21 Lanier
22 Las Americas
23 Lawson
24 Marshall
25 McReynolds
26 Meyerland
27 Navarro
28 Ortiz
29 Pershing
30 Pin Oak
31 Project Chrysalis

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS 6-12

1 Long Academy
2 Mickey Leland College Prep
3 Sharpstown International
4 Young Women's College Prep
HIGH SCHOOLS

1. Austin
2. Bellaire
3. Carnegie Vanguard
4. Challenge Early College
5. Chavez
6. DeBakey
7. East Early College
8. Eastwood
9. Energy Institute
10. Furr
11. HAIS
12. Heights
13. Houston MTSC
14. Kinder HSPVA
15. Jones Futures Academy
16. Kashmere
17. Lamar
18. Law and Justice
19. Madison
20. Middle College at HCC Fraga
21. Middle College at HCC Gulfton
22. Milby
23. North Forest
24. North Houston Early College
25. Northside
26. Scarborough
27. Sharpstown
28. South Early College
29. Sterling
30. Waltrip
31. Washington
32. Westbury
33. Westside
34. Wheatley
35. Wisdom
36. Worthing
37. Yates

CHARTER/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

1. Energized for Excellence ECC
2. Energized for Excellence ES
3. Energized for Excellence MS
4. Energized for STEM Central - MS
5. Energized for STEM HS
6. Inspired for Excellence West
7. Liberty HS
8. Mount Carmel
9. Texas Connections
10. TSU Charter
11. Young Learners
12. Young Scholars
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