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HISD school choice applications for 2020-2021 school year available on Friday

First of five school choice fairs slated for Saturday at Sterling Aviation ECHS

Sept. 23, 2019 – Houston Independent School District parents can begin applying for their child to enter a school choice program for the 2020-2021 school year on Friday, Sept. 27. The district's first of five school choice fairs will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Sterling Aviation Early College High School.

HISD offers a comprehensive selection of magnet programs at 112 schools to meet students' academic needs and interests, as well as program transfer options to every school in HISD.

HISD magnet programs include College & Career Readiness, Fine Arts, Futures Academy, International Specialty Schools, International Baccalaureate, Language Immersion Schools, Language Programs, Montessori, S.T.E.M. & S.T.E.A.M., Single-Gender College Preparatory, and Vanguard. HISD program transfer options include Boundary Option, Career/Technology Education, Dual Language, and International Baccalaureate.

Important dates to remember:

- **Sept. 27:** Magnet applications become available online at [HISDChoice.com](https://www.hisdchoice.com) and in paper form from your child's school or at the Office of School Choice.
- **Upcoming School Choice Fairs:**
 - **Sept. 28:** 9 a.m. to noon at Sterling Aviation ECHS, 11625 Martindale Road, 77048
 - **Oct. 12:** 9 a.m. to noon at Washington High School, 119 E. 39th St., 77018
 - **Nov. 2:** 9 a.m. to noon at Sharpstown High School, 7504 Bissonnet St., 77074
 - **Nov. 16:** 9 a.m. to noon at Milby High School, 1601 Broadway St., 77012
 - **Feb. 15:** 9 a.m. to noon at Northside High School, 1101 Quitman St., 77009
- **Dec. 6:** Applications due for Phase I consideration. Qualified in-district applications will be entered into lotteries or offered auditions.

Weekly tours at every magnet campus will be offered on Thursdays beginning Oct. 3 through Dec. 5, except for the weeks of Halloween and Thanksgiving. Elementary and K-8 schools will welcome parents beginning at 9 a.m. Middle and high schools will begin their tours at 1 p.m. All schools will offer 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. tours on Nov. 21 and Dec. 5.

Parents interested in a Vanguard (Gifted & Talented) magnet program may visit HoustonISD.org/Magnet or call 713-556-6947. To learn about testing qualifications and dates, visit HoustonISD.org/Vanguard or call Advanced Academics at 713-556-6954.

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