

Nonresident School Capacity Recommendation

April 9, 2024



Nonresident Student Enrollment

Statute requires districts to declare projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students by May 1 and make available to public by June 1

- October 10, 2023 - Board Policy JBCC: Enrollment of Nonresident Students adopted
- April 9, 2024 – Nonresident open seat recommendation presentation to Board of Education
- June 1, 2024 – Number of seats open to nonresident students will be published

Resident Student Enrollment

Implemented resident transfer process

- Resident transfer applications received
 - 3 elementary requests for open seats
 - 1 middle school request for open seat
 - 3 high school requests for open seats
 - 7 requests for schools without open seats
 - Future applications will not list closed schools
- Employee requests for new/different school placement
 - 8 elementary
 - 2 middle school
 - 1 high school

Nonresident Enrollment Process

Application will be required for any nonresident student not currently enrolled with SPS in 2023-2024

- Applications will be available starting June 1 on the SPS website and are due by June 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm.
- Number of seats in each school (capacity) open to nonresident students will be posted on June 1
- Applications will only be accepted for schools that have not exceeded school or grade-level capacity
- Nonresident enrollment applicants will be notified of decision prior to July 15

Lottery Process

If transfer applications exceed capacity of requested school and/or grade level, a random confidential lottery process will be used to determine accepted applications

- Each applicant's name will be listed on a card and placed in the lottery pool
- Lottery selection will be done by randomly selecting student names from applicant pool
 - Students will be drawn and listed in order of selection
 - Open seats will be filled by selected students until all seats are filled
 - Siblings of students selected in the lottery will have priority for other open seats in the school
 - If no open seat is available at the sibling's grade level, the sibling will not be approved for enrollment at that school

Nonresident Capacity Process

Elementary process used to determine open seats for nonresident student enrollment

1. Considered current year enrollment by reviewing student numbers on 9/20/23 and on 1/30/24
2. Set the preferred class size at the middle of our normal class size range
3. Calculated a grade level target enrollment number per grade if we plan for 4 sections of K and 3 sections of 1-5
4. Subtracted the actual enrollment from that grade level target
5. Considered overall school enrollment
6. Closed schools with enrollment over 390

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Elementary Open Seat Recommendation

Building	K openings	1st openings	2nd openings	3rd openings	4th openings	5th openings	Total Enrollment
Coronado	0	0	0	0	0	0	401
Cottonwood	8	0	4	3	22	18	297
Heusner	0	0	0	0	0	7	366
Meadowlark	0	0	0	0	0	0	414
Oakdale	18	6	10	16	16	23	264
Schilling	0	0	0	0	7	13	386
Stewart	0	0	0	0	0	0	396
Sunset	2	0	0	0	0	11	343

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Secondary process used to determine open seats for nonresident student enrollment

1. Considered current year enrollment by reviewing student numbers on 9/20/23 and on 1/30/24
2. Considered overall school enrollment
3. Set the preferred grade level target
4. Subtracted the actual enrollment from that grade level target
5. Closed middle schools with enrollment over 750
6. Closed high schools with enrollment over 1,000

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Middle School Open Seat Recommendation

	6th openings	7th openings	8th openings	Total Enrollment
Lakewood Middle	15	37	30	674
South Middle	0	0	0	768

High School Open Seat Recommendation

	9th openings	10th openings	11th openings	12th openings	Total Enrollment
Central High	29	25	57	40	909
South High	0	0	0	0	1062

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Other Notes:

- There will be no provision for transportation of a student who lives outside school residency area
- Student may not be eligible for immediate participation in athletic/school activities at middle and high school due to KSHSAA guidelines
- Nonresident enrollment process does not pertain to employee nonresident students attending designated school enrollment pattern set by SPS
- Once accepted, applications will not be required each year
- Evaluation of student in good standing will be conducted each spring

Nonresident Enrollment Process

Nonresident Enrollment Timeline:

- April 9 – Nonresident school capacity recommendation provided to Board of Education for adoption
- June 1 – SPS publishes number of open seats available to nonresident students
- June 1 thru June 30 – Nonresident applications accepted
- July 15 – Nonresident applicants notified of school assignment

It is recommended that you approve projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students as presented.

Questions?

