



New Haven School Change
NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL CHOICE PLACEMENT PROCESS

SY 15-16: How did we do?

SY 16-17: What's next?

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VISION STATEMENT

Empower families to make informed school choices that best fit their child's academic and social needs to ensure their success in college, career and life.

Priorities:

To provide a clear articulation of our school options and the policies and procedures in place to ensure equitable placement in schools.

To ensure school enrollment enables effective planning and education in schools.

EFFORTS TO INCREASE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SY 15-16

MODIFICATIONS

- ❑ Aligned KG Registration and Application Periods
- ❑ Hosted KG, “Kickoff Sessions” at School Readiness/Head Start Sites
- ❑ Enhanced placement system to identify unregistered rising KG students
- ❑ Established waitlist for KG applicants opting for their neighborhood school as their 1st Choice
- ❑ Rolled in July 1 Transfer Process into Choice Process

OUTCOMES

- ❑ Increased understanding of KG enrollment process
- ❑ Increased the number of KG students registered and placed prior to the summer months as opposed to fall.
- ❑ Increased number of siblings reunited in same school
- ❑ Decreased the number of disengaged families
- ❑ Decreased the number of applications submitted with only one choice
- ❑ Families engaged in education planning in Spring rather than Summer
- ❑ Increased the demand for Neighborhood Schools

HOW DID WE DO SY 15-16

- ✓ 7,773 Total Applicants, 5,203 Placements
- ✓ 72% of KG applicants, offered 1st choice school
- ✓ 78% of Gr 9 applicants, offered 1st choice school
- ✓ 76% of Sibling applicants were placed

WHERE ARE WE GOING!

- ✓ Convene Choice & Enrollment Advisory Committee
 - Review 2012 Redistricting Report
 - Identify challenges with School Choice Placement Process
 - Develop short & long term goals
 - Review policy recommendations
 - Support long term enrollment planning
- ✓ Formalize placement procedures, policies and protocols
- ✓ Continue efforts to increase family engagement efforts
- ✓ Continue to enhance choice placement system (user-friendly, data reporting, etc.)

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❑ NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHOICE EXPOS
 - ✓ Wednesday, February 3, 2016 @ Floyd Athletic Center
 - ✓ Saturday, February 6, 2016 @ East Rock & Wilbur Cross

- ❑ SCHOOL CHOICE NIGHTS
 - ✓ February – March @ Schools & Community Organizations

- ❑ Kindergarten Kickoff Registration Sessions
 - ✓ February – March @ School Readiness & Headstart Sites

- ❑ SCHOOL CHOICE PLACEMENT PROCESS TIMELINE
 - ✓ Application period opens: Wednesday, February 3, 2016
 - ✓ Application period closes: Sunday, March 13, 2016
 - ✓ School Selection Process conducted: Tuesday, April 12, 2016
 - ✓ Response period (Accept/Decline Placement) Friday, May 6, 2016
 - ✓ Waitlist Placements: Biweekly starting May 20, 2016