

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 283

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### TITLE: Park Spanish Immersion Admissions

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the procedures for admission to Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School.

#### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

St. Louis Park Public Schools is committed to providing equitable access to outstanding immersion education, and to providing Spanish immersion education opportunities to as many interested students and families as possible.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

TBD - Date to be determined on an annual basis.

Sibling - One of two or more children or wards related by blood or adoption through a common legal parent; or through the marriage of the children's or wards' legal or biological parents residing in the same household of a student enrolled at Park Spanish Immersion in grades K- 4, at the time the child makes application.

District Employee – Any individual who receives a paycheck from the district related to work at any site or in any department. This does not include independent contractors.

Native Spanish Speaker - An individual who acquired Spanish as their first language, typically growing up in a household or country where Spanish is the primary language of communication.

Preschool - an educational and developmental service for children from 33 months through 5 including, Early Learning Pre-School and Kids Place Pre-School.

#### IV. KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION

A. The total number of seats available for students entering kindergarten will be determined on an annual basis by the Superintendent, with a goal of maximizing access to Spanish immersion education for interested students and families.

B. If Park Spanish Immersion has more applications for Kindergarten enrollment than seats available, ~~the District~~ **St. Louis Park Public Schools** will conduct a lottery to determine which students will receive seats. ~~The District~~ **St. Louis Park Public Schools** must give priority to (not in specific priority order):

- a. enrolling siblings of currently enrolled students,
- b. children of ~~the school district's~~ **St. Louis Park Public Schools** staff, ~~and~~

- c. students who are native Spanish speakers as defined in Section III and who are residents of St. Louis Park, ~~and~~
  - d. students who spent at least two years in St. Louis Park Public Schools preschool and who are residents of St. Louis Park, and
  - e. ~~Additionally, the district~~ students who are residents of St. Louis Park, ~~St. Louis Park Public Schools~~ must give priority to St. Louis Park residents, although any limit on non-resident students under the Enrollment Options Law must comply with School Board Policy 509 and Minn. Stat. § 124D.03, and
  - f. students whose applications are related to an approved integration and achievement plan.
- C. After the priority seat allocations noted above have been made, the administration will determine the remaining number of seats. For any remaining seats, a computer-generated lottery will be held on [T.B.D.], by ~~the district's~~ St. Louis Park Public Schools Enrollment Center, the Park Spanish Immersion principal and district administration. If there are more applicants than seats available, students will be wait-listed as described below.
- D. **Waitlist.** Seats that become open during the applicant's kindergarten or first grade year will be filled from the waitlist in the order the names appear on that wait list, with priority given to those who reside in St. Louis Park. Students whose names appear on the waitlist will be assessed in the order their names appear on the waitlist to determine whether their Spanish language skills are sufficiently developed to enable them to participate meaningfully at the appropriate grade level. The wait list will be maintained only until the end of the applicant's first grade year.

## V. FAMILIES WHO MOVE

- A. St. Louis Park resident students who are attending PSI before the family moves out of ~~the district~~ St. Louis Park Public Schools boundaries may remain at the school.
- B. Students who are open-enrolled and are attending PSI may remain at the school if their family moves to another school district.
- C. Incoming kindergarten students receiving desegregated transportation who have attended school before their family moves out of Minneapolis may remain at the school.
- D. ~~The district~~ St. Louis Park Public Schools will not provide transportation to students who move out of ~~the district St. Louis Park Public Schools~~ or who were receiving desegregated transportation and move out of Minneapolis.

## VI. PROCESS FOR LATERAL ADMISSIONS

Resident students entering Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade who wish to be considered for

admission to Park Spanish Immersion must apply for admission no later than the [T.B.D.]<sup>1</sup> day of school for that year. Non-resident students seeking lateral admission will be considered in accordance with the open enrollment requirements of Minn. Stat. §124D.03. If seats are available in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade, following completion of the waitlist process described in paragraph IV(D), a computer-generated lottery will be held for each grade level to determine the order in which students will be assessed. After the list has been established, students will be individually assessed in the order the students' name appears on the computer-generated list, to determine whether their Spanish language skills are sufficiently developed to enable them to participate meaningfully at their grade level.

**VII. ANNUAL ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Administration will submit an enrollment report to the Board annually.