

*The following information was gathered for the purpose of summarizing Oakland, Berkeley, Albany and West Contra Costa elementary school enrollment policies to use as a guide. Everything was sourced from each city's admissions and enrollment department.*

## **Berkeley Unified School District**

FAQs:

- **What elementary school is my student going to attend?**
  - *Elementary schools are divided into three attendance zones:*
    - Northwest Zone: Berkeley Arts Magnet, Jefferson, Rosa Parks and Thousand Oaks
    - Central Zone: Berkeley Arts Magnet, Cragmont, Malcolm X, Oxford and Washington
    - Southeast Zone: Emerson, John Muir, and Malcolm X
  - *District-wide kindergarten options:*
    - Sylvia Mendez (formerly LeConte) Two Way Immersion Elementary School (open to incoming kindergarten students from all Berkeley attendance zones).
    - Your child will be assigned to an elementary school in his/her attendance zone or Sylvia Mendez Elementary Two Way Immersion.
  
- **What percentage of families gets their first choice of placement?**
  - About 72 percent of our families get their first choice of school.
  
- **What if I am unhappy with my student's placement school? Is there an appeal process?**
  - You may request to place your student on a waitlist for one or more schools.
  
- **Is there sibling priority for school placement?**

- Yes. Assigning siblings to the same school is a priority.
  
- **What proof of Berkeley residency is required for admission?**
  - Three approved proofs of Berkeley residency must be shown at the time of enrollment.
  
- **What if I have moved to a new address?**
  - Once you move, you must provide the Admissions Office with three proofs of Berkeley residency.
  
- **What if I do not live in Berkeley and want my children to attend a BUSD school?**
  - Non-Berkeley residents will be considered after all Berkeley residents are placed and if there is space available in the requested grade. Permission for an inter-district transfer must first be granted from the school district in the city where the child resides before being considered for placement in a Berkeley Public School.
  
- **How are the waiting lists made?**
  - Through a lottery, students are given a waitlist number.

*For more information and for middle and high school enrollment information visit:  
<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/>*

## **Oakland Unified School District**

FAQs:

- **What elementary school is my student going to attend?**
  - Prioritization is given to students who:

- first: have a sibling(s) in a school, that will continue at the school during 2018-19
    - second: live within the neighborhood boundaries of the desired school.
  - All remaining applicants that are not prioritized by sibling or neighborhood will be placed into the general lottery. Parents are encouraged to select six elementary schools or three middle/high schools they wish their child to attend to ensure that their child receives one of their selections.
  
- **How many schools can I apply to?**
  - Every student can select 6 schools to apply to. In addition, we will automatically create an extra application to your neighborhood school, so you won't need to include it as part of the group of schools you select.
  - We ALWAYS try to give each student her/his highest-ranked school if it is available.
  
- **How does the waitlist work?**
  - Waitlist assignments are automatically determined by the order in which you rank your schools and the particular offer you receive. For example if you rank 7 schools (including your neighborhood school), and we can make an offer to your 4th-ranked school, you will automatically be placed on the waitlists for your higher-ranked schools (e.g. #1, #2, & #3)

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## **Albany Unified School District**

FAQs:

- **Can students attend a school that is not near their home?**
  - The entire district is only one square mile. Parents may request a school site through the open enrollment/ preference process. There is no guarantee of placement at a specific school.

- **What is the definition of a resident student?**
  - A student who lives with his/her parent(s) or court-appointed guardian in a home in the city of Albany.
  
- **Does Albany enroll students who do not live in the city of Albany?**
  - Yes. Students who do not live in the city may apply to attend Albany schools. Non-resident students are placed after all resident students on a space available basis.
  
- **What are the schools in Albany?**
  - Cornell, Marin, Ocean View, Albany Middle-School, Albany High

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## **West Contra Costa Unified School District**

FAQs:

- **What cities are in West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD)?**
  - El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, Kensington, El Sobrante and North Richmond
  
- **What school is my student going to attend?**
  - The West Contra Costa Unified School District assigns students to schools according to designated attendance areas.

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