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OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2010-11 WILL BEGIN MAY 3 IN LOS ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Los Angeles—Monday, May 3, is the starting date to apply for open enrollment transfers in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the 2010-11 school year.

The District's state-mandated open enrollment policy enables students anywhere in LAUSD to apply to any regular, grade-appropriate Los Angeles public school with designated open enrollment seats. By May 3, all schools will have reference lists in their main office with the names of the campuses with open enrollment seats available in 2010-11, as well as the number of seats available at each site. This information may also be downloaded from the web at: <http://www.lausd.net>. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, June 1**.

While the final numbers are still being determined for the coming year, it is anticipated that approximately 10,000 seats will be available at approximately 250 schools based on staff's knowledge of new housing and other demographic trends in the local attendance area. Last year, the District had 9,500 seats at 186 schools.

The LAUSD does not provide school bus transportation for the open enrollment program. Thus, District officials suggest that parents /guardians plan the driving distance between their residence and the schools they are requesting when selecting an open enrollment school.

Open enrollment transfers are issued on a space-available basis only. No student living in a particular school's attendance area will be displaced by a student requesting an open enrollment transfer. A new application must be submitted when an open enrollment transfer student is ready to enroll at the next school level (elementary to middle school, for example). Because of limited space, enrollment at the next school level in the regular feeder pattern is not guaranteed through the open enrollment process, and the student must reapply and be selected in a random drawing if space is limited. For example, an open enrollment transfer student who attends Hale Middle School is not guaranteed a spot at El Camino Real High School, the senior high school in Hale's feeder pattern.

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Beginning May 3, parents/guardians can obtain open enrollment transfer applications at their child's current LAUSD school of attendance or at any LAUSD school. Applications may be downloaded from the web at: <http://www.lausd.net> .

When the application is completed with the signature of the principal (or a designated alternate) for information purposes only at the current school of attendance, the application can be dropped off or mailed to the requested school site.

Parents/guardians may apply for open enrollment transfers to as many schools as they wish. If parents/guardians are applying to send several children to the same school, they must complete a separate application for each child.

After the application period ends on June 1, schools with more applications than seats available will hold random-selection drawings on June 4 to determine who will receive invitations to enroll. Schools where applications have been submitted will notify parents/guardians of drawing locations and times. Parents/guardians may attend the drawings if they wish.

After all designated open enrollment seats at a school are allocated, the drawing will continue with the remaining applications. The applicants' names will be placed on a numbered waiting list in the order drawn. If one of the students in the initial group decides not to enroll, then everyone moves up on the waiting list. However, if one sibling's name is drawn for a transfer, then all siblings who applied to the same school will also be granted transfers.

The District requests that parents/guardians who have applied to, and received enrollment invitations from, more than one school notify the other schools after they have made their decision about which school to attend. This will allow the school to release a designated seat to another applicant.

For schools with open enrollment space remaining, the deadline to apply will be Friday, Sept. 24. Parents/guardians may apply to those schools, as long as seats are available, even if their children were not selected to attend other schools under the earlier open enrollment application process. Once the September deadline has passed, no new applications will be accepted for the 2010-11 school year.

Open enrollment transfers are valid until a student completes the final grade level at the school where the transfer is granted. Students must reapply if they want to transfer to a different school, including matriculation from one school level to the next (example: from elementary to middle school or from middle to senior high school).

For additional general information about open enrollment transfers, parents/guardians may call the District's Office of School Operations, (213) 241-5337. After the application period begins on May 3, it is recommended that parents/guardians call directly to their child's current school.

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