

Winter Hill Proximity Options for kindergarten enrollment for SY25

Background

During the priority registration period for School Year 2023-2024 (January - mid February 2023), 310 kindergarten students were entered into the lottery. 99% of these students were assigned to their first choice school for kindergarten regardless of their proximity school .

In addition, 19 kindergarten students did not need to enter the lottery as they were assigned to SEI-1 classrooms (13 students) or substantially separate special education classrooms (6 students).

Only three kindergarten students did not get their first choice regardless of proximity. All three kindergarten students were then offered a seat at their first choice school by the start of the school year.

Lottery which occurred in March 2023 for SY24

Lottery for Fall 2023 Enrollment	# of student offered a seat via the lottery	# of students on the waitlist in March after the lottery
UNIDOS	42	0
AFAS	48	0
BRN	45	2 with KDY and HEA proximity
CAP	26	0
EAST	11	0
HEA	16	0
KDY	46	1 with BRN proximity
WSNS	43	0
WHCIS	33	0

SY22-23

During the priority registration period for School Year 2022-2023 (January - mid February 2022), 303 kindergarten students were entered into the lottery. 100% of these students were assigned to their first choice school for kindergarten regardless of their proximity school .

Lottery which occurred in March 2022 for SY23

Lottery for Fall 2022 Enrollment	# of students offered a seat via the lottery	# of students on the waitlist in March after the lottery
UNIDOS	46	0
AFAS	41	0
BRN	44	0
CAP	34	0
EAST	5	0
HEA	22	0
KDY	46	0
WSNS	34	0
WHCIS	31	0

Winter Hill Community Innovation School Proximity Zones for SY24-25

Based on SY23-24 enrollment data, and as we anticipate enrollment numbers to remain fairly stable, a change to the proximity zone for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School is not required. However, due to the temporary relocation of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to the easternmost section of the City, the Enrollment Office is proposing a temporary proximity zone to accommodate families who live west of the Sycamore Street location. The Enrollment Office recommends that:

- Families **registering for kindergarten**, living **west of Sycamore Street**, are **offered** the opportunity to choose Brown School, Healey School or Kennedy School as their proximity school.

Intradistrict Transfers for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School Students

In SY22-23, we received only three requests for an intradistrict transfer out of Winter Hill Community Innovation School kindergarten following the announcement of the change in location to the Capuano Early Childhood Center. As a result, we do not believe this change will adversely affect Winter Hill Community Innovation Schools' future enrollment. With the planned renovation of the current boxing club area at the Edgerly, we anticipate this will improve the likelihood families will choose Winter Hill Community Innovation School especially if they have new kindergarten siblings entering the Somerville Public Schools.

We do not know if we will be able to offer transportation in future years, therefore, this flexibility seems reasonable.

