



## The Office of School Choice

# Revisions to School Board Policy 6400 School Choice (Formerly School Board Policy 5004.1)

April 2024

# Introduction

## Rationale:

Policy 5004.1 needs to be revised to align with changes within the District's framework and processes, as well as any associated Florida Statutes. Language and definitions need to be updated for clarity and cohesiveness. Wherever possible, specificity of dates certain will be eliminated to make the policy adaptable to the District's needs now and in the future.

## Purpose

- Present School Board Policy 6400 (formerly 5004.1)
- Solicit community feedback

## Request of Community

- Review slides and redline
- Provide recommendations for consideration

## Financial Impact

None

## 2022-2027 Strategic Plan

### Guardrails

#### **Guardrail 1 - Equity:**

The Superintendent may not allow resources to be allocated without firm evidence of their equitable distribution.

#### **Guardrail 2 - Accountability:**

The Superintendent may not allow the District to operate without an accountability system for policy implementation that includes expectations, evaluation, transparency and continuous improvement.



# Overview

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# Policy Revisions- Rationale

Current Policy Number	Policy Title	Urgency- Impact on district operations	Summary Statement for all Revisions
5004.1	School Choice	<p>The current policy limits the flexibility needed to support population shifts and District enrollment.</p> <p>Currently, the application window opens within the first week of December each year and closes in February. Families are then notified of their award(s) in early March.</p> <p>Currently, applications for Nova schools are only accepted during the first application window.</p> <p>The current policy does not include updated language aligned to Florida Statutes.</p>	<p>The proposed changes will:</p> <p>Create an earlier timeline receiving choice/magnet applications and awarding seats</p> <p>Increase our ability to be more competitive with other academic institutions.</p> <p>Enable the District to more effectively address stakeholders' school assignment requests, as they vary from year to year.</p> <p>Throughout the policy, several updates were made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate redundant language</li> <li>• Correct grammar and improve word choice for consistency and clarity</li> <li>• Update departments, programs, and names of assessments</li> </ul>



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Page(s)	Section	Proposed Revision	Rationale
5	I. Definitions School Capacity	Add term/definition:  School Capacity - The number of seats available, as determined by SBBC's designated District Department, with consideration of site gross FISH, permanent FISH, and site-based programming.	The proposed term/definition clarifies the District's method for determining seat availability and allows maximization of student enrollment.
11; 17; 25	IV. Programs Application Process	Change window to an earlier timeframe for receiving reassignment/choice applications and awarding seats	The proposed change allows notification of the application window no later than October 1 <sup>st</sup> and seats to be awarded prior to Winter Break.



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17-18	IV. Programs 3. Nova Schools B. Application Process	Allow parents to submit applications to attend the Nova schools during each application window.	The proposed change creates equity in the application process.



# Next Steps

- May 14, 2024 - Regular School Board Policy Workshop
- June 18, 2024 - Regular School Board Meeting for Adoption (tentative)



# Community Input





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