



# Student Assignment Update

Round 1 for the 2008-09 School Year

March 7, 2008

# Presentation Outline

- Current Student Assignment Process
- Capacity and Demand
- Choice
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# Current Student Assignment Process

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- The goal of our student assignment process is to provide all students with an equitable opportunity to attend a school of their choice
- The process was designed to preserve parent choice in school assignments while maintaining integrated schools and equal access to adequate instruction

# Current Student Assignment Process

- Applies to all SFUSD schools except Lowell High School and the School of the Arts
- Incorporates several important considerations:
  - Parent choice
  - Sibling priority
  - Access to programs that meet specialized learning needs
  - Enrollment in a school close to home
  - Enrollment diversity defined to include multiple characteristics

# Current Student Assignment Process

- Race is not a factor in the Student Assignment System.
- Students are assigned as close to home as possible when they do not get one of their choices through the Student Assignment System.
- The most significant determinants of a student's school assignment are parental choice and school capacity.

# Outreach and Recruitment

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- Continued community meetings and workshops for families that traditionally have lower Round One participation rates
- Staffed additional application drop off sites
- Presented information in primary languages of audience
- Held workshops in the evenings and on weekends

# Capacity and Demand

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**For 2nd year in a row more kindergarten families are applying to the SFUSD**

- We received **4,330** kindergarten applications compared to **3,972** last year (358 more applications)
- We received 4,347 9th grade applications compared to 4,238 last year (109 more applications)
- We received 2,985 6th grade applications compared to 3,144 last year (159 fewer applications)

# Capacity and Demand

**Several schools received triple digit increase in total demand for Kindergarten this year:**

- **L.R. Flynn** received an increase of 112 Kindergarten requests, (69% increase)
- **Fairmount** received an increase of 116 Kindergarten requests, (62%)
- **Grattan** received an increase of 157 Kindergarten requests, (45%)
- **Miraloma** received an increase of 133 Kindergarten requests, (42%)

# Capacity and Demand

**52 schools received double digit increase in total demand this year compared to 42 schools last year.**

- **Mckinley** received an increase of 39%
- **Harvey Milk** received an increase of 38%
- **S.F.Community** received an increase of 32%
- **Monroe** received an increase of 27%
- **Sunset** received an increase of 26%
- **International Studies Academy** received an increase of 20%

# Capacity and Demand

- Most Requested Elementary Schools (K)

School	Capacity	Requests	Siblings	# Apps per Seat
Rooftop	60	1055	30	35
Clarendon	40	986	27	76
West Portal	60	875	21	22
Lawton	60	741	8	14
Lilienthal	60	708	25	20

# Capacity and Demand

- Most Requested Middle Schools (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

School	Capacity	Requests	Siblings	# Apps per Seat
Hoover	344	1397	39	5
Presidio	370	1362	57	4
AP Giannini	396	1321	58	4
Roosevelt	261	698	28	3

- 47% of all 6<sup>th</sup> grade applicants listed Presidio and 46% listed Hoover as a choice

# Capacity and Demand

- Most Requested High Schools (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

School	Capacity	Requests	Siblings	# Apps per Seat
Lincoln	550	3,134	113	7
Washington	650	2,994	120	5
Lowell	670	1,909	0	3
Galileo	634	1,629	37	5

- 72% of all 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants listed Lincoln as a choice

# Choice

# Attendance Area Requests

- **Kindergarten**

- 18% of kindergarten applicants listed their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 44% of kindergarten applicants listed another attendance area school that was not their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 37% of kindergarten applicants listed a school that has no attendance area as their first choice

# Attendance Area Requests

- **6th Grade**

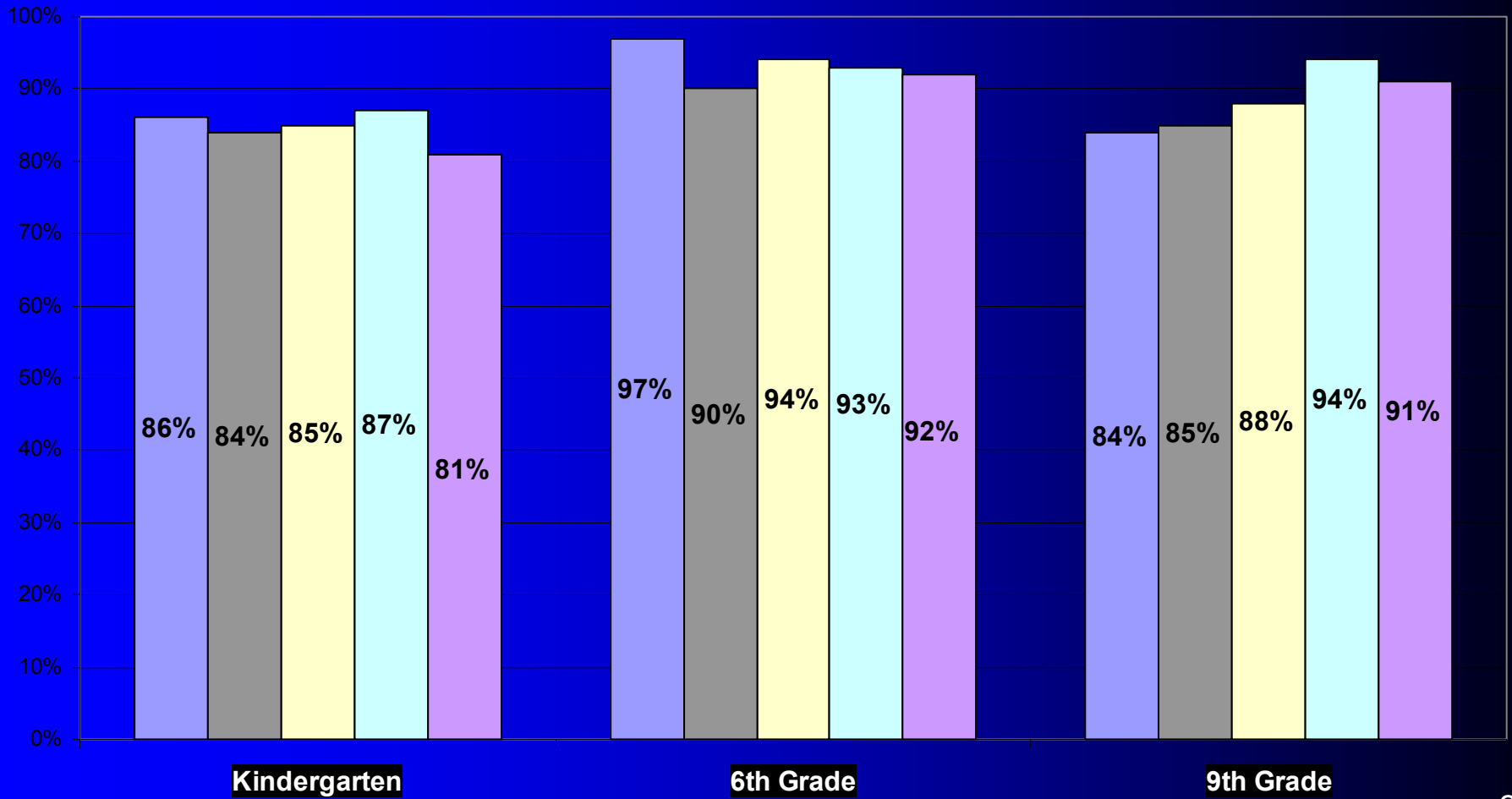
- 25% of 6th grade applicants listed their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 65% of 6th grade applicants listed an attendance area school that was not their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 10% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade applicants listed a school that has no attendance area as their first choice

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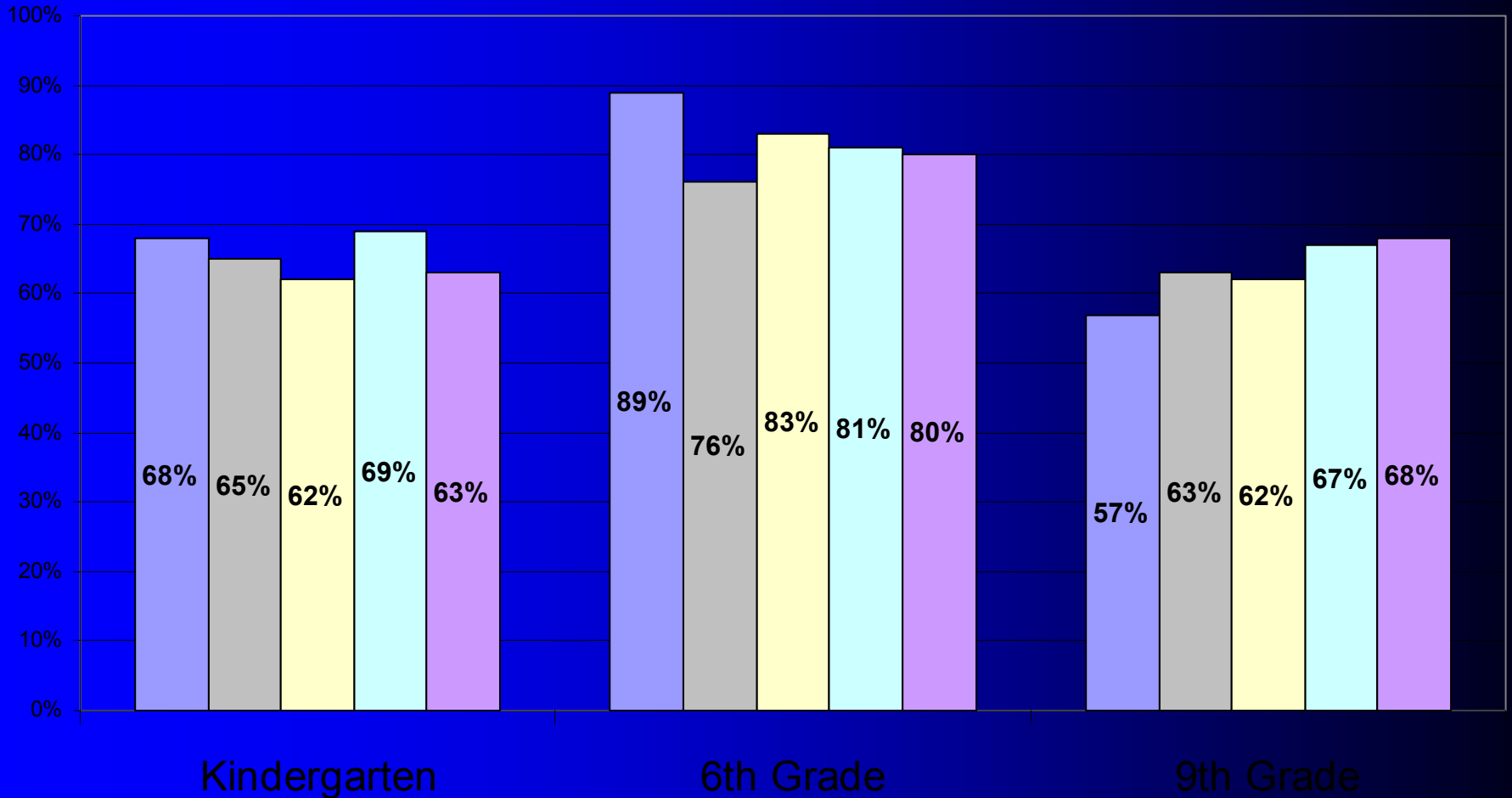
- **9th Grade**

- 26% of 9th grade applicants listed their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 28% of 9th grade applicants listed an attendance area school that was not their own attendance area school as their first choice
- 45% of 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants listed a school that has no attendance area as their first choice

# Overall (K-12) 82% Assigned to a School of Their Choice



# Overall (K-12), 63% Assigned to their first choice school



# Options For Families

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- Register at School
- **Elementary School Counseling Sessions**
  - Thursday March 13, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Jose Ortega ES, 400 Sargent Street
  - Saturday March 15, 10:00 am-noon  
Starr King ES, 1215 Carolina Street
- **Secondary School Counseling Sessions**
  - Tuesday March 18, 6:00-8:00 pm  
John O'Connell High School, 2355 Folsom Street
  - Thursday March 20, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Excelsior Middle School, 325 La Grande Ave.

# Options for Families

- Amended Choices Application Form
- Waiting Pool
- Medical Appeal
- Family Hardship Appeal



# Questions