

Saugus Union School District

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Q & A

The following slides are answers to the most commonly asked questions about Emblem Academy. If you have further questions please contact Jon Baker at 294-5300.

For more transfer information please check the District website at:

<http://www.saugusud.org/parent-information/blog/transfer-period-for-open-enrollment/>

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Transfer Information

When will I know if my transfer has been accepted?

- **The District will notify all parents who submit a transfer request by March 10.**

If my transfer is accepted, may I change my mind?

- **After you are notified that your transfer has been accepted, you will have 10 days to make a final decision.**

Will there be a lottery to get into Emblem?

- **If enrollment exceeds Emblem's first year capacity, then there will be a lottery.**

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If my child attends Emblem on a transfer and wants to return to his/her original school the following year, can my child do that?

- If your transfer is accepted and your child attends Emblem the first year, your new home school is Emblem. If you wish to have your child return to his/her original school or another school the following year, you will need to follow District "Open Enrollment" procedures. You would not be able to return to your original school if the school is closed to "Open Enrollment."

If I choose not to send my child to Emblem this year can I send my child next year through the "Open Enrollment" process?

- You would be able to send your child to Emblem provided that it would be one of the schools selected for "Open Enrollment." There are still new houses being built in the Emblem boundary and students coming from those homes have priority to attend Emblem. If the number of students coming from the new homes is substantial, then Emblem may not be considered for "Open Enrollment."

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How will this school be different than the one my child already attends?

- **All schools in the Saugus District are excellent.**
- **Other schools in Saugus focus on disciplines and enrichment opportunities that support their culture.**
- **Emblem will focus on activities and enrichment opportunities that integrate the STEM concepts:**
 - **Field trips, assemblies and outside resources will relate to STEM concepts.**
 - **Partnership presentations and guest speakers**

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When and how will the teachers be selected?

- **All teachers in Saugus will have the opportunity to submit a transfer request to Emblem in mid March.**
- **The Principal will then select the staff from the pool of teachers who submitted a transfer.**
- **Selections will be made by the end of March.**

Can my child attend Emblem if he/she is not interested in STEM?

- **Yes! This is an opportunity for your child to be more acquainted with the STEM concepts.**
- **They may end up liking it . . . a lot!**

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My child excels in mathematics, how will you support my child's strength in this area?

- **Emblem's goal is to meet the academic and social needs of each student.**
- **Teachers assess all students to better understand each student's strengths and challenges.**
- **Teachers differentiate instruction to meet student needs.**

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Does my child need to take an entrance exam to attend Emblem?

- **No.**
- **All students are welcome at Emblem. If you do not live in the Emblem boundary you may obtain an Intra or Inter District Transfer.**

What technology will be available at Emblem?

- **The District is committed to providing technology.**
 - **Computer Lab**
 - **Smartboards in each classroom**
 - **Document Cameras in each classroom**
 - **Personal Response System**

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Will the staff be ready by August?

- **All teachers who come to Emblem are already experienced Saugus teachers who are Highly Qualified and know the State Standards.**
- **Teachers who express an interest in coming to Emblem will already have an interest in STEM and will bring their special talents and skills to the school.**
- **On Early Release Wednesdays teachers will work together to plan lessons.**
- **Teachers will integrate STEM where appropriate.**

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Will Emblem have a PTA?

- Yes.
- After “Open Enrollment” there will be a meeting to begin the process of reestablishing the PTA.

Will the students do art?

- Yes. It is part of the curriculum.

Will there be afterschool enrichment?

- Yes, there will be afterschool enrichment.

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Does Emblem receive extra funds for being a focus school?

- Each school in Saugus is funded equally.

Will the students be able to play handball?

- Yes. In fact, the Principal is King of Handball! He never loses . . . He just does not win sometimes!

