

## School Choice Lottery

In the Paterson Public School District, our mission is to prepare every student for success in the college or the future career of his or her choosing. As part of that mission, Paterson students have the opportunity to choose from one of twelve thematic programs offered at our district's high schools.

By way of application, students select three programs in order of preference. Where possible, students receive their first choice. However, where student demand for a program exceeds availability, a computerized random selection lottery process determines student placement. Students that do not receive their first choice are considered for their second choice. Placing students in the second choice school may again require lottery processing. These students remain on the "wait list" for their first choice in order of computer selection.

Example:

- School "A" can accommodate 100 freshmen.
- School "A" receives 400 applications.
- All 400 applicants are included in the lottery, and receive a placement number.
- Students 1 – 100 receive placement at School "A".
- Students 101 – 400 remain on the waitlist with their respective numbers, and are processed for their second choice.
- A student between 1 and 100, who was placed in School "A", moves to another district making a slot available.
- Student number 101 is offered placement at School "A".