

Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)
Unified Enrollment/Choices At-a-Glance for School/District Personnel

2021-2022 Choices Application Process

The on-time Choices application window for 2021-2022 begins on Thursday, October 1, 2020 and concludes on Friday, November 13, 2020.

Several documents have been posted in the SAS Schoology Resources to support you with fielding inquiries from parents/guardians regarding the Choices application process for Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS). These documents are also posted on <https://achieve.lausd.net/gate> (click Program Options and Schools for Advanced Studies).

Choices/SAS Support Documents:

- 2021-2022 Choices Brochure (English/Spanish)
- SAS FAQs (English/Spanish)
- Verification of Eligibility (SAS Kindergarten) form (English/Spanish)
- Verification of Eligibility (Grades 1-12) form (English/Spanish)
- Kindergarten SAS Parent/Guardian Guide: For Applicants Not Enrolled in Preschool or TK (English/Spanish)
- Kindergarten SAS Eligibility Exemplars: For Applicants Not Enrolled in Preschool or TK (English/Spanish)
- Unified Enrollment/Choices Timeline (English/Spanish)
- Unified Enrollment At-a-Glance (in-house only; not for distribution to parents/guardians)

You may wish to bookmark the following websites for quick reference:

- **Unified Enrollment/Choices One-Stop Shop:** <https://GoTo.LAUSD.net> (Explore, Discover, Attend)
- **Choices Program Information:** <https://echoices.lausd.net> (This is the same as the “Discover” tab from the GoTo website; parents may click SAS and “Who is Eligible?” to access the eligibility criteria and *Verification of Eligibility* forms.)
- **Choices Application Information:** <https://Apply.LAUSD.net> (Click Need Help? for Unified Enrollment Contact Information and User Guides.)
- **School Search Tool:** <https://explorelausd.schoolmint.net/school-finder/home> (school profiles and ability to compare schools)
- **Gifted/Talented Programs:** <https://achieve.lausd.net/gate> (Click Program Options and Schools for Advanced Studies. This site can also be accessed directly at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2024>. This website provides access to the *Verification of Eligibility* forms, as well as the NEW process for incoming kindergarten SAS applicants who are not enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten (TK).)

Major Changes

Although most Choices processes and timelines are similar to previous years, the following changes have been implemented due to school/office closures during the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Animated video tutorials have been added to the website for all programs. They are available in English/Spanish at <https://Apply.LAUSD.net> (click Need Help? for Unified Enrollment Contact Information and User Guides).
- L.A. Unified students did not participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) in 2019-2020. Additionally, OLSAT-8 assessments have not yet been scored and/or completed. Therefore, SAS criterion B (verified with test scores) has been reworded to reflect this. Only students from out-of-district with applicable scores may qualify with criterion B at this time. SAS eligibility criteria is available at: <https://echoices.lausd.net/sas#gsc.tab=0> (click Who is eligible?)
- **Verification of Eligibility** forms for private, independent charter, and non-L.A. Unified students cannot be hand-delivered to Beaudry this year. They can be sent via U.S. Mail OR to the NEW email address: giftedverification@lausd.net (Detailed directions are available on the forms.)
- Due to school/office closures, many students who will be applying to kindergarten SAS are not currently enrolled in preschool or TK. These students do not have a school administrator to complete the **Verification of Eligibility** form. Therefore, Gifted/Talented Programs has developed a NEW verification process for these students only. It is outlined on the **Parent Guardian Guide** and **Eligibility Exemplars** or you can direct parents to <https://achieve.lausd.net/gate>.

Thank you in advance for representing Schools for Advanced Studies during the Choices application window!