

**What is the new program at Allan Elementary School next year?** IDEA Allan is a partnership between AISD and IDEA Public Schools to offer a college-preparatory program that prepares students for success in college and citizenship by developing academic, social and leadership skills needed to succeed in a four-year college. It is still an AISD school.

Starting next school year, families who live in the Martin Middle School attendance area, including Allan Elementary School, will have the choice of having their children attend IDEA Allan. In the 2012-13 school year, IDEA Allan will offer kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 6. During the next few years, the program will expand to offer kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the current Allan Elementary Campus and at Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston Campus. Students who graduate from the program will receive a diploma from AISD.

**How will this affect students who live in the Allan Elementary School attendance area next year?** Students who will be in kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 6 next year who live in the Allan attendance area will be assigned to IDEA Allan. The IDEA Allan campus will not offer grades 3, 4 and 5 next year. Students who will be in grades 3, 4 and 5 next year who live in the Allan attendance area will be assigned to either Govalle or Ortega elementary school, depending on where they live. Students who live in the western part of the Allan attendance zone will be assigned to Govalle, and students who live in the eastern portion of the Allan attendance zone will be assigned to Ortega.

For each of the following three years, IDEA Allan will expand to include one more grade level, so that by the 2015-16 school year, it will offer kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Then, all elementary-aged students in the Allan attendance area will be assigned to the new program.

Elementary students who live in the Allan attendance area and do not choose to attend IDEA Allan will be able to choose to attend either Govalle or Ortega, depending on where they live.

**How will this affect the pre-kindergarten program?** In 2012-13, AISD will continue to offer a pre-kindergarten program at the Allan campus. In 2013-14, IDEA may add a pre-kindergarten program at Allan.

**How will this affect students who live in the Govalle and Ortega Elementary School attendance areas next year?** Students who will enter grades K-5 next year who live in the Govalle and Ortega attendance areas will continue to attend these schools. The impact of the new students in grades 3, 4 and 5 on Govalle and Ortega is expected to be about 20 students per grade level per school, or about one new class for each grade in each school.

**How will this affect students in the area who will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year?** Students from Allan, Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz and Ortega elementary schools who will enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade next school year will be assigned to IDEA Allan. Sixth grade students who choose not to attend IDEA Allan will be assigned to Martin Middle School. Any student who lives in the Martin attendance area will be able to attend IDEA Allan and will receive transportation if they live more than two miles from the school. If there are more students than seats available at the new program, the district will hold a lottery and assign students to the new program.

**How will this affect students who attend Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston Campus next year?** Students who attend Eastside Memorial High School at the Johnston Campus will continue under the current programming for the next three school years.

**What is the process for choosing IDEA Allan or another school?** By Feb. 10, the Austin school district will mail a letter—via regular U.S. mail—explaining the process for choosing IDEA or another school. Students will have until Feb. 24 to notify the school district if they choose not to attend IDEA Allan.

**Does this affect the Austin school district's transfer deadline and policy?** No. The district's normal transfer deadline remained Jan. 31. There are no changes to the diversity choice option under the district's policy for the 2012-13 school year. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who live in the Allan attendance area and are assigned to attend Govalle or Ortega will be allowed to exercise their diversity choice option at the end of their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year.

**How can I get more information?** Each school that is affected by this change will hold information sessions for families and students. If you have questions, please contact the principal at your child's school.