Cotton Academy

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Location:

1616 Blanco Rd
San Antonio, TX 78212

Grades:

PK-8

Enrollment:

480

Poverty Index:

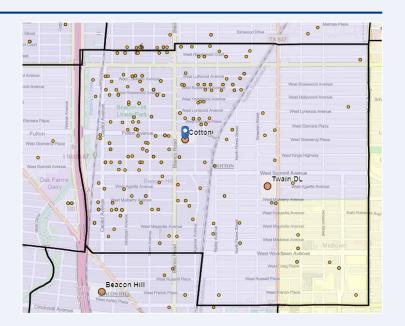
23%

Trustee/SMD: Martinez - District 6

HS Feeder Pattern: Edison

Recommendation:

 Merge Beacon Hill Academy and Cotton Academy creating a single PK-08 school; students in grades PK-02 will attend Cotton at Beacon Hill and students in grades 03-08 will attend Cotton.



PRIMARY CRITERIA #1: 2022-23 ENROLLMENT

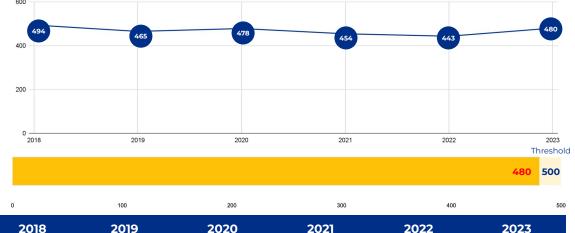
2023 Enrollment **480**

Campus Type

Academy

Enrollment Threshold

500



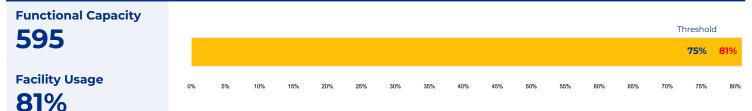
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Total Enrollment: 494 465 478 454 443 480

PRIMARY CRITERIA #2: FACILITY COST PER PUPIL

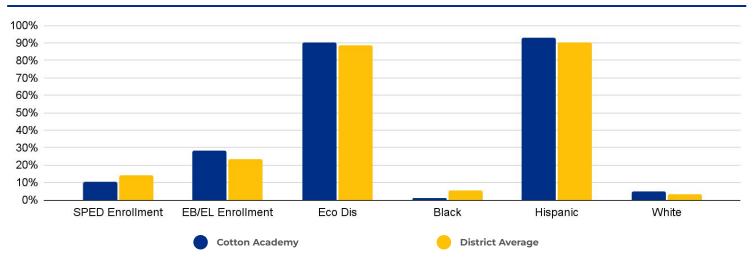
Cost Per Pupil \$7,337 \$8,587

PRIMARY CRITERIA #3: 2022-23 FACILITY USE

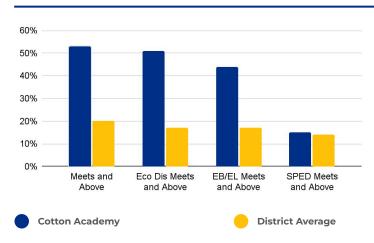


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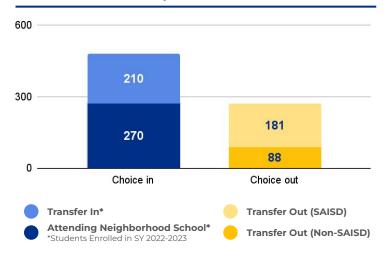
DEMOGRAPHICS



2022 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



2022-23 CHOICE IN / CHOICE OUT



BRIEF CRITERIA ANALYSIS

Cotton Academy met one of the primary criteria. It was close, but failed to exceed to the threshold of 500 students for being an under-enrolled Academy. By merging with Beacon Hill Academy, the two campuses will form a robust, well-resourced academy. As a facility, Cotton is better suited to serve the grades 3-8. As a result, it is projected that in 2024 there will be 500 students in grades 03-08 at the Cotton campus, and a total of 878 PK-8 students at Cotton Academy.

BENEFITS OF RIGHTSIZING

Rightsizing will lead to increased enrollment and additional resources. How those resources are used will be decided by the school's principal, staff and Campus Advisory Council. Rightsizing decisions will lead to early childhood services in every elementary school, fewer split grade levels or teaching assignments, more courses or full-time specialty teachers (art, music, AVID, etc), increased staff collaboration, additional student services (mental health, social work, academic intervention, etc), more robust dual language programs, greater access to extracurriculars, and increases to campus budgets for positions like library services, Family and Community Engagement Specialists, and instructional coaches.

With Cotton and Beacon Hill merging, more students and families will gain access to:

- A more robust and sustainable dual language program from grades PK-08;
- On campus ALE special education instruction;
- Continued access to ASL instruction and enhanced fine arts opportunities for all students;
- Improved course offerings in grades 06-08 and full-time specialty teachers; and
- Increases to campus budgets that may allow for positions related to library services, family and community engagement, and instruction.