

DISTRICT OF CHOICE PROGRAM

The law allows, but does not require, school districts to accept students from other districts under the School District of Choice program. The school district of choice determines the number of transfers it is willing to accept and ensures that students are selected through a random, unbiased process.

How do I apply?

Applications are available at school district office or by download - Submit one application per student. Completed applications must be returned to the district office prior to **January 1** for enrollment into the next school year.

When will I be notified?

Our district will notify you within 90 days after the deadline if your application has been provisionally accepted or rejected, or of your child's position on any waiting list. You will receive final notice of acceptance or rejection by **May 1** for enrollment in the next school year.

How are students selected?

After District determines the number of transfer students it is willing to accept, the district selects students through a random, unbiased process. Academic or athletic abilities are not evaluated. Students will also have to meet any entrance requirements for specialized schools or programs. Priority will be given to siblings of children already in attendance in the district.

Can the district of choice reject the transfer?

The district of choice may reject the transfer if:

- it would negatively impact any desegregation plan or racial and ethnic balance of the district.
- it requires the district to create a new program or provide a new service to meet the student's needs.
- it would cause a student who resides or is currently enrolled in the district to be displaced.
- The student has been expelled from another school district.

Can my district of residence prohibit the transfer?

The district of residence may prohibit the transfer if it would negatively impact any desegregation plan or racial and ethnic balance of the district. The district may also limit the number of students transferring out each year.

Can I appeal a decision to reject the transfer?

There is no statutory right to appeal a rejection.

Is transportation provided to the school?

The school district of choice may, but is not required to, provide your child transportation within the boundaries of the district to the extent that it is being provided to other students.

If my child is accepted, do I have to reapply each year?

The transfer will be renewed automatically each year unless the district withdraws from the School District of Choice program and no longer accepts transfer students.