



Q & A Public School Choice

DO I HAVE TO TRANSFER MY CHILD TO ANOTHER SCHOOL?

No. The public school choice is optional. The decision is entirely up to you and you must decide what is best for your child.

HOW DO I APPLY TO HAVE MY CHILD ATTEND A CHOICE SCHOOL?

You must complete a "Public School Choice" registration form for each child you wish to attend the choice school designated for your current zoned (home) Title I School. A registration packet is available in the front office at your zoned Title I School.

WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION TO THE CHOICE SCHOOL?

Yes. Busing will be provided to a choice school as long as the zoned (home) Title I school remains in "school improvement" status. **If the Title I school is removed from "school improvement" status, your child may remain at the choice school but the district will not provide transportation.**

The district will provide transportation for as many students as it has funds to serve. If demand for transportation exceeds available funds, the district must prioritize transportation to the lowest achieving students applying for public school choice.

MAY I VISIT THE CHOICE SCHOOL PRIOR TO CHOOSING IT AS ONE OF MY OPTIONS?

You are encouraged to call the choice school to ask questions or schedule a time that you may visit the school.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING?

The "Public School Choice" registration form must be returned to your zoned Title I School by **4:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, July 15, 2010.** The registration form may be mailed, faxed, or delivered in person.

HOW WILL STUDENTS BE CHOSEN TO ATTEND CHOICE SCHOOLS?

Under federal law, first priority must be given to the lowest achieving, lowest income students. The FCAT score for students in 4-6 grades and the Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP) for students in K-3 grades will be used to determine achievement eligibility. The district will use free/reduced lunch eligibility for determining the lowest income students.

ARE ALL PUBLIC CHOICE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS APPROVED?

The district will make every effort to satisfy parents' requests; however, due to various school constraints, you may not receive your first choice school. Once the district assigns your child to a choice school, you will have the option to accept or decline the transfer.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED THAT MY CHILD IS ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER TO A PUBLIC CHOICE SCHOOL ?

You will be notified by **Friday, July, 30, 2010.** The district will use the information on the registration form to contact parents so it is important to provide accurate phone numbers.

WHEN DO I REGISTER MY CHILD AT THE CHOICE SCHOOL?

You may register during the week of **August 2nd** once you have been notified that your child may transfer to the choice school. You must go to the choice school to register your child and to receive important back-to-school information.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT BUS TRANSPORTATION?

The transportation department will not be able to create bus routes until the applications are processed. You will be notified as soon as possible of the time and location of the bus stop and when transportation will begin. The district may have to use corridor and/or transfer busing to transport students to the choice school.

HOW DOES A TITLE I SCHOOL COME OFF OF "SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT" STATUS?

A Title I school must make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years to come off of "school improvement" status.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IF I WANT MY CHILD TO REMAIN AT THE HOME TITLE I SCHOOL AND RECEIVE DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES)?

You do not have to do anything at this time. Parents of students eligible for SES will receive information in the mail during the summer regarding how to enroll in this program.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I STILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions regarding Public School Choice, contact your zoned (home) school or the district Office of Title I at 633-1000 ext.350.