

Proposed changes to Administrative Rule JBCD-R regarding waiting list.

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A. SCHOOL CHOICE:

1. Parents/guardians of a student enrolled in a District school may apply for school choice transfer in accordance with Georgia's Quality Basic Education Act (also known as HB 251).* In accordance with State Board of Education procedures, these these transfers are will be available during an announced ~~14 day~~ application period annually. The application procedures, forms and dates will be posted on the District's Website during the second semester each school year. The specific grade levels and number of seats available at each grade level will be included in the posted information. ~~In the event a particular school has available space and the number of transfer requests exceeds the remaining available capacity, the District will conduct a random lottery (see JBCD-1b [School Choice Lottery Protocol]).~~ Parents/guardians will be notified regarding the approval of school choice transfer requests by July 15 each year. (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2131)
 - *NOTE: School choice transfers do not apply to charter schools or newly opened schools (for a period of four years after the school opens).
2. Parents/guardians wishing to apply for a school choice transfer must complete Form JBCD-1 (School Choice Application). Up to three schools may be requested on the application.
3. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the available capacity at a particular grade level of a school, the District will conduct a random lottery.
 - a. Student support staff, along with staff from a second central office department will conduct the random lottery in phases.
4. If space is still available at a particular school following the lottery process, a second round lottery will be held for those students who have indicated a second choice. If space is available following the second round, a third round lottery will be held for those student who have indicated a third choice. Finally, remaining non-placed students will be added to a wait-list.
5. For all School Choice transfers the ~~The~~ following provisions apply:
 - a. ~~1-~~ Students who receive a school choice transfer may attend the school through the highest grade of the particular school prior to re-applying;
 - b. ~~2-~~ Transportation must be provided by the parent/guardian;
 - c. ~~3-~~ School choice transfers are for individual students, not family groups;
 - d. ~~4-~~ School choice transfer students do not automatically progress into the next school level (elementary to middle, middle to high) and must seek another transfer in order to be eligible to do so;
 - e. ~~5-~~ If the student receives Special Education services, the school selected must have the Special Education services required by the current Individual Education Plan (IEP);
 - f. ~~6-~~ If the student transfers at the high school level, he/she must meet Georgia High School Association requirements to participate in competitive interscholastic activities; and
 - g. ~~7-~~ No additional staff will be hired to accommodate a transfer.
6. Acceptance of School Choice Transfer:
 - a. Once a School Choice transfer is approved, the parent/guardian must contact the receiving school by May1 in order to indicate whether the transfer offer will be accepted.
 - b. The parent/guardian must also submit a school choice transfer enrollment form to the transfer school within one week of the end of the last day of school.
 - c. Failure to complete either of the above steps will result in the school choice transfer being nullified and forfeiting of the student's seat.
 - (1) Local schools will use a waiting list generated during the lottery process to fill any available seats that are vacated.
 - (2) Any student so chosen from the waiting list will be notified by the local school by July 15.