

**Handbook for Public School Choice - Every Student Succeeds Act  
2020 – 2021  
Public School Choice**



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## **Selection Criteria:**

Students attending schools labeled as “F” will be offered a higher performing school based on the following criteria:

- a. A list of all students attending “F” schools will be developed and grouped by grade level.
- b. If requests outnumber seats available in a grade level, priority will be determined as follows:

Within the grade level, students with the lowest academic scores will be given preference in ascending order until all seats are taken.

- c. If no match can be made, students will remain at their current school.
- d. Students remain in their school of choice until he or she has completed the highest grade in that school.

## **Transportation**

Once the enrollment period ends and requests have been granted, the transportation department will receive the list of students that have been approved for transfers.

1. The receiving schools must request the actual routes after students have completed the registration process.
2. The receiving schools must request the actual bus routes after the student has completed the registration process. A bus route will be assigned and the bus route will be provided to the schools for dissemination to students and parents.

## **Timeline for Implementation of Public School Choice:**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Parent/Community Meetings       | Week of May 25, 2020    |
| 2. Letters and Applications Mailed | June 2, 2020            |
| 3. Last Day Applications Accepted  | June 23, 2020           |
| 4. Notification of School Offer    | Week of June 24, 2020   |
| 5. Transfer Period                 | June 25 – July 16, 2020 |

## ***Elementary Schools***

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### ***Howell Park ES***

- Capitol ES (C)
- Glen Oaks Park ES (C)

### ***Park ES***

- Bernard Terrace ES (C)
- BrownfieldS ES (B)

### ***University Terrace ES***

- Buchanan ES (B)
- Highland ES (C)

### ***La Belle ES***

- Greenbrier ES (C)
- Park Forest ES (C)

### ***Winbourne ES***

- Crestworth ES (C)
- The Dufrocq School (C)

## ***Middle Schools***

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### ***Brookstown MS***

- Northeast ES (C) - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Northeast HS (C) - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Westdale MS (C)

### ***Park Forest MS***

- Northeast ES (C) - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Northeast HS (C) - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Westdale MS(C)

### ***Capitol MS***

- Glasgow MS (C)
- Northeast ES (C) - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Northeast HS (C) - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

## ***High Schools***

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### ***Broadmoor HS***

- Northeast HS (C)
- Scotlandville HS (C)

### ***Tara HS***

- McKinley HS (C)
- Northeast HS (C)

## 2020 – 2021 Choice Process

### ***Initial Notification***

- Parent/Community Meetings are held at sending schools.
- Automated phone messages are sent to households of students attending sending schools.
- Title I must notify parents of School Choice options through direct mail which includes a letter of explanation and an application for choice transfer.

### ***Choice Application***

- Parents/guardians must submit the application to Title I no later than **June 23, 2020**.

### ***Student Assignment***

- Title I assign students using the following procedure.
  - Count the number of School Choice requests.
  - Compare the requests to the seat availability at the receiving schools.
  - Offer parents a choice to transfer.
- Limited space problems are resolved using the following criteria:
  - Academic Ranking

### ***Choice Transfer Acceptance Notification***

- Issue acceptance notifications to parents/guardians by direct mail during the week of **June 24, 2020**. A list will be sent to the sending and the receiving schools.

### ***Student Registration Process***

- **Begins June 25, 2020 and ends July 16, 2020**
  - Parent/guardian takes acceptance letter to home school. The guidance counselor keeps a copy of the letter and immediately drops students with **Value 86**.
    - **Description: 27E Exit under SBESE Academic School Choice Policy.**
  - The parent takes the acceptance letter and drop slip to their child's new school for registration. Students are enrolled with **Value A1**.
    - **Description: A1 Entry under SBESE Academic School Choice.**

- **Choice students may NOT drop without an approved transfer letter from Title I.**
- **Choice students may NOT register without an approved transfer letter from Title I.**

**Approval Notification Letter**

(printed on EBR letterhead)

**Your *Choice* transfer to \_\_\_\_\_ is approved.**

To take advantage of your *Choice* options, please:

1. Visit your child's home school and the approved *Choice* school during the following days / times to complete the choice transfer process.

**June 25, 2020 – July 16, 2020**  
**Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

2. Take this notification to your current home school and officially drop your child **BEGINNING June 25, 2020.**
3. Register at the approved *Choice* school **NO LATER THAN July 16, 2020.** (Your option to transfer will be voided after that date).

Important facts to know:

1. Transportation will be provided by EBR; bus information will be available upon registration at your child's *Choice* school.
2. A *Choice* transfer is valid with transportation until the student's home school is no longer "Academically Unacceptable" or until the student completes the highest-grade level of the school to which he or she transfers.
3. Transfer students may return to their home attendance zone school at any point within the school year.
4. *Choice* transfers are granted only once per year.
5. Transfer students will be required to purchase and wear proper uniforms at the school to which he or she transfers. (Elementary school uniforms and middle school uniforms are consistent throughout schools.)

**Please contact Mrs. Avis Sampson or Dr. Sandra Bethley at (225) 922-5573 if you have any questions.**

**FAQs**

Who is eligible to participate?

- *Students who are currently attending a school labeled as an “F” may apply for a Choice transfer. The application must be submitted no later than **June 23, 2020**.*

Will students have to return textbooks?

- *Textbooks follow the student to their new school.*

Is there any flexibility with school uniforms?

- *Enforcement of uniform policies must be flexible until the choice process has been completed; however, uniforms are the same at the elementary schools and at the middle schools throughout the district.*

When will parents receive bus routes?

- *Bus routes are to be obtained when a student registers at the receiving school.*