



Every Student Succeeds Act

Handbook for Public School Choice

2021 – 2022

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Selection Criteria:

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

1. A list of all students attending “D” or “F” schools will be developed and grouped by grade level.
2. If requests outnumber seats available in a grade level, priority will be determined as follows:
 - i. Students that attend schools that received a letter of grade “F” will be given priority.
 - ii. Within the grade level, students with the lowest academic scores will be given preference in ascending order until all seats are filled.
3. If no match can be made, students will remain at their current school.
4. 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. 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 April 26, 2021 |
| 2. Letters and Applications Mailed | July 1, 2021 |
| 3. Last Day Applications Accepted | July 16, 2021 |
| 4. Notification of School Offer | July 20 2021 |
| 5. Transfer Period | July 21, 2021 – August 4, 2021 |

Elementary Schools

Sending	Receiving
Broadmoor Elementary	Audubon Elementary Westminster Elementary
Capitol Elementary	The Dufrocq School Melrose Elementary
Claiborne Elementary	Melrose Elementary Progress Elementary
Jefferson Terrace Elementary	Magnolia Woods Elementary (K – 5 th grades) Wildwood Elementary (K – 5 th grades) Westdale Middle (6 th grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 th grade)
Labelle Aire Elementary	Greenbrier Elementary Park Forest Elementary
Merrydale Elementary	Melrose Elementary Progress Elementary
Park Elementary	The Dufrocq School Melrose Elementary
Sharon Hills Elementary	Brownfields Elementary Ryan Elementary
Twin Oaks Elementary	Audubon Elementary Parkview Elementary
University Terrace Elementary	Buchanan Elementary Highland Elementary
Villa Del Rey Elementary	Greenbrier Elementary Park Forest Elementary
Wedgewood Elementary	Shenandoah Elementary Woodlawn Elementary
White Hills Elementary	Brownfields Elementary (B) Ryan Elementary (C)
Winbourne Elementary	The Dufrocq School (C) Crestworth Elementary (C)

Middle Schools

Sending	Receiving
Capitol Middle	Glasgow Middle Westdale Middle
Park Forest Middle	Southeast Middle Westdale Middle

High Schools

Sending	Receiving
Belaire High	McKinley High Scotlandville High
Broadmoor High	Scotlandville High Woodlawn High
Glen Oaks High	Glasgow Middle (6 th – 8 th grades) Westdale Middle (6 th – 8 th grades) Northeast High (9 th – 12 grades) Scotlandville High (9 th – 12 th grades)
Istrouma High	Glasgow Middle (6 th – 8 th grades) Westdale Middle (6 th – 8 th grades) McKinley High (9 th – 12 th grades) Scotlandville High (9 th – 12 th grades)
Tara High	McKinley High Woodlawn High

2021 – 2022 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 Federal Programs no later than **July 16, 2021**.

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:
 - School letter grade
 - Academic ranking

Choice Transfer Acceptance Notification

- Issue acceptance notifications to parents/guardians by direct mail during the week of **July 19, 2021**. A list will be sent to the sending schools, receiving schools, and transportation.

Student Registration Process

- **Begins July 21, 2021 and ends August 4, 2021**
 - 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 Federal Programs.**
- **Choice students may NOT register without an approved transfer letter from Federal Programs.**

Approval Notification Letter

(printed on EBR Schools 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.

July 21, 2021 – August 4, 2021
Monday – Friday

2. Take this notification to your current home school and officially drop your child ***BEGINNING July 21, 2021.***
3. Register at the approved *Choice* school ***NO LATER THAN August 4, 2021.*** (Your option to transfer will be voided after that date).

Important facts to know:

1. Transportation will be provided by EBR Schools; 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 the district.)

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 a “D” or “F” may apply for a Choice transfer. The application must be submitted no later than **July 16, 2021**.*

Will students have to return textbooks?

- *Students will return the textbooks to sending schools and textbooks will be issued at the receiving schools.*

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 all elementary and middle schools throughout the district.*

When will parents receive bus routes?

- *Bus routes will be obtained when a student registers at the receiving school. Please keep in mind that transportation will need time to prepare routes which could take 24 to 48 hours.*