



## East Baton Rouge Parish School System 2023-2024 Public School Choice

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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 may remain in their school of choice until he or she has completed the highest grade at 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 February 13, 2023      |
| 2. Letters and Applications Mailed | February 23, 2023              |
| 3. Application Period              | March 1, 2023 – March 28, 2023 |
| 4. Notification of School Offer    | Week of April 3, 2023          |
| 5. Transfer Period                 | May 30, 2023 – June 15, 2023   |

### Elementary Schools

Sending	Suggested Receiving Schools
Bernard Terrace Elementary	Highland Elementary Wildwood Elementary
Broadmoor Elementary	Twin Oaks Elementary Wedgewood Elementary
Capitol Elementary	The Dufrocq School Ryan Elementary
Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary	Twin Oaks Elementary Wedgewood Elementary
Claiborne Elementary	Progress Elementary Ryan Elementary
Crestworth Elementary	Progress Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Ryan Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Jefferson Terrace Elementary	Parkview Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Wedgewood Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)
LaBelle Aire Elementary	Greenbrier Elementary Twin Oaks Elementary
LaSalle Elementary	Twin Oaks Elementary Wedgewood Elementary
Melrose Elementary	The Dufrocq School Progress Elementary
Merrydale Elementary	Glen Oaks Park Elementary Progress Elementary
Northeast Elementary	Progress Elementary Ryan Elementary Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)

## Elementary Schools

<b>Sending</b>	<b>Suggested Receiving Schools</b>
Park Forest Elementary	Glen Oaks Park Elementary Greenbrier Elementary
Sharon Hills Elementary	Glen Oaks Park Elementary Ryan Elementary
University Terrace Elementary	Highland Elementary Wildwood Elementary
Villa Del Rey Elementary	Greenbrier Elementary Twin Oaks Elementary
Westminster Elementary	Parkview Elementary Wedgewood Elementary
White Hills Elementary	Brownsfield Elementary Progress Elementary
Winbourne Elementary	Progress Elementary Ryan Elementary

## Middle Schools

<b>Sending</b>	<b>Suggested Receiving Schools</b>
Capitol Middle	Glasgow Middle Woodlawn Middle
Park Forest Middle	Glasgow Middle Woodlawn Middle
Southeast Middle	Glasgow Middle Woodlawn Middle
Westdale Middle	Glasgow Middle Woodlawn Middle

### High Schools

<b>Sending</b>	<b>Suggested Receiving Schools</b>
Belaire High	Northeast High Scotlandville High
Broadmoor High	McKinley High Scotlandville High
Glen Oaks High	Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) Northeast High Scotlandville High
Istrouma High	Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) McKinley High Scotlandville High
Tara High	McKinley High Scotlandville High

### EBR Virtual School

EBR Virtual Academy	Students may elect to attend their home school within the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Students will enroll in their homeschool. If applicable, a choice application may be completed.
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## 2023 – 2024 Choice Process

**Initial Notification**

- Parent/Community Meetings are held at sending schools.
- Automated phone messages are sent to households of students attending sending schools.
- The School Choice Committee will notify parents of School Choice options through direct mail with directions on accessing the online application.

**Choice Application**

- Parents/guardians submit the online application via the link on the EBR Schools website no later than **March 28, 2023**.

**Student Assignment**

- The School Choice Committee will assign students using the following procedures:
  - Count the number of School Choice requests.
  - Compare the requests to 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 **April 3, 2023**. A list will be sent to the sending schools, receiving schools, and transportation.

**Student Registration Process**

- **Begins May 30, 2023 and ends June 15, 2023**
  - Parent/guardian takes acceptance letter to home school. The guidance counselor retains 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.

**May 30, 2023 – June 15, 2023**  
**Monday – Thursday**

2. Take this letter to your current home school and officially drop your child **BEGINNING May 30, 2023.**
3. Register at the approved *Choice* school **NO LATER THAN June 15, 2023.** (Your option to transfer will be voided after the 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 appropriate uniforms at the school to which he or she transfers. (Elementary school uniforms and middle school uniforms are consistent throughout the district.)

Please contact **Mr. Melvin Brown at (225) 964-5558** 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 **March 28, 2023**.*

Will students have to return textbooks?

- *Students will return their 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 may take 24 to 48 hours.*