



## East Baton Rouge Parish School System 2024-2025 Public School Choice

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## **Selection Criteria:**

Students attending schools labeled as “D” or “F” will be offered enrollment to 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 who 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 they have 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       | February 21, 2024              |
| 2. Letters and Applications Mailed | March 7, 2024                  |
| 3. Application Period              | March 11, 2024 – April 8, 2024 |
| 4. Notification of School Offer    | Week of April 22, 2024         |
| 5. Transfer Period                 | May 28, 2024 – June 13, 2024   |

## Elementary Schools

| Sending                      | Suggested Receiving Schools   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Bernard Terrace Elementary   | The Dufrocq School<br>McKinley Elementary   |
| Broadmoor Elementary         | Twin Oaks Elementary<br>Greenbrier Elementary   |
| Capitol Elementary           | The Dufrocq School<br>Park Elementary   |
| Claiborne Elementary         | Progress Elementary<br>Park Elementary  |
| Crestworth Elementary        | Progress Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Glen Oaks Park Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Westdale Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) |
| Jefferson Terrace Elementary | Parkview Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Wildwood Elementary (K – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Woodlawn Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)       |
| LaBelle Aire Elementary      | Greenbrier Elementary<br>Park Forest Elementary   |
| LaSalle Elementary           | Audubon Elementary<br>The Dufrocq School  |
| Melrose Elementary           | The Dufrocq School<br>Park Elementary   |
| Merrydale Elementary         | Glen Oaks Park Elementary<br>Progress Elementary  |
| Northeast Elementary         | Progress Elementary<br>Brownfields Elementary<br>Glasgow Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)<br>Westdale Middle (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)  |

**Elementary Schools**

| <b>Sending</b>           | <b>Suggested Receiving Schools</b>                  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Ryan Elementary          | Progress Elementary<br>Brownfields Elementary       |
| Sharon Hills Elementary  | Glen Oaks Park Elementary<br>Brownfields Elementary |
| Wedgewood Elementary     | Parkview Elementary<br>Twin Oaks Elementary         |
| Villa Del Rey Elementary | Greenbrier Elementary<br>Park Forest Elementary     |
| Westminster Elementary   | Parkview Elementary<br>Riveroaks Elementary         |
| Winbourne Elementary     | Progress Elementary<br>Park Forest Elementary       |

**Middle Schools**

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

**High Schools**

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

**EBR Virtual School**

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| 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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## 2024 – 2025 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 **April 8, 2024**.

**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 22, 2024**. A list will be sent to the sending schools, receiving schools, and transportation.

**Student Registration Process**

- **Begins May 28, 2024 and ends June 13, 2024**
  - 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 the Office of Federal Programs.**
- **Choice students may NOT register without an approved transfer letter from the Office of 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 28, 2024 – June 13, 2024**  
**Monday – Thursday**

2. Take this letter to your current home school and officially drop your child **BEGINNING May 28, 2024.**
3. Register at the approved *Choice* school **NO LATER THAN June 13, 2024.**  
(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) 922-5613** 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 **April 8, 2024**.

Will students have to return textbooks?

- Students will return their textbooks to sending schools. 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.