

Open Enrollment

Pursuant to HB 251 allowing public school choice in Georgia, residents of Fulton County Schools can attend a public school outside of their assigned school if space is available.

A list of schools accepting public school choice will be released May 1 of each year.

Parents rank their preferences for Open Enrollment transfers on the application and available spaces are filled by random selection. Approvals are mailed by the end of June for the upcoming school year.

IEP requirements and GHSA eligibility cannot be guaranteed for students accepting transfers.

Siblings are not guaranteed placement considerations.



No Child Left Behind

Often referred to as Public School Choice, AYP, ESEA or NCLB, No Child Left Behind is a federal program offered to parents of students residing in the zone of a Needs Improvement school. These schools have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on state requirements and must offer state-defined sanctions.

Communities affected by NCLB will be notified by U.S. Mail. Depending on the Title I status of the home school, options will be provided to parents. Transportation will also be determined based on federal guidelines.

**Open Enrollment & NCLB transfer approvals are granted through completion of the highest grade at the requested school.*

How to Apply

Applications will be available for each transfer option at the appropriate time on our website and at each school and administrative building.

Contact Us:

404-763-5550

www.fultonschools.org/studentassignment

studentassignment@fultonschools.org

Timeline for transfers

Student Hardship	January 1— February 15
Open Enrollment	May 1— May 15
No Child Left Behind	Summer

Transfer applications processed during these time periods are for the upcoming school year.



Student Transfer Information

HARDSHIPS
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Types of transfers

Student Hardships

Residents of Fulton County may request that their child attend a school outside of their neighborhood assigned school. These transfers are available based on specific circumstances and requests must meet transfer guidelines. Additionally, all placements are made based on available space at the requested school.

CHILD CARE (Kindergarten-8th grade)

Parents with children actively enrolled in a daycare facility or with a private sitter providing before or after-school services outside of their current attendance zone but within Fulton County may apply for a transfer to attend school in the provider's attendance zone. Parents must be employed full time.

CURRICULUM (6th—8th grade)

Parents of middle school students that desire their child to take a **core** course not offered at their zoned school may apply for transfer. Core courses include: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.

CURRICULUM (9th -12th grade)

Parents of high school students may request a transfer for their child to enroll in a program of study not offered at their home school. A program of study is defined as a series of classes that lead to a career/technology seal of endorsement, or to an IB seal or magnet diploma. Such courses include Career and Technical Education programs and JROTC.

EMPLOYEE (Kindergarten-12th grade)

Any parent or legal guardian employed full-time by Fulton County Schools may request a transfer for their child to attend the school closest to their primary work location, based on space availability.

FROM CHARTER (Kindergarten-12th grade)

Residents living in the school zone of a charter school may request their child be transferred to a school that is not governed by a charter. This placement is considered for the next closest non-charter school with available space.

MEDICAL (Kindergarten-12th grade)

Based upon current medical documentation provided by a licensed practitioner, parents may request a transfer for their child. The physician must substantiate, in writing, the reason why the child cannot attend the home school. In most instances, the home school must first be given an opportunity to work with the child's medical needs before a hardship request can be considered.



Important things to note:

Student hardships are only available for residents within the Fulton County School district. Employee hardships are the only exception.

Transportation to and from the transfer school is not provided by Fulton County Schools.

Transfers for siblings ARE NOT guaranteed with any of the transfer options.

Student hardship transfers must be renewed each year.

Guidelines for Student Hardships

Students must meet the following guidelines to be considered eligible for a student transfer approval and/or renewal.

Attendance

Students may not have more than 15 tardies and/or five (5) or more unexcused absences for the current or previous school year.

If absences are excused or medical but exceed five (5) days, parents must provide written explanation of why the absences occurred.

Discipline

Students who have not maintained satisfactory behavior in school are not granted permission to transfer under hardship policy. Students currently attending a school on an approved hardship, but failing to maintain satisfactory behavior will be subject to revocation of the existing transfer.

Elementary school students who have been involved in five (5) or more incidents.

Elementary school students who have received more than three (3) days Out of School Suspension.

Middle or High school students who have received more than 5 days Out of School Suspension or In-School Suspension.

