

Savannah-Chatham Public School System HB 251 Public School Choice Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to transfer my child to another school?

No. The decision is entirely up to you. Base your decision on what you think is best for your child. If you prefer to keep your child at his/her current school, simply make sure your child is at his/her school on the first day of class. If you would like to send your child to another school, there must be space available at the school of choice.

2. Will the district provide transportation?

No. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from the school of choice. School bus transportation **WILL NOT** be provided.

3. How long can my child attend this school?

Your child may attend the school of choice until he/she completes the highest grade at the school.

4. What is the deadline for applying?

If you decide you want to send your child to another school, you must complete a **Public School Transfer Request Form**. You may choose up to 2 schools pending space availability. The forms will be available July 13 – July 30, 2009. Transfer Request Forms will be available at the following locations:

- On the district's website (www.sccpss.com)
- The district's central office located at 208 Bull St.
- Housing Authority of Savannah
- The following Live Oak Public Libraries: Bull Street, Carnegie, Islands, Oglethorpe and West Chatham

All forms must be completed and returned to the district's central office located at 208 Bull St., Room 311 on or before Thursday July 30, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.

5. When will I know or be notified if my transfer application is approved?

Staff will review completed transfer requests and mail approval letters no later than August 14, 2009. When you receive an approval letter, you must take it to the approved Receiving School and register your child **no later than Friday August 21, 2009**. **If you fail to register your child in the approved school by Friday August 21st, your child will not be allowed to transfer to the approved Receiving School.**

6. Will my child be able to participate in sports at their new school?

A student who chooses to transfer from one school to another after having begun the ninth grade will be considered a “migrant student.” This means that the student may practice and may compete on the sub-varsity level, but may not compete in the varsity level for one calendar year after transferring to the new school.

Questions

If you have any more questions about the school choice program, you may call Pupil Personnel Services at 395-5584.

Transfer Timeline

July 13 – July 30, 2009

Applications will be available. All applications must be returned on or before July 30th to 208 Bull St. Room 311.

August 3 – August 14, 2009

Parents notified by phone and mail of school choice selection(s)

August 21, 2009

ALL students must be registered at their new school