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HB251 School Transfer Option Based on Space Availability

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The 2009 Georgia General Assembly approved House Bill 251 (HB251), giving parents/guardians the option to request that their children attend any school within the school district *based on space availability*. School districts determine available classroom space after all assigned students have been enrolled.

In accordance with the law, the Houston County School District created a process for parents to exercise this school transfer option and a process to determine space availability. There are currently grade-specific openings available at six elementary schools. A preliminary list of schools by grade level follows. There are no current openings at the middle or high school level. The list of schools with classroom space availability will be finalized based on enrollment on the tenth day of school, August 12, 2021. This allows time for a more accurate enrollment number at each school based on new students and school withdrawals.

Parents who wish to request a school transfer may print a “2022-2023 Application to Request HB251 Public School Transfer” from the website or pick up a form from any school. Applications will be accepted July 1 - August 18, 2022. **Applications must be postmarked by August 18, 2022.** Applications will be approved based on the order in which they are received. Families who request a transfer will be notified of approval or denial by August 26, 2021.

All students will begin the school year at their zoned school. Approved transfers will be effective by September 6, 2022, following notification. Parents who transfer their children under HB251 are required by law to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of the student to and from school as long as the child remains at that school.

Applications for transfer must be mailed to Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Cheryl Thomas. The address is: Houston County School District, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia, 31069. **Schools are not accepting these applications.** Information regarding HB251 is posted to the Houston County School District website, www.hcbe.net, under the Parents tab and on the Zoning [webpage](#). For more information, contact School Operations at 478-218-7513.

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**HB251
 2022-2023 Preliminary List**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH CAPACITY (BY GRADE)

GRADE	SCHOOL
K	Tucker
1	No available space
2	No available space
3	Morningside, Westside
4	Kings Chapel, Parkwood, Tucker
5	Centerville

MIDDLE SCHOOLS CAPACITY (BY GRADE)

Grade	SCHOOL
6	No available space
7	No available space
8	No available space

HIGH SCHOOLS CAPACITY

Houston County High School	No available space
Northside High School	No available space
Perry High School	No available space
Veterans High School	No available space
Warner Robins High School	No available space