

Regulation JBCCA-R(1): Student Assignment to Schools - Public School Choice Status: ADOPTED

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Parents/guardians of K-12 public school students in Georgia may request to enroll their child in any school within the local school district in which they reside, provided the district has determined there will be space available in that school. School zones are determined by the residence address of the enrolling parent(s)/guardian(s). Students who enroll in the Fannin County School System during an academic year must wait until the following summer to be eligible for the lottery.

The following guidance explains how the lottery process works within the Fannin County School System. Since Fannin County has only one high school and one middle school, these guidelines apply only to the elementary schools.

1. Classroom vacancies will be determined using local and state guidelines for maximum class size. No student transfers will be approved if there are five or fewer seats available for growth in enrollment.
2. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may apply for the lottery using this application process:
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 - a. The application form can be printed from the district's website, www.fannin.k12.ga.us or may be picked up from the Board of Education Office or the office of one of the three elementary schools.
 - b. Once completed, applications must be mailed to the Fannin County Board of Education. All applications must be received via first-class mail; no hand deliveries of applications are permitted.
 - c. Only applications that are postmarked June 1st -30th each year will be considered eligible for the placement lottery.
 3. Parents/guardians are eligible to request transfer only once per academic school year unless a student:
 - a. has an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific school placement;
 - b. becomes homeless;
 - c. is part of a set of twins or other multiple birth with siblings already enrolled in the school;
 - d. is the child of an employee in the Fannin County School System.
 4. After the application window has closed, eligible applications will be sorted by campus preference. A random drawing for placement of applicants will occur at the local Board of Education Office.

5. Parents/guardians will be notified regarding the status of their lottery application by July 31st.

Parents/guardians whose children are approved for transfer to their school of choice must assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of their child to and from the school as long as the transferred child remains at that school.

Students who are granted a transfer may remain at the school of choice through the fifth grade provided that the student maintains appropriate grades and attendance.

New enrollee siblings of students who have transferred to the school of choice (i.e. those enrolling in Kindergarten) may be enrolled at the school of choice provided their sibling will still attend that school. If the sibling who was originally granted a transfer under school choice will not be in attendance for the upcoming year of enrollment, the parent/guardian must re-apply for the lottery.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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