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HB224 School Transfer Option Based on Space Availability

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The 2017 Georgia General Assembly approved House Bill 224 (HB224) for active military service members who live in base housing. HB224 allows active military service members who live on a military base the option to request 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. Openings are grade specific within schools. Applications will be accepted July 1 - July 29, 2022. If a military service member moves to Houston County after the deadline and lives on Robins Air Force Base, the application must be submitted within 10 school days of registering their child(ren) at Central Registration.

Parents who wish to request a school transfer may print a “2022-2023 Application to Request HB224 Public School Transfer” from the website or pick up a form from any school. Applications will be approved based on the order in which they are received. Families that request a transfer will be notified of approval or denial. Parents who transfer their children under HB224 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 HB224 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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