



Notice: School of Choice – 2019

Although the Board of Education has endorsed a neighborhood school concept based upon structured attendance areas, it recognizes and has determined that students should be given the option to attend a school or participate in a school program located in an area other than that of their assigned school. In conformity with Board policy JCA/JFBB and regulation JCA/JFBB-R, parents/guardians of students may apply for School of Choice or a Transfer Request, as outlined in JCA/JFBB-R.

While students residing within a designated attendance area shall have priority, such applications, if timely, made in accordance with the policy and regulation, shall be granted if space is available in both the requested school and the requested school program. Priority among applicants will be determined by the date of the application on a space available, first come, first served basis.

Procedures for applying for the School of Choice Option are as follows:

1. The School of Choice Application will be available starting at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2019, and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2019. The application is available in electronic form **only** and is available at the District's web site at www.d51schools.org/schoolofchoice
2. Applications will be done through ParentVue. If you do not have a ParentVue account please create one prior to March 4, 2019. If you have questions, please contact your school.
3. Complete the application and submit. Applications will be marked with the date and time upon submission of the electronic form.
4. All students wanting to attend an out of area school for the 2019-2020 school year must submit a School of Choice application **unless the student is continuing in the same school in which a School of Choice was granted last year and space is still available.**
5. **If you do not have access to the internet**, please go to the Grand River Academy at 600 North 14th. (East Modular behind main building) from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday or your child's school office.

New Emerson Elementary, Dual Immersion Academy, Independence Academy, Juniper Ridge and R-5 High School will not be available as options for School of Choice as enrollment in these schools are by a separate application process only. The Challenge Program at East Middle School and the International Baccalaureate Program at Palisade are not options of School of Choice as these programs are available through a separate application process.

PLEASE NOTE: Transportation will NOT be provided for students who live out of the attendance area and attend school under School of Choice.

Once the applications are received, prioritized waiting lists will be established for each school. The criteria for placement in your school of choice are space availability and date of application. Each school in the district has established a capacity for the total school, for each grade level, and for programs in the school. Consequently, a school may have space available at one grade, but may not at another, or there may be space available in one program but not another at any given school. There must be space available in both a grade level and/or a program in the school to accept an applicant.

After the March 15, 2019, deadline, the building principal will notify the parent/guardian on or before April 5, 2019, of their application status (acceptance or denial). If the parent/guardian receives notice of acceptance, they must sign and return the letter of commitment no later than April 30, 2019, to be accepted into the receiving school.

If you have questions regarding School of Choice or which school your child should attend please call the Office of Resolution and Support **(970) 254-5323**.