

Open Enrollment and School Choice

Questions and Answers for Parents

- If my children currently attend a school within my zone, has anything changed for them? **No.**
- The new law says my child can enroll in any school in the District. Am I guaranteed a seat at the school of my choice? **No. A seat must be available for your child's grade at the school.**
- If I want my children to attend the same school outside of my zone, is there any guarantee they will be assigned together? **No. Seats must be available in each of your children's grades.**
- If my older child is enrolled in an out-of-zone school, will my younger child be given priority as a sibling? **Yes.**
- Will my child be placed on a waiting list if he doesn't get assigned to our out-of-zone school choice? **No.**
- Will my high school child be allowed to change schools at any time to participate in extracurricular programs and/or sports? **No. Placement in an out-of-zone school will only occur in January for the following school year. If enrolled, your child will be eligible to participate in extracurricular programs and/or sports.**
- If one of my children is currently enrolled in a Districtwide attractor program, will my younger child be allowed to enroll in the same school? **Yes, the younger child can apply for the out-of-zone school during the appropriate open enrollment period for the next school year.**
- Will my child get a bus if she is enrolled in an out-of-zone school? **No.**
- If my child is enrolled in an out-of-zone school and I can no longer provide transportation, what happens? **You will need to come to the Student Assignment Office to receive an assignment for an in-zone school.**

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- How do I find out about the procedures for school assignment? ***Information including the application process, how to apply for an out-of-zone school, and capacity for each school will be published on the District's website (www.stlucieschools.org).***
- My child is currently enrolled at a school in another district, but I want him to attend a St. Lucie Public School. When can I apply? ***Applications for students who live in another district may be submitted in March. Parents will be notified if a seat is available at their Choice school two weeks before school starts.***
- When will school capacities be available on the webpage? ***Once approved by the School Board, each school's final capacity will be published. Information will include which schools are over capacity and not available for out-of-zone assignment.***
- Will a percentage of seats be "held back" for out-of-zone students? ***No. The law states that parents can choose any school that has not reached capacity.***
- Has anything changed regarding enrollment in magnet schools? ***Yes. Ninety percent of the seats will be assigned through chronological order and the remaining 10 percent will be assigned by lottery for all students on the waitlist.***
- When will I find out if my child is assigned to a magnet school? ***The magnet assignment timeline has not changed. The process for assigning students to magnet schools will continue to begin in December.***
- If I need my child to be enrolled in a specific school because of a hardship, can I still apply for a transfer? ***Yes.***
- If I want my high school child to participate in a specific curriculum program that is not offered at her in-zone school, can I request a curriculum transfer? ***Yes, as long as there are seats available in the school and in the program requested.***