

FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions Elementary & Middle School Open Enrollment

1. What age must a child be to enroll in kindergarten?

Florida Statutes states a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to attend kindergarten for the school year they are seeking to attend school.

2. Must a middle school application be completed for currently enrolled 5th Grade students?

Yes, with exceptions; applications do not have to be completed for students who are currently attending a K-8 school or accepted into a Charter school or Magnet school.

3. What happens if an application is not received by the end of Open Enrollment with required proof of address?

Students going to 6th grade and out of zone students will be assigned a school in their residential school zone if they are a current student in the district. New students can apply as soon as residential proof in St. Lucie County can be provided.

4. Can an Open Enrollment application be submitted when I have applied to a charter, magnet, private or online virtual school? Yes

5. My child has already been accepted into a magnet, charter or online virtual school, do I need to do anything?

If you have confirmation that your child has been accepted into one of these programs, an application does not need to be completed. However, if you have only applied and have not heard by letter or phone call that your child has been accepted into a magnet, charter, or virtual school you should complete an open enrollment application in the spring with Student Assignment.

6. I already have a middle school child attending a K-8 and I want my kindergartner to go with his/her older sibling? Although the assignment process seeks to assign siblings to the same school by processing those applicants first, all assignments are limited to seat availability and class size reduction laws. If your Kindergartner does not get assigned with their middle school sibling, your child can be placed on a waitlist with sibling preference. Follow-up with Student Assignment once you receive the assignment.

7. Do I have to limit my choices to the schools that are listed for my zip code (within my Transportation Service Area)?

No, however, transportation services are reviewed annually. There is no guarantee of transportation beyond the next school year for students that choose a school outside of their zip code and transportation service area (TSA) within their zone.

8. Are students allowed to attend a school outside their residential school zone?

All Residential School Zones have several choices for parents to select for school placement. Please call Student Assignment if you have concerns about the schools in your zone.

9. Why is proof of address within the last 30 days required (when it has been provided previously)?

Verification of residence is required with any new application therefore; updated proof of address is required. Information received previously has been archived.

10. What is the Wait List and how does work? If your child does not get their first or second choice Student Assignment will automatically place your child on the wait list for your first selected school. As seats become available Student Assignment will offer those open seats to children on the Wait List. Wait List are prioritized by siblings, then by children that live less than 2 miles from their first choice school, all others by the date and time their application was processed. Notification for an open seat for your child can come by e-mail or phone call.

******Note:** All applications are assigned at the same time at the end of Elementary & Middle School Open Enrollment Parents should receive school assignments within 6-8 weeks after Open Enrollment.