

Hall County School System

Procedure for Implementing House Bill 251

A student may be allowed to transfer to a school in another attendance zone in accordance with HB251 requirement. A student may transfer from any Hall County school to another Hall County school that is under capacity. Capacity is defined as 80% of maximum class size according to State Board Rule IEC (exclusive of waivers). Each year the school system will post on its website the schools that may be under capacity. **Parents must request transfers between March 26 and April 18, 2018.** In the event a particular school or grade level has available space and the number of transfer requests exceeds the remaining available capacity, transfer requests may be approved or denied on the basis of a lottery. Once available classroom space is reached at a school, no more transfers will be accepted at that school.

Parents will be notified of student transfer decisions between April 23 and April 30, 2018. All families who wish to request a transfer must provide two current proofs of residence in HCSD and attach these to the transfer request form. Once students have approval for a transfer, they will be eligible to complete the highest grade level at the school to which they transfer; however, transferring students who complete the highest grade level at the school do not automatically receive enrollment preference to the feeder school.

Parents assume all costs associated with transporting to and from selected schools. If parents ask for a transfer to a school that does not have the special services needed for their child (IEP, IAP), the school is not required to develop these services so long as the services are available in the school system. Students transferring under HB 251 shall be subject to the eligibility requirements of the Georgia High School Association.

GHSA: As governed by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) By-Laws, a student who has not yet established eligibility at a member high school will be eligible to play in varsity competition for the first year of enrollment. Unless there is a bona fide move, if after having established eligibility, a student then transfers to a different school, then he/she will not be eligible to play in varsity competition for a full year from the date of transfer. Please see the GHSA guidelines for further information.