

**House Bill 251 (2019-20) Public School Choice Framework**  
**Annual Choice Notification**  
**Hall County Schools**  
**February 1, 2019**

To: Parents of Hall County Students  
From: Will Schofield, Superintendent  
RE: Public School Choice for 2019-20

Dear Parents or Guardians,

A parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in the Hall County School District may request to transfer the student to another public school in the school district for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. **Requests for transfers must be submitted to the school district between February 1 – March 29, 2019.**

As a parent or guardian, you can request to have your child transferred to another public school within the school district as long as the district has determined that there is available classroom space at the school you requested. If you choose to transfer your child to another school in the district, the law requires you to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of your child to and from the school. A student may be returned to his/her zoned school for excessive absenteeism or tardiness or for other reasons outlined on the application form.

If a parent requests a transfer to a school that does not have the services required by the current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Accommodation Plan (IAP), HB 251 does not require the school to develop those services as long as they are available within the local school system. Students who transfer under HB 251 are subject to GHSA eligibility requirements.

For your convenience, the district's list of **potential** schools with available classroom space for the upcoming school year is attached. In order to process your request, you will need to complete and submit the attached "HB 251 Transfer Request Form."

**Requests for transfers must be submitted to the school district between February 1 – March 29, 2019.** Please submit the completed form to Mr. Kevin Bales, 711 Green Street, Gainesville, GA 30501.

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 by April 15, 2019.** If you have questions regarding this procedure, please contact Joy Morris at 770-534-1080.