

House Bill 251 (2021-2022) Public School Choice Framework
Annual Choice Notification
Hall County Schools
February 8, 2021

To: Parents of Hall County Students
From: Will Schofield, Superintendent
RE: Public School Choice for 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 school year. **Requests for transfers must be submitted to the school district office between February 8 – March 31, 2021.**

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.

All families who wish to request a transfer must provide two current proofs of residency as outlined at <https://www.hallco.org/web/student-registration/> 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.

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.

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 8 – March 31, 2021. 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 23, 2021.**

Because of a later kindergarten registration this year, kindergarten acceptances may be delayed until the end of April.