

APPLICATION FOR OPEN CHOICE

PLEASE USE ONE APPLICATION PER STUDENT. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
OPEN CHOICE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MARCH 2 – APRIL 17, 2020 AND **MUST BE EITHER** FAXED TO
910-254-4100, SCANNED AND EMAILED TO denise.angevine@nhcs.net or sent via US Mail to Denise Angevine,
Student Support Services, 6410 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412

OPEN CHOICE REQUEST TO: _____ SCHOOL

STUDENT _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

____ GRADE STUDENT WILL BE IN WHEN ASSIGNMENT TAKES PLACE. AGE _____ RACE _____

STUDENT ID # _____ 19/20 SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

20/21 ASSIGNED DISTRICT SCHOOL _____

**PARENT/LEGAL
CUSTODIAN**

_____ Last Name First Name Relationship to Student

_____ Address Apt# City State Zip

Mailing Address if different from above _____

Home Telephone _____ Other Telephone - Parent/Custodian _____ Other Telephone - Parent/Custodian _____

Email address _____

DOES STUDENT HAVE SIBLINGS THAT ATTENDS **REQUESTED SCHOOL** UNDER OPEN CHOICE?

NAME _____ GRADE _____

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Criteria for priority consideration: (Please check if applicable)

- _____ 5th or 8th Grade Privilege (Eligible to remain at the current school providing the student has been enrolled for the past two complete school years)
- _____ Senior Privilege (Eligibility for senior privilege begins the first day of the second semester of the student's junior year for those students who have moved out of county)
- _____ Student has applied and/or been accepted into one of the **High School Signature Programs** (Pre DP/International Baccalaureate /Pre Lyceum/Lyceum Academy/Marine Science Academy/STEM)
- _____ Valid Contract (**Building contract MUST include a closing date with occupancy to occur within 120 days from the first day of school**)
- _____ Is your child served by an IEP (Individual Education Plan)? Yes _____ No _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

By my signature, I understand that I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL in a timely manner. Incomplete applications will be returned.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION BASED UPON NC GENERAL STATUTE 115C-369 AND NHCS BOARD POLICY 8120.

Signature: _____ Date _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

APPLICATION FOR REASSIGNMENT; NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL; HEARING BEFORE BOARD

- (a) The parent or guardian of any child, or the person standing in loco parentis to any child, who is dissatisfied with the assignment made by a local board of education may, within 10 days after notification of the assignment, or the last publication thereof, apply in writing to the local board of education for the reassignment of the child to a different public school. Application for reassignment shall be made on forms prescribed by the local board of education pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board of education. If the application for reassignment is disapproved, the local board of education shall give notice to the applicant by registered or certified mail, and the applicant may within five days after receipt of such notice apply to the local board for a hearing. The applicant shall be entitled to a prompt and fair hearing on the question of reassignment of such child to a different school.
- (b) The local board of education shall make a final determination on the question of reassignment. The board of education may establish initial hearings prior to the final determination. If the board of education establishes initial hearings, the board of education shall designate hearing panels composed of not less than two members of the board to hear such appeals in the name of the board of education, and may designate a hearing officer to hear such appeals for fact finding and recommended decision, or may designate both. If both are designated, an applicant must select the entity to hold the hearing. The hearing panel's recommendations or the hearing officer's recommended findings of fact and recommended decision shall be submitted to the board of education for final determination.
- (c) At the hearing the local board of education shall consider the best interest of the child, the orderly and efficient administration of the public schools, the proper administration of the school to which reassignment is requested and the instruction, health, and safety of the pupils there enrolled, and shall assign said child in accordance with such factors. The local board shall render prompt decision upon the hearing, and notice of the decision shall be given to the applicant by mail, telephone, telefax, email, or any other method reasonably designed to achieve notice. (1955, c. 366, s. 3; 1956, Ex. Sess., c. 7, s. 3; 1981, c. 423, s. 1; 1987, cc. 406, 791; 2007501, s. 1.)

NHCS Board Policy: 8120

STUDENT SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT

The parent or guardian of any student, or the person standing in loco parentis to any student, who is dissatisfied with the initial assignment made by the New Hanover County Board of Education may, within ten (10) days after notification of the assignment, or the last publication thereof, apply in writing to the Board for the reassignment of the student to a different public school within the New Hanover County School system. Students who are not eligible for reassignment under the Board's Student Assignment Plan may apply to the Superintendent or designee for a transfer pursuant to the Student Assignment Plan.

Any student, who is the victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined in Policy 8122 Persistently Dangerous Schools, committed on the grounds of the public school within the New Hanover County Schools, which he or she attends, shall be allowed a transfer to another school in the system, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, as long as there is another school within the system that offers instruction on the student's grade level. The parent or guardian may apply in writing to the Board for the transfer of the student to a different public school pursuant to this paragraph. In the event of such a transfer, the Board will not provide transportation.

Any student, who accepts an alternative assignment in a school under open choice application, year round, or magnet, is assigned to that school for the entire school year. (See the Student Assignment Plan approved by the Board for definitions @ www.nhcs.net.) Reassignments or transfers back to the original assigned school are not permitted, except as allowed under the Student Assignment Plan approved by the Board.

Application for reassignment or transfer shall be made on approved forms prescribed by the Superintendent or designee, pursuant to this Policy. If the application for reassignment is disapproved, the Board shall cause notice to be given to the applicant by registered or certified mail, and the applicant may within five (5) days after receipt of such notice apply to the Board for a hearing, and shall be entitled to a prompt and fair hearing on the question of reassignment of such student to a different school. The Board may designate hearing panels composed of not less than two (2) members of the Board to hear such appeals in the name of the Board. The panel's recommendations shall be submitted to the Board for final determination. At the hearing, the Board shall consider the best interest of the student, the orderly and efficient administration of the public schools, the proper administration of the school to which reassignment is requested and the instruction, health and safety of the students there enrolled, and shall assign said student in accordance with such factors. The Board shall render prompt decisions upon the hearing, and notice of the decision shall be given to the applicant by mail, telephone (with written follow up), telefax, e-mail, or any other method reasonably designed to achieve notice.

LEGAL REFS: NCGS §115C 364-370

20 USC 7912 and State Board of Education Policy HRS – A – 006

CROSS REF: Policy 8122 Persistently Dangerous Schools

Adopted: prior to 1986

Revised: 01/12/88, 07/05/88, 01/08/91, 06/02/92, 06/03/97, 04/06/99, 02/03/03, 08/02/04, 06/04/07, 04/05/11, 03/06/12

New Hanover County Public Schools, Wilmington, North Carolina