

**Pierce County Board of Education  
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*Transfer requests will not be accepted after the close of business on May 1 of each year.*

The 2009 Georgia General Assembly approved House Bill 251 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2131), which gives parents/guardians the option to request that their children attend any school within the school district based on space availability. Parents requesting school choice must complete a school choice form each year. Students who do not live in the transportation zone should avoid specific conditions that may warrant a return to their home school or denial of their request.

Specific conditions that may warrant students having to attend their designated home school include:

- More than five (5) unexcused absences
- More than five (5) unexcused tardies in a 9-week period
- More than five (5) early dismissals without a doctor's note
- Late more than three (3) times for school pickup (after 3:00 PM)
- More than three (3) Infinite Campus discipline referrals
- Space availability

By law, all parents who transfer students under HB 251 must assume all costs and responsibilities for transportation to and from school as long as the child remains at that school. Students with attendance, tardiness, or early dismissal issues and living outside the transportation zone may be required to go to their home school. This would allow the student to ride the bus and get to school on time.

If you wish to request a transfer, please complete the Public School Transfer Request Form.

