

January 27, 2025

OUR VISION

The vision of the Paulding County School District is to provide a safe, healthy, supportive environment focused on learning and committed to high academic achievement. Through the shared responsibility of all stakeholders, students will be prepared as lifelong learners and as participating, contributing members of our dynamic and diverse community.

Schools offering opportunities for HB251 "Public School Choice" option:

Elementary

Allgood

Baggett

Dugan

Hutchens

Poole

Ragsdale

Middle

Austin

Dobbins

East Paulding

Jones

McClure

*Moses

Ritch

Scoggins

South Paulding

High

HHS

SPHS

*Moses will be capped at 50 available seats. If the total number of HB251 applicants is greater than 50, a lottery will be conducted to determine which students will be awarded the available seats.



Parent School Choice Notification

As the parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in our school district, we are writing to notify you that under state law HB251, you may request to transfer your child to another public school in the Paulding County School District for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Parent Responsibilities

As a parent or guardian, you may request to have your child transferred to another public school within your school district of residence if the school district has determined that there is available classroom space at the school after all assigned students have been enrolled. Please keep in mind that 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 for as long as your child remains at that school.

School Choice requests for **currently enrolled** students in grades K-11 must be made through Parent Portal under the "More" option from the Index beginning at 9 a.m. on **January 31, 2025**, through 5 p.m. on **February 14, 2025**. Parents will be notified of the status of their HB251 request via email prior to end of the 24-25 school year. For more information about school choice, visit <https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/29437>.

For students who will be **entering kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year**, parents must complete the School Choice application beginning at 9 a.m. on **January 31, 2025**, through 5 p.m. on **February 14, 2025**. This application will be available on the district website. Parents will be notified of the status of their HB251 request via email prior to end of the 23-24 school year.

School choice requests will be reviewed and approved or denied based on a lottery in the event a particular school has available space but the number of transfer requests exceed the remaining available capacity. Once available classroom space is reached at a school, no more school choice requests will be accepted for that school.

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact the Operations Department at 770-443-8000.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Barnette

Superintendent

* For more information regarding the Paulding County School District School Choice procedures please see Administrative Regulation [Student Assignment to Schools JBCCA-R](#).