

Regulation JBCCA-R(1): Student Assignment to Schools - Public School Choice

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Parents/guardians of K-12 public school students in Georgia may request to enroll their child in any school within the local school district in which they reside, provided the district has determined there will be space available in that school. School zones are determined by the residence address of the parent(s)/guardian(s). Students who enroll in the Fannin County School System during an academic year must wait until the following summer to be eligible for the lottery.

The following guidance explains how the lottery process works within the Fannin County School System. Since Fannin County has only one high school and one middle school, these guidelines apply only to the elementary schools.

1. Classroom vacancies will be determined using local and state guidelines for maximum class size. Student transfers will not be approved when enrollment capacity is near its limit.
2. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may apply for the lottery using this application process:
 - a. The [online application form](#) can be found on the district's website, www.fannin.k12.ga.us, or may be filled out at the Registrar's Office.
 - b. Applications submitted between April 1st through June 30th each year will be considered eligible for the placement lottery. Applications after the deadline will be reevaluated after the school year begins.
3. Parents/guardians are eligible to request transfer only once per academic school year unless a student:
 - a. Has an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific school placement;
 - b. Becomes homeless;
 - c. Is part of a set of twins or other multiple birth with siblings already enrolled in the school;
 - d. Is the child of an employee in the Fannin County School System.
4. In the event that more transfer requests are received than there is space available in a school, student placement will occur chronologically in the order they are received.
5. Parents/guardians will be notified regarding the status of their lottery application before the first day of school.

Parents/guardians whose children are approved for transfer to their school of choice must assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of their child to and from the school as long as the transferred child remains at that school.

Students who are granted a transfer may remain at the school of choice through the fifth grade provided that the student maintains appropriate grades and attendance.

New enrollee siblings of students who have transferred to the school of choice (i.e. those enrolling in Kindergarten) may be enrolled at the school of choice provided their sibling will still attend that school. If the sibling who was originally granted a transfer under school choice will not be in attendance for the upcoming year of enrollment, the parent/guardian must re-apply for the lottery.
