



# THOMAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## Notice of Public School Choice: “Intradistrict Transfer Options”

Beginning in 2012-2013, the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Choice was replaced by state law (O.C.G.A. §20-2-213-, O.C.G.A. §20-2-2131) Intradistrict Transfer. This law requires school districts to provide notice to all parents of their rights to request a transfer from their child’s assigned school to a school of the parent’s choice within the school zone/district in which the child resides. This document satisfies this requirement and offers interested parties a way to seek clarification if needed.

According to (O.C.G.A. §20-2-2130, O.C.G.A. §20-2-2131), all Title I schools must notify parents of their Intradistrict Transfer rights, even when there is no Intradistrict Transfer Option available. This is the case for Thomas County Schools under the following two circumstances:

- Does not apply to charter schools, including all schools within charter systems that meet the definition of a charter school.
- Does not apply to districts with only one school at each level (i.e., one primary school, one elementary school, one middle school, one high school, or one combination school).

However, parents will still have the Choice transfer option under House Bill 251: The Quality Basic Education Act; Intra-District School Choice. House Bill 251 allows parents of students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school to enroll in a school other than the assigned school that is located in the school district, if classroom space is available after the assigned students of that district have been enrolled. Under House Bill 251, transportation will not be paid for by the district. The parent shall assume the responsibility and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

Interested parties may contact the Assistant Superintendent for Federal Programs, Bob Dechman, by calling 225-4380 or emailing [bdechman@tcjackets.net](mailto:bdechman@tcjackets.net) for further information.

If you are currently enrolled at TCMS or TCCHS and are interested in transferring to Thomas County Academy, please fill out his form to begin the process.

[Thomas County Academy Enrollment Transfer Interest Form](#)

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