



Pierce County Schools

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Pierce County Schools' School Choice Program 2026-2027 (HB 251)

To the Parents or Guardians of Pierce County School Students:

As the parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in the Pierce County School System, we are notifying you of HB 251 that allow parents of public-school student in Georgia the opportunity to enroll their child(ren) in schools within the local school district in which they reside that may be outside their geographic/school zone.

As a parent or guardian, you may request to have your child transferred to another public school within your school district of residence as long as 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 as long as your child remains at that school.

The Georgia State Compulsory Attendance Law requires that every parent, guardian, or other person residing within this state having control or charge of any child or children between their 6th and 16th birthday, shall enroll and send their child(ren) to a public, private, or home study school program or shall be penalized under the law (See Section 20-3-690.1). In the state of Georgia, any child missing 5 or more unexcused days from school is considered to be truant. Any student who is approved for an HB251 Transfer and becomes truant within the school year will be at risk of losing their HB251 status and will be required to enroll in their zoned school.

To process the request, parents/guardians must complete and submit a ***Transfer Request Form***. These forms may be picked up at the Pierce County Board of Education, 834 E. Main Street. Request for transfers will be accepted from ***March 2, 2026 through the close of business May 1, 2026***.

Transfer requests will be reviewed and approved or denied on a first come, first served basis. In the event a particular school has available space and the number of transfer requests exceeds the remaining available capacity, no more transfers will be accepted at that school. Parents will be notified no later than ***July 6, 2026*** of the status of their transfer request by the receiving school. Available space will be reevaluated at the end of the first week of school. If enrollment numbers change and space becomes available, you may reactivate your transfer request.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact the superintendent's office 912-449-2044.