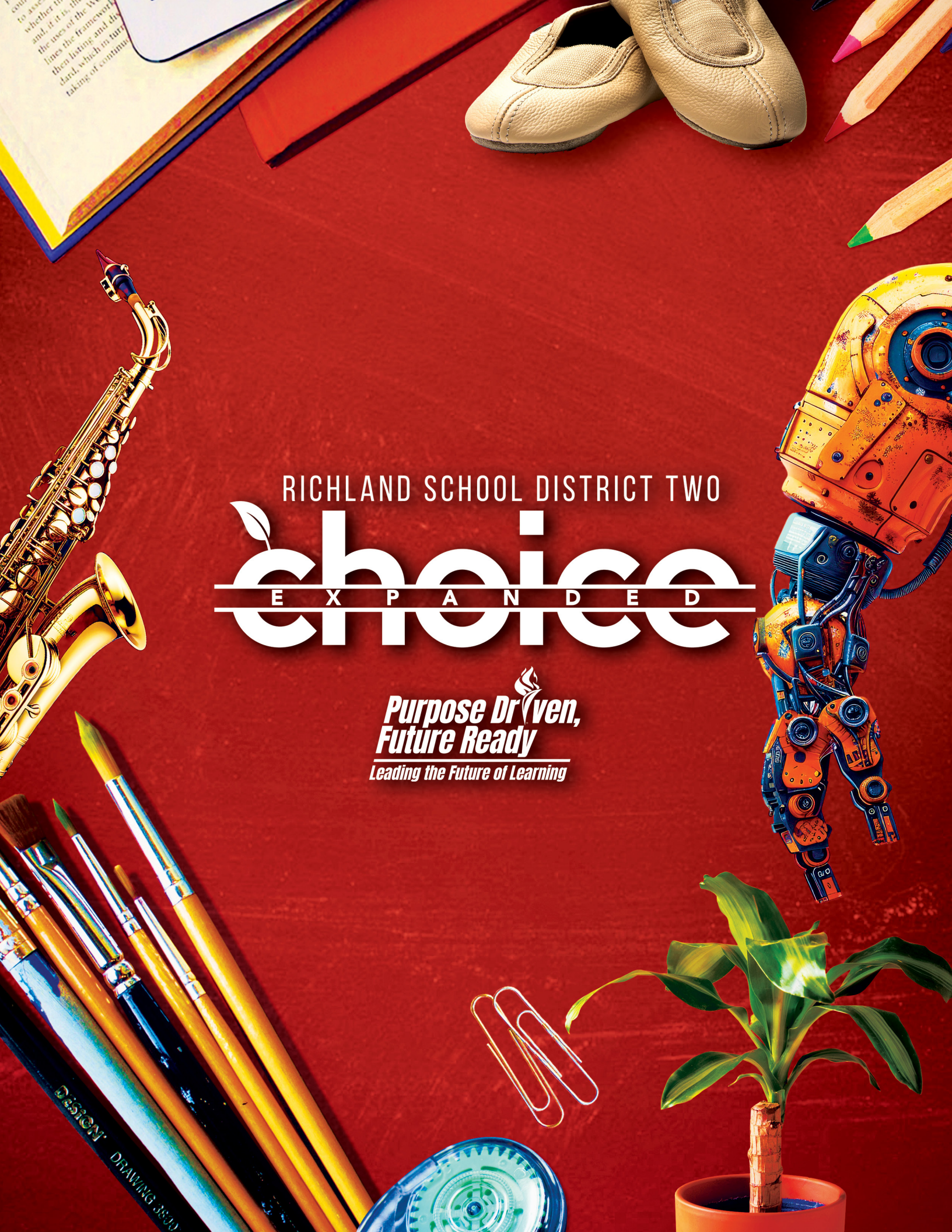

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO
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Expanded Choice Explained

In Richland School District Two, students are assigned to a school according to their residential address. Expanded Choice is a program that allows Richland School District Two families to apply to attend another district school other than their residentially zoned school without applying for a specific program such as a magnet program. Selection of students wishing to attend a school other than their zoned school is based upon school capacity and determined through lottery.

Important Points to Remember

- You must reside in Richland School District Two to apply for any Richland Two Choice program
- Parents/Guardians must provide transportation for all choice options
- Each school in Richland School District Two is either a Schoolwide Magnet (aka Schoolwide Magnet) or an Expanded Choice School. Expanded Choice and all Schoolwide Magnets applications submitted within the required time frame become part of a computerized random selection process.
- Each year, based on the expected enrollment and capacity of each school, the district decides which schools will be open to Expanded Choice or Schoolwide Magnets.

School	Expanded Choice or Schoolwide Magnet	Also has a School-within-a School Magnet
Bethel Hanberry ES	Expanded Choice	
Bridge Creek ES	Schoolwide: MED	
Bookman Road ES	Expanded Choice	
Catawba Trail ES	Expanded Choice	
Conder ES	Schoolwide: Arts Integrated Magnet	
Forest Lake ES	Schoolwide: NASA Explorer	Elementary Learning Collaborative (eLc)
Jackson Creek ES	Expanded Choice	
Joseph Keels ES	Expanded Choice	
Killian ES	Expanded Choice	
Lake Carolina Lower ES	Expanded Choice	

Lake Carolina Upper ES	Expanded Choice	
Langford ES	Expanded Choice	
L.B. Nelson ES	Expanded Choice	Academy of Civic Engagement
North Springs ES	Expanded Choice	STEMS
Polo Road ES	Expanded Choice	Dual Language Immersion
Pontiac ES	Expanded Choice **CLOSED**	Montessori Pre K-5
Rice Creek ES	Schoolwide: SAIL	
Round Top ES	Expanded Choice	
Sandlapper ES	Schoolwide: Computer Science Immersion Magnet	
Windsor ES	Expanded Choice	
Blythewood MS	Expanded Choice	
Dent MS	Schoolwide: FAME	TLC and Two Academies
E.L. Wright MS	Expanded Choice	Leadership Academy at Wright Dual Language Immersion
Kelly Mill MS	Schoolwide: Med Pro	INC
Longleaf MS	Schoolwide: LEAP	ZooBot
Muller Road MS	Expanded Choice	Leadership Academy
Summit Parkway MS	Expanded Choice	Get FIt and STEM Institute of Design and Innovation (SIDI)
Blythewood HS	Expanded Choice	
Richland Northeast HS	Expanded Choice	Horizon and Palmetto Center for the Arts (PCA) CAVPLEX: Convergence Media
Ridge View HS	Schoolwide: MedPro	Allied Health, BioHealth and Scholars Academy for Business and Law
Spring Valley HS	Expanded Choice	Explorations and Discovery
Westwood HS	Schoolwide: iRED	Studio D

Expanded Choice Schools

Expanded Choice Schools uses a lottery process to select a Net20 students for a school open to Choice.
Below are a list of Expanded Choice schools:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BETHEL-HANBERRY ELEMENTARY
125 BONEY ROAD, BLYTHEWOOD
BHE.RICHLAND2.ORG • 803-691-6880
Nurturing learners to lead and succeed! Successful student leaders are developed through empowering, engaging, and inspiring learning opportunities which nurture creativity and discovery.

BOOKMAN ROAD
1245 BOOKMAN ROAD, ELGIN
BRE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-699-1724
We develop BEACONS who "Light the Way" in Personal Character, Academics, and Community Service.

CATAWBA TRAIL
1080 OLD NATIONAL HWY, ELGIN
CTE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-699-3501
Challenging and engaging learning experiences at Catawba Trail Elementary prepare our students for Many Paths to the Future.

JACKSON CREEK ELEMENTARY
7150 TRENHOLM RD. EXT., COLUMBIA
JCE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-790-3800
Connecting Hearts and Minds in an Effort to Reach the Highest Level of Student Achievement

KEELS ELEMENTARY
7500 SPRINGCREST DRIVE, COLUMBIA
KE.RICHLAND2.ORG 803-699-2981
In partnership with the community, JKE creates learning opportunities by enhancing academics with real life experiences.

KILLIAN ELEMENTARY
2621 CLEMSON ROAD, COLUMBIA
JKE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-736.8754
In partnership with the community, JKE creates learning opportunities by enhancing academics with real life experiences.

LAKE CAROLINA ELEMENTARY (LOWER)
1151 KELLY MILL RD, BLYTHEWOOD
LCE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-714-1300
Lake Carolina Elementary (Lower and Upper Campuses) utilize best practices to meet the needs of all our students. Strong parent and community involvement build a culture of excellence that is evidenced throughout both campuses.

LAKE CAROLINA ELEMENTARY (UPPER)
1261 KELLY MILL ROAD, BLYTHEWOOD
LCEU.RICHLAND2.0RG• 803-691-3360
Lake Carolina Elementary (Lower and Upper Campuses) utilize best practices to meet the needs of all our students. Strong parent and community involvement build a culture of excellence that is evidenced throughout both campuses.

LANGFORD ELEMENTARY
480 LANGFORD ROAD, BLYTHEWOOD
LE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-691-4091
Langford Elementary is a positive safe and encouraging environment that nurtures the development of the whole child. We believe children are the first priority…. Maximize every moment, of every day, with every child.

LONNIE B. NELSON ELEMENTARY
225 NORTH BRICKYARD RD, COLUMBIA
LBNE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-736-8730
Building College and Career Ready Learners and Leaders to Better Serve our World.

NORTH SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
1300 CLEMSON ROAD, COLUMBIA
NSE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-736-3183
In partnership with students, parents, and the community, North Springs Elementary School guarantees our children a quality education, empowering them to reach their maximum potential while acquiring the skills to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens, by providing challenging learning experiences in a caring environment.

POLO ROAD ELEMENTARY
1250 POLO ROAD, COLUMBIA
PRE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-419-2226
Polo Road Elementary School prides itself in the continuous efforts to reach all learners through the consistent approach of exploring all options, navigating through challenges and discovering new pathways towards the development of the unique gifts and talents of all students.

PONTIAC ELEMENTARY *
500 SPEARS CREEK CHURCH RD, ELGIN
PE.RICHLAND2.ORG • 803-699-2700
Fostering student leadership by developing each student's full potential and nurturing a college bound culture through AVID implementation is our ongoing focus as we strive to create joyful leaders and learners in a safe, engaging environment.

ROUND TOP ELEMENTARY
449 RIMER POND ROAD, BLYTHEWOOD
RTE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-691-8676
Round Top Elementary is a LIGHTHOUSE School of Academic Distinction, Where Learning Takes Flight. We Empower our students to Lead and Succeed as lifelong learners in a Global society.

WINDSOR ELEMENTARY
9800 DUNBARTON DR, COLUMBIA
WE.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-736-8723
Windsor Elementary is a Community of Learners where we ensurethat EVERY student feels valured, safe, and able to meet their fullest potential.

*** CLOSED TO CHOICE**

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

BLYTHEWOOD MIDDLE
2351 LONGTOWN RD, BLYTHEWOOD
BM.RICHLAND2.ORG• 803-691-6850
Blythewood Middle School is "Home of the Chargers"! We are a "National School To Watch" and pride ourselves on providing engaging and meaningful opportunities in an academically rigorous learning environment for all students.

E.L. WRIGHT MIDDLE
2740 ALPINE RD, COLUMBIA
ELWM.RICHLAND2.0RG• 803-736-8740
E. L. Wright continues to utilize all of our efforts to support our premier goal of high school readiness: Three to Get Ready! Our incredibly dedicated teaching staff keeps our focus on creating an academically engaging and relationship-building culture as we continue to challenge ourselves to be better at everything, every school year! Go Warriors!

MULLER ROAD MIDDLE
1031 MULLER RD, BLYTHEWOOD
MRM.RICHLAND2.0RG• 803-691-6851
Muller Road Middle School provides authentic learning experiences to all students in a supportive environment. We are an AVID and BETA club school of distinction.

SUMMIT PARKWAY MIDDLE
200 SUMMIT PARKWAY, COLUMBIA
RICHLAND2.0RG/SPM • 803-699-3580
Summit Parkway Middle School where eagles are premier in the nest. We believe that student success is achieved through academic rigor and engagement, behavior interventions and social-emotional learning. Come soar with us!

HIGH SCHOOLS

BLYTHEWOOD HIGH
10901 WILSON BLVD., BLYTHEWOOD
RICHLAND2.ORG/BH • 803-691-4097
Blythewood High School provides engaging educational opportunities through a rigorous curriculum, innovative technology, and involvement in our diverse community to produce responsible citizens who contribute to the present and excel in the future. Together, as a community with shared beliefs, we use our time and talents to help every Bengal find their passion and their purpose.

RICHLAND NORTHEAST HIGH
7500 BROOKFIELD RD, COLUMBIA
RICHLAND2.ORG/RNH • 803-699-2800
Richland Northeast is and always will be deeply committed to providing a high-quality education for students that nurtures the development of global thinkers and problem solvers. Our graduates leave Richland Northeast knowing how to learn using critical thinking and problem-solving; collaboration and teamwork; and communication, information, media, and technology.

SPRING VALLEY HIGH
120 SPARKLEBERRY LANE, COLUMBIA
RICHLAND2.0RG/SVH • 803-699-3500
Spring Valley High School, working with its students, families and the community, will provide a secure environment and innovative educational experiences that will empower our students to achieve excellence and to take responsibility for their lives, their learning, and the world in which they live. Our goal is to create and sustain a student-centered learning environment where educators are encouraged to meet the needs of all learners by designing academically challenging work that is both meaningful and engaging and that continuously inspires innovation, exploration, discovery, and creativity.

Frequently Asked Questions About Expanded Choice Programs

What is the Expanded Choice Program?
In Richland School District Two, students are assigned to a school according to their residential address. Expanded Choice is a program that allows Richland School District Two families to apply to attend another district school other than their residentially zoned school.

Are there schools closed to Expanded Choice?
Each year, based on the expected enrollment and capacity of each school, the district decides which schools will be open to Expanded Choice. This information is published on the Richland Two website.

Who is eligible to apply?
To apply for Expanded Choice, students must reside within Richland School District Two. Students who are currently in kindergarten through 11th grade may apply for Expanded Choice. In addition, students who will begin kindergarten in the upcoming year may apply. Preschool age (ages three and four) students are not eligible to use Expanded Choice to choice into a preschool program. The CFCD (Center for Child Development) handles all pre-K applications and enrollments. Students who are 3 and 4 years old (must be 3/4 on or before September 1st of the school year applying) are able to apply for the Montessori Magnet program.

Can a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) apply for Expanded Choice?
Richland School District Two students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) receive services at their school of residence whenever possible. When a student's needs require programming not available at their residential zoned school, the district assigns placement at a location that can appropriately meet those needs. Students receiving special education services may apply for choice to any magnet school, magnet program, virtual school, or other district school through the choice program. During the application periods, parents/guardians apply online and follow the district's school choice process. The decision to grant the choice request is based on the student's programming needs as determined by the IEP team and the capacity of the selected school to provide those services. If a student is approved for choice, parents/guardians are responsible for transportation.

When and how can I apply?
Applications must be submitted online during the application period. Choice 1 begins in November and Choice 2 begins in April. The application is for the upcoming school year. Out-of-district students may not apply for Expanded Choice.

May students apply to both a Magnet program and Expanded Choice?
Each student may apply for up to three programs which can include a combination of magnets and Expanded Choice. However, a student may receive approval for only one Choice program. Students will need to prioritize their selections. If approved for their first priority, they no longer have the option to attend another selection(s).

How are applicants selected?
All Expanded Choice applications submitted during the Choice period are placed into a computerized random selection process. If 200 applicants are submitted, the computer will automatically assign them a random order from 1-200. No other factors are taken into consideration. Once our Net20 process determines how many students we can accept, we begin accepting from 1 to the maximum number of approvals for each school identified by the Net20 process.

How many applicants are selected for each school?
The District uses a Net 20 selection. With Net 20, each school open for Expanded Choice is allowed 20 transfer slots through the Choice process. The 20 slots may increase based on the number of students leaving that school through the Choice program. For example, if 13 students "Expanded Choice" to another school, then that school losing the 13 students will have 20 transfer slots plus the additional 13 slots for a total of 33 slots.

How will families find out about their selection status?
During the initial registration for the online application, each family will create a username and password that will need to be saved. In mid-February, parents must log onto this website using the same username and password to see if students are selected to attend a Choice School.

Frequently Asked Questions About Expanded Choice Programs

If students are granted attendance to a school through Expanded Choice, can they opt to go back to their zoned school after the start of school?

A student may always return to their residentially zoned school. If a Choice student decides to withdraw and attend his/her zoned school or moves out of the district, then the student's Choice status is terminated. However, students are expected to remain at the Choice school until they move to the next level (for example, elementary to middle, middle to high), at which time they may apply for another Choice.

Once a student is granted attendance to a school through Expanded Choice, can they lose the option to attend that school?

Expanded Choice is a program for students who reside in Richland School District Two. If a student moves outside of the district, the student can no longer attend any Richland School District Two school. Additionally, any student attending a school through Expanded Choice must maintain the following: • Exemplary punctuality and attendance at school • Cooperation with the school in regards to academic, discipline, and safety expectations • Transportation to and from school

Who provides transportation?

Parents whose children participate in any of the district's Expanded Choice or magnet programs must provide transportation for their children to and from school. The inability of a student to meet the attendance expectations of the Choice school will lead to Choice being revoked. In that case, the student must then return to the zoned school.

How does Expanded Choice affect participation in interscholastic athletics and school activities?

The rules of the South Carolina High School League determine eligibility for interscholastic athletics and activities for middle and high school students. The Richland School District Two's athletic intra-district transfer rules and procedures also apply. It is the parents' and students' responsibility to be aware of these athletic procedures before applying for a school transfer. Any student who accepts a transfer and participates in an athletic activity at the transfer school during the spring or summer (cheerleading tryouts, spring football practice, summer team camps) may have their eligibility affected. If you have questions regarding school transfers and participation in interscholastic athletics, please contact your school's athletic director prior to applying for a transfer, accepting a transfer, practicing with a team or attending a school other than your zoned school. Additionally, many eligibility concerns are addressed in the athletics frequently asked questions.

What is a Sibling Transfer and how is it used?

A Sibling Transfer is a transfer granted for a student when the student's sibling (living in the same household) is attending or will attend the requested school during the same year through an approved District transfer. The sibling transfer may be used to allow the requesting sibling to transfer into a school without participating in Choice or transfer into a school when one student is selected for a transfer through Choice and the other sibling is not. A parent may apply for this transfer by completing a Sibling Request Form. Once a student is granted a sibling transfer, the student may remain at the school for the remainder of that level (Elem. Middle, High) as long as the student's parent/guardian continues to reside in Richland Two. If one sibling is approved through Expanded Choice or for a Schoolwide Magnet school, the other sibling can be approved to attend the same school utilizing the Sibling Transfer process. The Sibling Transfer cannot be approved to allow admittance into a School within a School Magnet Program, a Magnet Center or the eSchool. Due to Pre-K not being a mandated grade and not able to participate in the Choice process, Pre-k students are not allowed to receive a Sibling Transfer unless they are selected for the Montessori Program.

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY, WE EMPOWER STUDENTS TO DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL AND PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

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Richland School District Two is committed to providing equal access to educational and employment opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, pregnancy, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity status, spousal affiliation, or any other protected characteristic, as may be required by law. Therefore, as required by Title IX and its implementing regulations, 106.8(b)(2)(i), Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities.

Visit the Richland Two website, www.richland2.org, for more information on the Richland Two Title IX Compliance Program.

Our District Title IX Coordinator can be reached at klarkins@richland2.org or (803) 738-3338.