

School Districts of Sonoma County
School District of Choice Transfer

For school year _____

For grade _____

Use a separate form for each child. Please type or print. See reverse for information about the School District of Choice program.
Application must be received by the School District of Choice prior to January 1*.

Part A: Parent/Guardian completes this section and returns all copies to school district of choice.

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School District of Choice: _____ County: _____

School Requested (1st Priority): _____ (2nd Priority): _____

Specific Program or Service Requested (if any): _____

Sibling(s) Currently Attending District of Choice: _____

School District of Residence: _____ County: _____

School of Attendance or Last Attended: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian has been relocated by the military within the last 90 days? Yes No If yes, attach copy of military orders

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of California, that the information provided above is true and accurate and that I have read and understand the information about the School District of Choice program on the reverse side of this form. I understand that this information may be verified and that inaccurate or false information may subject my request to denial or revocation. I understand that I am responsible for the transportation of my student. I further understand that, to maintain this permit, my student must comply with the terms and conditions of the districts' attendance agreement, if any, which includes but is not limited to those terms and conditions set forth below and the academic, behavior, and attendance policy requirements of the district of desired attendance. I understand that the interdistrict attendance permit must be renewed annually, if the above listed districts have an attendance agreement which provides for such. I further understand that neither district may rescind an existing permit for a student entering grades 11 or 12 in the subsequent school year.

(signature of parent/guardian)

(date)

* This timeline may be waived upon agreement between the district of choice and the district of residence. This timeline does not apply to a student whose parent/guardian is enlisted in the military and was relocated by the military within 90 days prior to submitting the application.

Part B: School district of choice completes and forwards all copies to school district of residence.

Action of District of Choice:

Accepted

Rejected Reason for rejection:

(signature and title of authorized representative) Date: _____

Part C: School district of residence completes and distributes copies as indicated below.

Action of District of Residence:

Accepted

Rejected Reason for rejection:

Negative impact on desegregation plan or racial and ethnic balance

Transfer exceeds limits specified in law

(signature and title of authorized representative) Date: _____

Information About the School District of Choice Program

The law allows, but does not require, school districts to accept students from other districts under the *School District of Choice* program. The school district of choice determines the number of transfers it is willing to accept and ensures that students are selected through a random, unbiased process.

It is important to check with the school district of choice regarding its schools, programs, policies, and any additional application procedures.

How do I apply?

Applications are available from the school district of choice. Completed applications must be returned to the district office prior to January 1 for enrollment in the next school year, unless the district of residence and the district of choice have agreed to waive the timeline or the application is for a student whose parent/guardian is enlisted in the military and was relocated within 90 days of submitting the application.

When will I be notified?

The district is encouraged to notify you within 90 days if your application has been provisionally accepted or rejected, or of your child's position on any waiting list. You will receive final notice of acceptance or rejection by May 15 for enrollment in the next school year. If the application is being submitted under the military exception, the district of choice must notify you within 90 days of the final decision regarding your application.

How are students selected?

After determining the number of transfer students it is willing to accept, the district selects students through a random, unbiased process. Academic or athletic abilities are not evaluated. Students will also have to meet any entrance requirements for specialized schools or programs. Priority will be given to siblings of children already in attendance in the district.

How am I assured of the specific school I request?

You may request a particular school, but the district makes the final determination as to which school your child will attend.

Can the district of choice reject the transfer?

The district of choice may reject the transfer if:

- (1) it would negatively impact any desegregation plan or racial and ethnic balance of the district
- (2) it requires the district to create a new program or provide a new service to meet the student's needs, with the exception of a student with disabilities or an English learner
- (3) it would cause a student who resides or is currently enrolled in the district to be displaced
- (4) the student has been expelled from another school district

Can my district of residence prohibit the transfer?

The district of resident may prohibit the transfer if it would negatively impact any desegregation plan or racial and ethnic balance of the district. The district may also limit the number of students transferring out each year.

Can I appeal a decision to reject the transfer?

There is no statutory right to appeal a rejection.

Is transportation provided to the school?

Upon request, the school district of choice may, but is not required to, provide your child transportation within the boundaries of the district to the extent that it is being provided to other students.

If my child is accepted, do I have to reapply each year?

The transfer will be renewed automatically each year unless the district withdraws from the *School District of Choice* program and no longer accepts transfer students. High school students, however, may continue until they graduate, even if the district withdraws.

Can the district of choice revoke the transfer?

The district of choice may revoke the transfer if your child is recommended for expulsion.