



SCHOOL OF CHOICE

The District has an open enrollment policy within the District. The purpose of the policy is to offer options to meet the diverse needs, potential, and interest of District students.

A. Students who reside within District boundaries may apply for enrollment in any District school. The Governing Board shall determine the capacity of each District school and establish a random, unbiased selection process for admission of students from another assigned school, for example a first grader assigned to Helen Wilcox who applies to attend Honcut School.

B. If parents or guardians choose to select a school other than their assigned school, then parents or guardians assume responsibility for providing transportation for their child(ren) to the school of choice.

C. Final acceptance of the school of choice INTRADISTRICT transfer is applicable for one school year only.

D. Academic or athletic performance shall not be considerations when determining student admission.

E. No student currently assigned to a school shall be displaced by students outside the District or attendance area (another assigned school).

F. No overcrowding will occur at any school of choice.

G. The Governing Board retains the authority to maintain appropriate racial and ethnic balance in each school.

H. Selection Procedures

1. The Superintendent or designee shall identify those schools and grade levels which may have space available for additional students. A list of those schools and open enrollment applications shall be available in all school offices.

2. All students who submit applications to the District Office by May 1 shall be eligible to their school of choice the following school year under the District's INTRADISTRICT Open Enrollment policy. Applications received after the deadline may be considered if further openings exist.

3. Enrollment in a school of choice shall be determined by lot from the eligible applicant pool. A waiting list shall be established to indicate the order in which students may be accepted as openings occur. Late applicants may be added to the waiting list in the order in which they apply.

4. The Superintendent or designee shall inform applicants by mail as to whether their applications have been approved, denied, or placed on a waiting list. If the application is denied, the reasons for denial shall be stated.

5. Applicants who receive approval must confirm their enrollment within two weeks.

Any complaints regarding the selection process should be taken to the Superintendent.

The Palermo Union School District has three schools: Palermo School, Helen Wilcox School, and Honcut School.

Students are assigned to schools based on grades attended. Kindergarten students are assigned to a.m. and p.m. classes by attendance areas defined by most economical and District approved bus routes. There are a.m. and p.m. "shuttle runs" between Helen Wilcox and Palermo Schools for students within walking distance of those schools (3/4 mile). Honcut students will be assigned as per attendance and/or walking distance.

Students in grades kindergarten through grade two who reside within District boundaries may apply for enrollment in any District school, provided space is available at the school of choice. No overcrowding can be allowed. No student assigned to a school shall be displaced by student's transferring from outside the District or attendance area.

The Honcut School attendance area includes all areas south of Central House Road