

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL CHOICE STAFFING CAPACITY**

Whereas:

- The Board of Directors of the Fort Smith School District has approved by a vote of the Board, the following capacity resolution for school choice applicants for the 2025-2026 school-year under the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE and applicable Arkansas law.
- Applicants whose applications meet the provisions of policy 4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE, will be sent a provisional acceptance notification letter which will give instructions on the necessary steps and timelines to enroll in the District. Provisional acceptance shall be determined, and notice provided, within fifteen (15) calendar days and shall be based on the district's available capacity for each academic program, class, grade level, and individual school. While provisional rejections shall be provided within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the school choice application, the District shall finalize all rejections by July 1 to account for any changes in capacity between the day the application is received and the end of the school year.
- Applications will not be accepted if the applications:
 - Are received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked before January 1, unless the application is from a student who is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice;
 - Are received, electronically timestamped, or postmarked after May 1, unless the application is postmarked before May 1 or is from a student who is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice;
 - Are to a student's resident district that has been determined by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to be exempt due to an existing desegregation order; or
 - The student is transferring under Uniformed Service Member Dependent School Choice and the application is not accompanied by relevant documentation.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to determine, based on an examination of student records obtained from the prior district, and other information, whether any student would require a different class, course or courses, program of instruction, or special services than originally applied for. If such an examination determines that capacity has been reached in the appropriate class, course or program of instruction, or that additional teaching staff would have to be hired for the applicant, the District shall rescind the original provisional acceptance letter and deny the Choice transfer for that student.
- The district reserves to itself the ability to decline to accept under school choice any student whose acceptance would require the district to add additional staff to exceed the maximum student to teacher ratio in any of the District's current grade, program, or building capacity.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that these shall constitute the School Choice openings at the beginning of the School Choice enrollment period for the school-year 2025-2026

Elementary School

- Ballman Grade 5
- Barling Grades 1, 4, and 5
- Beard Grades 1, 4, and 5
- Bonneville Grade 5
- Carnall Grade 1 and 5
- Cavanaugh Grade 4 and 5
- Cook Grade K, 4, and 5
- Howard Grade 4 and 5
- Spradling Grade 4
- Sutton Grade 3

Middle School

- Chaffin Middle School Grade 7 and 8
- Darby Middle School
- Kimmons Middle School Grade 7 and 8
- Ramsey Middle School Grade 7 and 8

High School

- Northside High School
- Southside High School

Board President

Board Secretary

Date

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