

Descriptor Term: SCHOOL CHOICE/OPEN ENROLLMENT	Descriptor: JFB	Issued: 9/10/96
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Each student within the Tupelo Public School District is assigned a home school attendance zone determined by the place of residence of the parents or guardians of that child. A student has priority to attend the home school before any other student opting to transfer from another attendance zone within the district.

A transfer enrollment request period will be opened in January and February for the ensuing school year for the purpose of requesting admission to a school other than the home school of a student. Information concerning the transfer enrollment time period will be announced through local media and disseminated to parents upon request. Students may be given priority to transfer within the district under the following conditions:

- A. Students with handicapping conditions recommended for a program provided at a school other than the home school.
- B. The parent or legal guardian of a student is a full-time employee in the school to which a transfer has been requested.
- C. An extreme hardship.

Once a transfer enrollment request is approved by the district, the student will be assigned to the school of choice for the duration of the student's program at that school. However, the district reserves the right to rescind or amend any or all approved student transfer requests at any time if overcrowding of facilities or other undesirable conditions develop.

If the number of transfer enrollment requests exceed the capacity of a class or grade for a school, transfer requests will be denied and notification provided to parents. In the event that all transfer requests can not be honored, approval will be granted based upon the date and order in which the request was received by the district.

Students who move from one home school zone to another during the school year may complete the school year at the original school of enrollment. A student whose parents plan to move to another home school area within the district during the ensuing school year may be admitted to the new home school upon the submittal of a rental, lease or purchase contract for housing within the new home school zone.

Having one child in a school of choice does not automatically qualify any other children within that family to transfer. It will be the responsibility of the parents or guardians of a transfer student to provide transportation of their child.