

District Protocol for Student Transfers relative to Public School Choice

Students attending Delhi Elementary School, Delhi Middle School, Holly Ridge Elementary School, Rayville Elementary School, Rayville Junior School will be eligible for public school choice. Students who access choice must remain at that school for the full school year. Individual achievement scores, enrollment limits, and income level are criteria for consideration of priority for choice. (School performance scores for the previous school year were released in early November.) School choice will no longer be an option if D or F Letter Grades are raised to A, B, or C.

Travel distance must be considered a factor for options. There are scenarios where choice options using existing bus routes could lead to students missing 1st and 7th periods daily.*

DES students will be eligible for choice to MES and SES;*

DMS 5th Grade students will be eligible for choice to MES or SES;*

DMS 6th students will be eligible for choice to MJHS or SES;*

DMS 7th and 8th students will be eligible for choice to MJHS;*

HRES students will be eligible for choice to SES and MES;

RES students will be eligible for choice to SES and MES;

RJHS students will be eligible for choice to MJHS;

No choice options exist for High School students in Richland Parish;

Students who are currently attending school on Majority to Minority (M-to-M) Transfers are enrolled at their current school and can stay there up to the highest grade offered. M-to-M students grandfathered by the Consent Order must provide their own transportation beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Students previously on M-to-M transfers and enrolled at the above listed choice option schools will be eligible for such choice after completing the appropriate form.

School Choice information will be provided immediately following the Executive Board Meeting on May 3, 2018. Information will be sent home via flyer on the Week of May 7-11, 2018. Information will be communicated via Parental Engagement Activities (i.e. PTO Meetings). Information will be communicated via the Richland Beacon News/Delhi Dispatch and JCalls.

As a result of the transition from M-to-M Transfer Routes to School Choice Transfer Routes, a minimum of four new bus routes will need to be budgeted for the 2018-2019 school year. Four new buses will need to be budgeted for purchase at a cost of approximately \$360,000. Two new routes in Delhi/Holly Ridge and two new routes in Rayville/Start will need to be created. The four new routes may be considered for tiered supplements based contingent on the amount of time required to complete the route. The approximate cost of drivers for new routes will be approximately \$80,000. The total projected cost for the transition will be \$440,000.

Choice Request Applications will be accepted at the sending school and Central Office from May 7 – 31, 2018. Applications will not be accepted after May 31, 2018. Parents will receive an official notification by June 28, 2018.