

## 2024-2025 District Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

### Quality Indicators of Consideration

#### 1. Application Process

Osceola School District offers parents and guardians an opportunity to choose an appropriate school for their children through several methods. These Choice opportunities provide clear information so families can make the best decision to meet the educational needs of their children. Application information is available on:

- the district's website at [www.osceolaschools.net/choice](http://www.osceolaschools.net/choice)
- the Educational Choices and Innovation Department's website at <https://www.osceolaschools.net/educationalchoicesandinnovations>
- the Choice website at [www.myosceolachoice.school](http://www.myosceolachoice.school), and
- on each school website.

While the School District of Osceola County makes every effort to accommodate Choice requests, some district schools are near capacity; therefore, the number of seats available may vary within a range depending on the capacity of each school. Schools having a projected enrollment equal to or greater than ninety percent (90%) capacity for each school, by grade level, shall not be available for controlled open enrollment.

Parents who are interested in their children attending a school other than their assigned school, based on home address, must complete an online Choice application, following the Choice enrollment period. This application qualifies the student to participate in a lottery process shortly after the Choice enrollment period closes if the Choice requests exceed the number of available seats. Parents are notified of the Choice enrollment period via the district website, parent portal, press releases, district-wide notifications (Remind), mail-outs, flyers sent home via backpack, posters placed at the schools, social media, community events, and Choice fairs.

Choice applications received after the Choice enrollment period are placed on a waiting list until spaces become available at the requested Choice school.

#### 2. Process for Declaring School

Parents or guardians inform the school district of their intent to participate in a Choice program by completing the District Choice Application available on the websites mentioned in Section 1. The Educational Choices and Innovation Department processes the Choice applications. Applications are due following Choice periods and parents are notified of the Choice seat offer starting in early Spring.

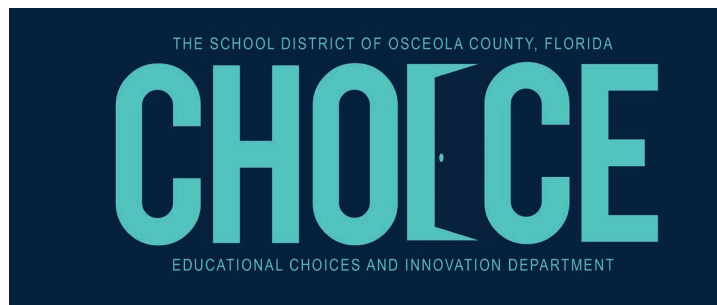
- Approval of Choice applications after the established deadlines will be granted for unique situations and determined individually by the Administration.
- Choice for Capacity will remain open after the deadlines for students who have moved out of the zone during the school year or the summer and wish to stay at their current school of attendance/enrollment.
- A student offered a Choice seat assignment must accept the seat and register at the new school within ten (10) days of being notified or the Choice assignment will be rescinded.

The timeline for Choice application requests for the 2024-2025 school year is provided below.

- November 21, 2024 – January 27, 2025
- November 21, 2024 – January 10, 2025 - For the Osceola County School for the Arts Only

The timeline for Choice application requests for the 2025-2026 school year is provided below.

- November 20, 2025 – January 26, 2026
- November 20, 2026 – January 9, 2026 - For the Osceola County School for the Arts Only



### **3. Lottery Procedure to Determine Student Assignment**

At the end of the enrollment period, a lottery shall be conducted if the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats.

### **4. Enrollment Priority**

Each district school board must provide preferential treatment in its controlled open enrollment process to all the following:

- Dependent children of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders;
- Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone;
- Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent; and
- Students residing in the district.

### **5. Sibling Placement**

Every effort is made by The School District of Osceola County to accommodate the placement of a sibling to any student already enrolled in a school if space is available and if the student meets admission criteria, if applicable.

### **6. Appeals Process for Hardship Cases**

Parents may apply for Choice for Capacity to any school in the district. These applications are approved based on space availability. Consideration for siblings is accounted for in the process. In the event an application is denied, parents may appeal to the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Choices and Innovation.

### **7. Procedure to Maintain Socioeconomic, Demographic, and Racial Balance.**

A district-wide redistricting process has been established. The criterion for redistricting includes:

- Protect the interest of all students/schools,
- Student safety,
- School capacity,
- Concurrency guidelines,
- Socio-economic balance,
- Ethnicity balance,
- Growth – Increases and Declines
- Minimum school guarantee, and
- Transportation considerations

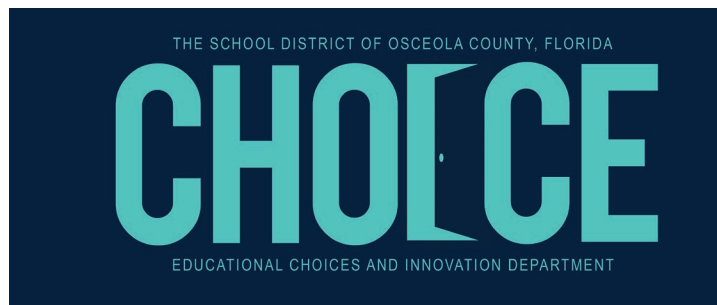
### **8. Availability of Transportation**

Transportation is provided for eligible Choice programs through a corridor busing system. If a student is accepted in a Choice program listed below, transportation information is provided to parents by the Choice school.

The Choice programs eligible for transportation include:

1. Arts – Osceola County School for the Arts
2. Technology – Professional and Technical High School (PATHS) and NeoCity Academy
3. International Baccalaureate (IB) – Celebration High School, and Gateway High School

Parents are responsible for transportation if the child(ren) is accepted to any other school and/or Choice program.



## 9. Process for Promoting Strong Parental Involvement, Including the Designation of a Parent Liaison

The School District of Osceola County will work in partnership with families and the community to ensure all learners develop the essential knowledge and skills to strengthen our thriving community.

The Assistant Superintendent for the Educational Choices and Innovation Department serves as the parent liaison to assist parents' involvement in making educational choices. Personnel within the department and at each school site also assist in promoting parental choice.

## 10. Strategy for Establishing an Information Clearinghouse

- The School District provides Choice Program information to parents through:
  - Districtwide
    - District website
    - Choice website
    - School websites
  - The Educational Choices and Innovation Department also promotes Choice programs through:
    - Department websites
    - Attendance at community events
    - Informational handouts and marketing materials
    - School Tours
    - Parent Leadership Council Meetings for ELL students
    - Events:
      - Choice Fairs
      - Community Expos
      - Welcome Back events
      - School Events
    - Social Media Outlets
    - Direct phone calls and emails to parents

## 11. Revocation of Choice Assignment

- A. A Choice assignment may be revoked by the school principal, upon concurrence of the Superintendent or designee, based on unsatisfactory behavior and/ or attendance in a school year, and the student shall be returned to their zoned school.
  - 1. For purposes of revocation, unsatisfactory behavior and/ or attendance may include:
    - a. three (3) or more Level III or higher discipline referrals provided to the parent/legal guardian; and/ or
    - b. more than 10 unexcused absences in 90 days, provided the truancy process has been initiated and documented.
  - 2. Revocation of a choice assignment within ten (10) school days of the end of a nine (9) weeks or semester grading period shall be effective the first day of the following grading period.
  - 3. Revocation of a choice assignment shall render that student ineligible to apply for a choice assignment for the following school year.
  - 4. The standards for revocation shall be communicated by the school principal or designee after award of the choice assignment.
- B. Any student granted a choice assignment may continue to the highest grade level of the approved school until:
  - 1. The student is expelled
  - 2. The student is withdrawn from enrollment at the school by the parent or legal guardian;
  - 3. The parent or legal guardian of the student requests a change in school assignment;
  - 4. It is determined by the School District that the application for controlled open enrollment was based on inaccurate, false, or misleading information; or

More information about Choice assignment revocation can be found in the District's School Board Rules X.A. and X.B.