



2019-2020 District Controlled Open Enrollment Plan

Nine 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 they can make the best decision to meet the education needs of their children. Application information is available on the district's website at www.osceolaschools.net/choice, on the Charter Schools and Educational Choices Department's (CSEC Department) website:

http://www.osceolaschools.net/departments/charter_schools_and_educational_choices, and at each school website.

While the School District of Osceola County makes every effort to accommodate choice requests, some of the district schools are near capacity; therefore, the number of seats available range depending on the capacity of each school.

Parents who are interested in their children attending a school other than the assigned school must complete an online choice application. This application participates in the lottery process shortly after the choice enrollment window closes if the choice requests exceed the amount of available seats. Parents are notified of the choice enrollment window via the district website, parent portal, newspaper advertisement, press releases, district wide call-outs, mail-outs, flyers sent home via backpack, posters placed at the schools, community events and choice fairs.

Choice applications received after the choice enrollment window 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 his or her intent to participate in the choice program by completing the District Choice Application available at the websites mentioned on Section 1. The Charter Schools and Educational Choices Department processes the Choice applications. Applications are due in the spring and parents are notified of acceptance in the program by early June.
 - Approval of Choice applications subsequent the established deadlines will be granted for unique hardship situations and will be determined on an individual basis by the Administration.
 - Choice for Capacity will continue to be open after the deadlines for students who have moved out of zone during the school year or during the summer and wish to remain at their current school of attendance/enrollment.

The timeline utilized for choice application requests for the 2019-2020 school year is provided below.

- November 8th – February 1st

3. Sibling Placement

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

4. Lottery Procedure to Determine Student Assignment

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

5. Appeals Process for Hardship Cases

- Parents may apply for Choice for Capacity from their home zoned school to any school in the district. These applications are approved based on space availability and program of study. Consideration for siblings is accounted for in the process. In the event an application is denied, parents may appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Human Services.

6. Procedure to Maintain Socioeconomic, Demographic, and Racial Balance.

- A district-wide redistricting process has been established. The criteria for redistricting includes:
 - Protect the interest of all students/schools,
 - Student safety,
 - School capacity,
 - Concurrency guidelines,
 - Socio-economic balance,
 - Ethnicity balance,
 - Growth – Increases/Declines,
 - Minimum school guarantee, and
 - Transportation considerations.

7. 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 and Poinciana Academy of Fine Arts
2. Technology – Professional and Technical High School (PATHS)
3. STEM – Chestnut Elementary School for Science and Engineering, Discovery Intermediate and Poinciana High School
4. Dual Language – Kissimmee Elementary School and Ventura Elementary School
5. International Baccalaureate (IB) – Thacker Avenue Elementary for International Studies, Parkway Middle School, 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.

8. 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. – District Vision

The Executive Director of the Charter Schools and Educational Choices Department serves as the parent liaison to assist parent involvement in making educational choices. Personnel within the department and school sites also assist and promote parental choice.

9. Strategy for Establishing an Information Clearinghouse

- The School District provides Choice Program information to parents via:
 - Districtwide
 - District website
 - The Charter Schools and Educational Choices Department also promotes choice programs via:
 - Department websites
 - Attendance to community events
 - Informational brochures
 - Parent Leadership Council Meetings for ELL students
 - Events:
 - Choice Fairs
 - Community Expos
 - Discover Osceola
 - Welcome Back
 - School Events