

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER

(Deadline for submission is May 1, unless the student is eligible for School Choice for Military Families)

TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTED

Public School Choice Act of 2015 ☐

Opportunity School Choice Act ☐

NOTE: Applications for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 must be sent to the resident and nonresident districts. Applications for the Opportunity School Choice Act must be sent to the resident district, the nonresident district, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

If you are unsure which type of school choice best applies, please review the FAQ following this form for information about the different types of school choice that may be available to your student.

SIBLING INFORMATION

If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act, does the applicant have a sibling or step-sibling already attending the nonresident district listed in this application pursuant to the Public School Choice Act?

If so, please list:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name:

Grade:

Student Date of Birth:

Gender: Male ☐

Female ☐

Is the applicant currently expelled?

Yes ☐

No ☐

MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION

Does the applicant have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military who has been transferred to and resides on a military base? If so, please state the date of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base:

NOTE: In order to take advantage of school choice options available to military families who have recently transferred to a military base, you must submit military transfer orders and proof of residency on the military base to the resident and nonresident school districts.

RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

This information is collected for data reporting purposes only, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227(f)(2)(B).

2 or More Races ☐

Asian ☐

African-American ☐

Hispanic ☐

Native American/
Native Alaskan ☐

Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander ☐

White ☐

RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Address:	
Phone:	
NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Address:	
Phone:	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Name:	Home Phone:
Address:	Work Phone:
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date:
DISTRICT USE ONLY	
Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:	
Date and Time Received by Resident District:	
Resident District LEA #:	
Nonresident District LEA#:	
Student's State Identification #:	
Application:	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):	
Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the differences between Public School Choice and Opportunity School Choice?

	Public School Choice	Opportunity School Choice
Law	Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-1901 et seq.	Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227
Eligibility	<p>Any student may apply for a Public School Choice transfer from the resident district to a district in which s/he does not reside <u>unless</u> one of the districts involved has claimed an exemption from participation in school choice pursuant to an active federal desegregation order.</p> <p>Students cannot use Public School Choice to transfer to a different school within their resident district.</p>	<p>A student may only use Opportunity School Choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To transfer from a public school that has a rating of “F” to a school that does not have a rating of “F” under Ark. Code Ann. §§6-15-2105 and 6-15-2106; or • To transfer from a school district that has been classified as a school district in need of Level 5-intensive support to a school district not classified in need of Level 5-intensive support under Ark. Code Ann. §§6-15-2913 or 6-15-2915.
Lack of Capacity	A school district lacks capacity when it has reached at least 90% of the maximum authorized student population in a program, class, grade level, or school building.	A school or district lacks capacity when it has reached at least 95% of the maximum authorized student population in a program, class, grade level, or school building.
Priority for Siblings	Yes	No
Deadline to Apply	May 1	May 1

What is “the Division” or “DESE”?

These terms refer to the Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

What does “lack of capacity” mean?

“Lack of capacity” means a district does not have space for a student because the district has reached at least at least 90% in the case of Public School Choice or at least 95% in the case of Opportunity School Choice of the maximum number of students allowed in a program, class, grade level, or school building. This is based on the student to teacher ratios set in the DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load.