

## SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS FOR 2008/09 SCHOOL YEAR

Approved at the December 18, 2007 School Board Meeting:

Elementary Schools: Choice will be frozen with the following exceptions:

1. Students who wish to choice out of a school at or near capacity to another school which is not at or near capacity.
2. Students at Palm City Elementary will have open choice to Elementary School "A".
3. There will be no sibling preference, except at special programs such as autistic, visually impaired, etc., which are only offered at selected sites. This does not include the gifted program. Therefore, students from the same family may be attending two different schools but they would have the option of having all children in one school if they returned to their home zoned school.
4. Students completing their fifth grade year will be allowed to remain at their current school (grandfathered). All other students must attend their new zoned school.

Middle Schools:

1. Choice is frozen for Hidden Oaks Middle School.
2. There will be open choice for all other middle schools.

High Schools:

1. Students from South Fork High School and Martin County High School will have open choice to Jensen Beach High School.
2. Students will be allowed to enter Signature Programs at each of the schools. Each student must formally apply in writing to the school and be approved by the instructor and principal.
3. Students who wish to take a Foreign Language which is not offered at their home school will be allowed to choice to another school. Each student must formally apply in writing to the school and be approved by the instructor and principal.
4. All students must remain in their approved program to continue enrollment in their choice schools. Should they drop from their approved program, they must enroll in their home school.

The following pertain to all grade levels:

1. All students approved for school choice must provide their own transportation.
2. If students move during the course of the year from a school, the students will be allowed to remain for the rest of that year only.

3. There will be an employee preference.
4. All students who were on approved choice prior to this year would be grandfathered.
5. Exceptional Student Education choice will be recommended by the Individual Educational Program Committee.

### HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS

- 1) Incoming ninth and current ninth graders will be allowed to enter Signature Programs on a space available basis. Each student must formally apply in writing to the school and be approved by the instructor and principal.
- 2) Students who wish to take a Foreign Language which is not offered at their home school will be allowed to request placement at another high school which offers that foreign language on a space available basis. Each student must formally apply in writing to the school and be approved by the instructor and principal.

**Note 1:** All students approved for school choice must provide their own transportation.

**Note 2:** All students must remain in their approved program to continue enrollment in their choice schools. Should they drop from their approved program they must enroll in their home school at the beginning of the next school term.

If you, a student, wishes to utilize any of these options, you, the student and parent, must complete a Form 407 (Choice Application) and have a copy of the attached form signed by the appropriate teacher and submitted to the guidance office for approval by the principal. Both this form and the Form 407 must be submitted at the same time to the guidance office of the school to which reassignment is requested. To help facilitate this process for incoming ninth graders, the forms should be returned to the middle school principals, who will forward them to your choice school.

Thanking you in advance for your help and cooperation in this matter.

I am interested in applying for high school choice for the following exception:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Program – School of Marketing/Management offered at Martin County High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Program - Institute of Hospitality (Culinary Arts) offered at Martin County High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Program - Academy of Automotive Collision Repair offered at Martin County High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Program - Academy of Agritechnology (Landscape Operations, Veterinary Assisting) offered at South Fork High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Program - International Baccalaureate Program offered at South Fork High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Language students - Latin offered at Martin County High School

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Teacher Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal Approval: \_\_\_\_\_