



# Grant Parish School Board

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## School Choice Plan 2024 – 2025

In compliance with Bulletin 111 - The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System, local school districts are required to offer families of students enrolled in schools that receive letter grades of D or F the opportunity to transfer their children to select schools with an A, B, and/or C rating. The option to transfer is based on the selected receiving schools' grade-level capacity.

1. The GPSB will notify parents of their school choice options if a school's initial identification for School Improvement 1 or above or Academically Unacceptable Level 1 (AUS1) or above occurs with the fall final accountability release. The school shall offer choice beginning with the following school year. Parents in schools that have been identified as schools in need of improvement will be notified by letter of the opportunity to transfer their child to a higher achieving school in the district. The letter will explain the criteria that identified this school as a choice school, what the choice school is doing to address the problem of low achievement, and how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.
2. Students will be offered a choice to eligible receiving schools with available capacity. Parent preferences among choices offered will be considered but not guaranteed. Capacity is 85% of the grade-level limit as detailed by Bulletin 741 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators. Considerations affecting capacity also include group size restrictions issued by the State of Louisiana.
  - a. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades K-3 shall be 26 students.
  - b. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades 4-12, is 33 students.
3. School Choice applications will be available March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024 on the Grant Parish School Board website. Student transfers under the choice option must be submitted online by the established deadline.
4. Choice will be offered to students in an eligible Title I school until the school is no longer identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1).
5. Low-income, low-achieving students will be given first priority in the selection process according to an established rubric.
6. GPSB will utilize district and federal funded transportation schedules to transport school choice students as much as possible to meet the needs of school choice students. Applications for transportation will be available March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024.
7. Students exercising the option to transfer to another public school may remain in that school until the student has completed the highest grade in the school or until the student's school of origin is no longer identified as academically unacceptable or in school improvement. However, transportation will not be provided after the end of the school year in which the student's school of

origin is no longer identified for school improvement. Students will not be allowed to transfer to any school that is identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1).

8. If there are no schools to which the student can transfer, parents will be notified that their child's school is identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1) and that the child is eligible for choice although there are no choice options currently available.
9. The Director of Federal Programs or Elementary Supervisor will notify parents of the transfer once a decision has been determined.
10. Receiving schools will provide equal educational opportunities for all students eligible to transfer, including students with disabilities and English Language Learners.
11. All new enrollees to a receiving school that are currently zoned for a school in AUS1 are required to complete an application by the established deadline. This includes students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Official Policy: <http://caps.gpsb.org:81/GrantCAPS.htm>

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