



School Choice Plan

~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022



SCHOOL CHOICE PLAN REVISIONS

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – February 18, 2021

Page 1

A. Background

The Santa Rosa County School District serves approximately ~~28,000~~ 29,000 pre-kindergarten through grade twelve students in ~~33~~ 34 school centers. These centers include 1 Pre-K center, 17 elementary level schools, 7 middle schools, 6 high schools, 1 K-12 combination school, 1 technical center, 1 K-8 school and 1 adult school. The district strives to ensure both equal educational opportunities and facilities at all school centers. All school centers in accordance with the comprehensive technology plan have access to the Internet through the district wide area network. Local area networks in all schools, support classroom computers and/or computer labs. All schools have instructional television accessible to all classrooms. The PDC Office of Professional Learning provides in-service to teachers on state-of-the-art technology in two locations (one in the north end of the district and one in the south end of the district).

While the district has no magnet schools, the district has the best of both worlds. This district uses the state adopted standards in the state approved curriculum areas and has high expectations for all students. However, site-based decision making with input from all stakeholders, strongly encourages innovative programs to achieve these expectations. Schools, through the Continuous Improvement Model, plan and implement programs to meet the specific needs of their students and community. A strong network of administrators and teachers ensure that innovations that work are rapidly replicated, frequently with appropriate modifications at other schools. The district staff organization, with directors for elementary, middle, and high schools, workforce education, Continuous Improvement, Title 1 and Federal Programs, facilitates networking among school administrators. These directors meet on a monthly basis with site administrators of that level. A major portion of each meeting is devoted to sharing ideas and discussing common concerns. As a result, a strong basic similarity exists in the curriculum and instruction programs/material within schools with similar grade configurations.

Page 4

1. Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento Act School of Origin

- (a.) To the extent feasible, keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness ~~or a child or youth in foster care placement~~ in their school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian or it is determined by the district McKinney-Vento Liaison and child welfare agency that school of origin transportation is not in the best interest of the child;

Page 6

3. Parent Request for Student Transfer (In-County and Controlled Open Enrollment)

- (b) The Request for Student Transfer (In-County and Controlled Open Enrollment) period is from ~~April 10th – May 25th~~ April 9th – May 24th.

d. Students who have siblings enrolled at a school other than their residentially zone school may apply for reassignment to that same school based on sibling support. The student must be attending the school the same year as the requested reassignment. Students assigned for sibling support may remain at the assigned school until they change levels.

All Florida Residents

c. All other decisions on ~~whether or not~~ **whether** to recommend the transfer to the Santa Rosa County School Board for action is based solely on available capacity* at the requested school.

D. Transportation

(1) Transportation will be provided for students assigned by the district to special programs such as Exceptional Student Education (ESE). ~~and English Language Learners (ELL).~~

E. Application Process

(1) Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento Act School Choice Option

If a parent informs the school or district (through the enrollment process) that they are claiming homeless status, or it is determined by the district from information provided by the parent (by the resident information survey completed annually) that the student could possibly be eligible for services relating to the *Stewart B. McKinney-Bruce Vento Act*, the student is referred to the Santa Rosa District School's ~~Coordinator~~ **Director** for Federal Programs program to coordinate services.

F. Application Timelines

Parents may choose at any time during the year to apply for the School Choice Programs available with the exception of Controlled Open Enrollment. Parents may submit an application for a school transfer request ~~beginning April 10th – May 25th~~ **April 9th – May 24th** for the beginning of the subsequent school year. Applications submitted after ~~May 27th~~ **May 25th** may be held until enrollment numbers can be evaluated for the upcoming school year unless the parent/student has established residence in Santa Rosa County.

Target Timeline for School Choice Determinations

Draft School Choice Plan to School Board

Post Capacity Chart and Plan on website

Application Window

Controlled Open Enrollment Application Closed

In-County, Court Orders, Military Preference
to Board

Parent/Guardian Notifications Begin

February School Board Meeting

~~April 10, 2020~~ **April 9, 2021**

~~April 10-May 25, 2020~~ **April 9-May 24,
2021**

~~May 25, 2020~~ **May 24, 2021**

May School Board Meeting

First Day After May School Board Meeting

Consider Controlled Open Enrollment Request/Lotteries	May 15 – May 29, 2020 May 14 -May 28, 2021
Controlled Open Enrollment Transfers to Board	First June School Board Meeting
Parent/Guardian Notifications Begin	First Day After First June School Board Meeting

H. ~~Parental Involvement~~ Parent and Family Engagement

Each school site establishes a School Advisory Council (SAC) which reviews school policies/ procedures and advises the schools in total school operation. The SRCSB encourages each SAC to review the district’s policy regarding School Choice Plan options and make recommendations regarding the Plan. The members of the SRCSB are elected by popular vote from the designated five districts within Santa Rosa County. As representatives of their respective districts, the Board members review the School Choice Plan and make recommendations regarding the guidelines and implementation. The SRCSB has the ultimate decision approving the School Choice Plan.