

Controlled Open Enrollment is Right Around the Corner!

This is a friendly reminder from Dr. Desjardins, Assistant Superintendent of School Support Services for Charlotte County Public Schools, alerting parents that the months of February and March are designated as the school district's controlled open enrollment window (school choice). During these months, parents and guardians may select a school in our district other than their child's assigned geographic school for the upcoming 2024-25 school year as long as that school is not closed due to being at capacity enrollment. If a school is "open" to reassignments, it is important to note that your child is not necessarily guaranteed a spot at that location. If there are more reassignment requests for a particular school than available seats, then the district will use a random lottery to determine which students will be allowed to attend that school. If a random lottery is needed, it will be conducted during the first two weeks of April.

Any student **who is currently on reassignment** to a school other than his or her assigned geographic school is no longer required to renew his or her reassignment every year. Your student will remain on that school's roster until your student has completed the highest grade level offered at that school (5th grade for elementary school and 8th grade for middle school). Out-of-County residents no longer need to renew their reassignment application each year they wish for their student to attend a Charlotte County Public School unless they decide to change the school their student is currently attending.

Reassignment forms are available at any Charlotte County Public School, Charlotte County Public Schools Murdock Center, or on the web at www.yourcharlotteschools.net. A complete listing of schools that are at capacity (closed to reassignments) is also available on the school district's website. If you decide to select a school other than your child's assigned geographic school, be careful to research the special conditions such as athletic eligibility that are attached to reassignment obligations. Transportation is not provided for students who have obtained a reassignment. Out-of-County students no longer need to obtain a signature (release) from their county of residence.

Parents or guardians who have any additional questions may call 941-255-0808, extension 2141.