



Evergreen School District

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2020 - 2021 SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUEST INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM?

Pursuant to Education Code 35160.5 which mandates that all school districts throughout California offer parents an opportunity to select the district school their child will attend, **as space is available for School Choice requests**. This option enables parents residing in the Evergreen School District to apply for a transfer to a school other than their home school which is designated by their residence.

This informational sheet is provided to answer questions regarding the School Choice Program and to outline procedures should parents wish their child(ren) attend a school other than their home school.

KEY POINTS OF THE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

- **There must be open slots available at the requested school that can accommodate students outside the school's attendance area.**
- No student who resides within the attendance area of a school may be displaced by a transfer student.
- It is expected that all students granted a School Choice transfer will maintain regular and timely attendance.
- School Choice placements are granted via a lottery.
- **NO district transportation will be provided for transfer students.**

SCHOOL CHOICE IN EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the past we were fortunate that some district schools have had space available and therefore, enabled the district to grant student transfers. However, during recent years, space has become very limited, making it more difficult to grant transfer requests. The following sites are impacted and will not be a choice: **Matsumoto, Carolyn Clark, J.F. Smith, Evergreen.**

APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2020 - 2021 School Choice Transfer application period within the Evergreen School District will be:

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020 – FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

<https://registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=23386&culture=en>

Apply for School Choice online during the above lottery window with the link above. Create an account to be able to apply to start the online form. Transfer requests which are submitted after the initial lottery will be placed on a waiting list and processed in a timely manner.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child is new to Evergreen School District?

Students must be registered at their home school prior to applying for a School Choice Transfer.

Where can I obtain a School Choice Transfer Request Form and to whom do I submit it?

School Choice Transfer Request forms are available at all Evergreen School District schools and at the District Office. All applications must be submitted to the District Office, 3188 Quimby Road.

How long is an approved School Choice transfer valid?

An approved transfer request is valid for the student's continuous education at the requested school. However, in extreme situations, such as a school becoming impacted by unanticipated growth or boundary changes, the District reserves the right to revoke the transfer.

Are there any other considerations for School Choice transfers?

No. Legislation specifically calls for a random, unbiased selection process and does not permit special consideration for circumstances such as childcare, family needs, etc.

What is the selection process for School Choice transfer requests?

The law requires that districts select students who are requesting a school transfer in a random and unbiased manner. "First come, first served" is not considered random or unbiased under the law.

Will transportation be provided to the new school?

No. The Evergreen School District does not provide transportation for students attending schools under the School Choice Program.

What if I have more than one child?

When parents complete a School Choice Transfer Request form, all children in the family may be listed on one application. All children on the application who have requested a transfer to the same school will be assigned a single lottery number on that school's waiting list.

If one of my children has previously been approved, what about incoming siblings?

Once a child has been approved for a School Choice transfer and has been enrolled at the school of choice for one year, his/her siblings will be given priority consideration for School Choice status if:

- 1) the incoming student is registered at the home school, and
- 2) the parent completes a School Choice application, and
- 3) the application indicates that the child who is approved for school choice is currently attending the approved school of choice, and
- 4) space is available for School Choice requests.

In all instances, sibling approval is **not guaranteed**.

How will parents be notified of the status of their School Choice Request?

By the end of July, parents will be notified by mail regarding the status of transfer requests received during the application period.

- **If approved**, the child will attend their school of choice and registration paperwork will be transferred to the school of choice.
- **If placed on a waiting list**, the child will attend their home school. Parents will receive a second notification only if space becomes available for the requested grade level at the requested school.
- **If not approved**, the child will attend their home school.

All requests received after the application period will be processed in a timely manner.

Listing of Evergreen District Schools 2020 - 2021

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Cadwallader, Grades K-6
(408) 270-4950

Cedar Grove, Grades K-6
(408) 270-4958

Carolyn Clark, Grades K-6
(408) 223-4560

Evergreen, Grades K-6
(408) 270-4966

Holly Oak, Grades K-6
(408) 270-4975

Matsumoto, Grades K-6
(408) 223-4873

Millbrook, Grades K-6
(408) 270-6767

Montgomery, Grades K-6
(408) 270-6718

Norwood Creek, Grades K-6
(408) 270-6727

Silver Oak, Grades K-6
(408) 223-4515

James F. Smith, Grades K-6
(408) 532-2150

Katherine Smith, Grades K-6
(408) 270-6751

O.B. Whaley, Grades K-6
(408) 270-6759

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Chaboya, Grades 7-8
(408) 270-6900

LeyVa, Grades 7-8
(408) 270-4993

Bulldog Tech at LeyVa
Grades 7-8
(408) 270-4993

Quimby Oak, Grades 7-8
(408) 270-6735

Quimby Lobo School of
Innovation, Grades 7-8
(408) 270-6735