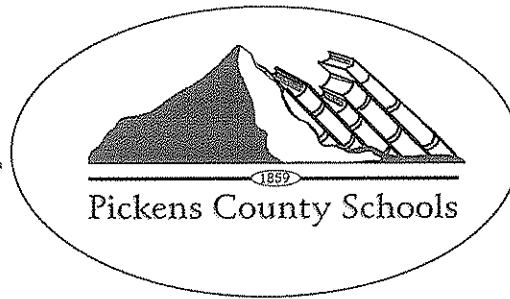


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Pickens County School Choice Procedures

2009-10

- The Pickens County School System will determine by July 1st each year the number of vacant seats available at schools that are eligible to receive transfer students under HB 251. For more information concerning HB 251 go to www.doe.k12.ga.us. Campus vacancies will be established based upon grade level.
- Vacancies will be posted on our district website (www.pickens.k12.ga.us) on or before July 1st. Vacancies will also be posted at the Board of Education office.
- Parents/Guardians may apply for vacancies through the following process:
 - Applications will be accepted by mail if postmarked by July 14, 2009. Applications will also be accepted at the Board of Education office by hand delivery. The deadline for hand delivery is 4:00 July 17th. Only applications postmarked by July 14th or hand delivered by July 17th will be considered valid and eligible for the placement lottery.
 - New students who enroll after July 17th or during the academic year must wait until the following summer to enter the placement lottery through the application process.
- After the application window has closed, eligible applications will be sorted by campus preference. A random drawing will then take place at the Board of Education office.



- Prior to the first day of school, principals will notify out of district parents/guardians that their child was selected for assignment at the school of choice and the enrollment procedure for that school. Once selected the student must stay at that school for the entire 2009-2010 school year.
- The law requires parents/guardians to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of their student to and from school as long as the student remains in that school.
- An application will need to be completed for each student. This application process is per student not per family.
- The application form can be printed from our website (www.pickens.k12.ga.us). The application may also be picked up at the Board of Education office.
- Please call Tommy Qualls at 706) 253-1700 or email Tommy at tommyqualls@pickens.k12.ga.us if you have any questions.