

Eligibility For No Child Left Behind/Title I Adequate Yearly Progress Transfers

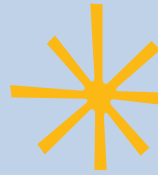
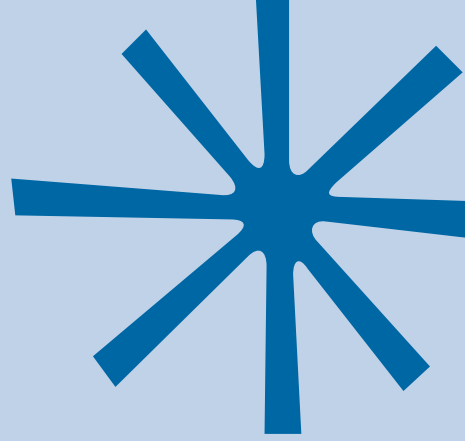
Military dependent students who relocate to Jacksonville during the school year and who live in the attendance area of a Title I school that did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and whose students were eligible for School Choice will be able to exercise that option for School Choice upon arrival. The School Choice options will be the same as those offered to other students residing in that attendance area.

Lottery Placement

In cases where the same magnet program is available at more than one school site, a student applying through the lottery will generally receive the first choice. A student who applies after the lottery will be placed in the program selected by the School Choice Director. The Magnet application must be submitted by February 27 for lottery placement. All other required paperwork is needed before March 20, 2009.

We're Here To Help

We'll be glad to offer assistance and answer any questions you may have. Simply contact the School Choice Office at (904) 390-2144 or 390-2082 for complete information.



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School Choices For Students And Families

Military Dependent Student Transfers





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You've Got Priority!

The 2004 Legislature passed Senate Bill 1604 which amended Section (3) of Florida Statute 1003.05 as follows: "dependent children of active duty military personnel who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic programs offered through public schools shall be given first preference for admission to such programs even if the program is being offered through a public school other than the school to which the student would generally be assigned and the school at which the program is being offered has reached its maximum enrollment."

As a result, military dependent students who have a parent on active duty are given preference for admission to special academic programs including charter schools, magnet schools, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), honors, and dual enrollment. Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the program are placed in the program, not on a waiting list.

Eligibility

Students seeking a transfer as a military dependent student must provide the following documents to the School Choice Office:

- Proof of residency in Duval County
- Permanent Change of Station or Official Change Duty Orders
- Dependency Application/Record of Emergency Data, which lists the names, addresses and relationship of dependents to the active duty member.

Application Procedures

Military dependent students must follow all established application procedures for admission to the special academic programs:

- Magnet school applications are available in January of each school year.
- Charter school applications are available at each charter school.
- Students applying for IB or AICE must meet the published eligibility criteria.
- Students applying to the high school of performing arts must schedule and pass an audition in their arts area.
- Students applying for the seventh or eighth grade middle school of the arts must schedule and pass an audition in their arts area.
- Students applying for an Advanced Placement program must indicate which AP course they wish to take that is not available in their neighborhood school and meet eligibility criteria.
- Students applying for the ninth grade honors program at Stanton or Paxon must have taken Algebra I in the eighth grade. For tenth grade and up, students must have been enrolled in a similar program of study at their prior school.

In addition, a Military Transfer Request Form must be completed and attached to any other required application.

Placement Details

Military dependent students may apply for and be placed in requested programs at any time, according to the district's School Choice Plan. Generally speaking, this means:

- New students moving into the district will be placed upon arrival.
- Students coming from private schools will be placed upon request.

However, once a student has enrolled in a public school, and once the school year has started, students cannot be moved from one school to another during the same academic school year.

Exit Criteria

Military dependent students who decide to enroll in a School Choice program are expected to remain in that program throughout the school year. Requests to return to the neighborhood school (i.e., the attendance zone school) will be treated in the same way as any other student in the district. The Request to Return to Attendance Area School form must be filled out and signed by the principals of the affected schools before withdrawing from the School Choice school. Transfers are subject to approval by both the receiving and sending school principals.

Transportation

Parents are responsible for transportation to the student's requested school, but students who choose a magnet school may take advantage of the magnet transportation system.

Requesting A Magnet School

Military dependent students should exercise their transfer option only when they are NOT eligible for regular admission to the magnet program being requested. Those who are already eligible for program continuity to the next school level for a magnet program need not adhere to the military dependent requirements. Doing so often delays placement rather than accelerating it.

Eligibility For The John M. McKay Scholarships For Students With Disabilities Program

Military dependent students with disabilities who transfer to Florida from out of state are exempt from the eligibility requirement that they spend the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school. But these students must meet all other eligibility requirements to participate in the program.

