

# Resident Transfer Proposal

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**March 5, 2024**

*(Presentation updated with most current information 3/6/24.)*



# Nonresident Student Enrollment

Statute requires districts to declare projected enrollment and number of open seats available to nonresident students by May 1 and make available to public by June 1

- October 10, 2023 - Board Policy JBCC: Enrollment of Nonresident Students adopted
- April 9, 2024 – Nonresident open seat recommendation will be presented to Board of Education
- June 1, 2024 – Number of seats open to nonresident students will be published

# Resident Student Enrollment

## SPS Recognizes:

- Resident and current nonresident students may want to continue attending their currently approved transfer school
- Resident families may decide to request transfer to school other than the school assigned to where they physically reside
- Current employee transfer guidelines are in place and have been successful

# Resident Student Enrollment

## Recommended Resident Guidelines:

- The school that resident student is attending in 2023-2024 will be considered the student's attending school moving forward
- A nonresident student attending a SPS in 2023-2024 will be considered a resident student and will follow resident processes
- If student is attending school of choice in 2023-2024, **no** resident or nonresident transfer application will be required

# Resident Student Enrollment

## Examples:

- Current school student is attending will be the attendance school in 2024-2025
- If resident student is a 5th grader, the middle school assigned to that elementary feeder will be the student's assigned middle school for 2024-2025
- If resident student is an 8th grader, the high school assigned to that middle school will be the school of attendance in 2024-2025

# Resident Student Enrollment

## Feeder School Pattern:

- Coronado, Schilling, Stewart and Sunset elementary schools feed into South Middle School and then South High School
- Cottonwood, Heusner, Meadowlark Ridge and Oakdale elementary schools feed into Lakewood Middle School and then Central High School

# Employee Student Enrollment

Students of employees serving a school in the SPS system will follow the Employee Student Transfer Guidelines established for employees

- If the employee's student is not currently attending the school that will be requested for 2024-2025, the employee must notify SPS prior to March 27 using established employee child transfer form
- Employees may apply for their child to attend a school **outside** of the attendance options outlined in the Employee Student Transfer Guidelines through the resident transfer process

# Resident Transfer Process

A resident transfer application will be required for the 2024-2025 school year if the resident student requests to attend a school other than the school the student is currently attending or requests to attend the middle or high school not associated with current school

- Resident transfer applications will be available starting March 6, 2024 on the SPS website
- The number of seats in each building (capacity) open to resident transfers will be posted on the SPS website on March 6, 2024



# Resident Transfer Process

Applications will only be accepted for schools that have not exceeded school or grade level capacity

- Applications will be due March 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm
- If resident student does not meet the March 27 deadline, the application will not be processed

***If student is attending school of choice in 2023-2024 no transfer application is required no matter where the student physically resides***

# Resident Capacity Process

Elementary process used to determine open seats for resident transfers

1. Considered current year enrollment by reviewing student numbers on 9/20/23 and on 1/30/24
2. Set the preferred class size at the middle of our normal class size range
3. Calculated a grade level target enrollment number per grade if we plan for 4 sections of K and 3 sections of 1-5
4. Subtracted the actual enrollment from that grade level target
5. Considered overall school enrollment
6. Closed schools with enrollment over 390

# Resident Capacity Process

Building	K openings	1st openings	2nd openings	3rd openings	4th openings	5th openings	Total Enrollment
Coronado	0	0	0	0	0	0	401
Cottonwood	9	0	4	3	22	18	297
Heusner	2	0	0	0	0	7	366
MLR	0	0	0	0	0	0	414
Oakdale	18	6	10	16	16	23	264
Schilling	0	0	0	0	7	13	386
Stewart	0	0	0	0	0	0	396
Sunset	3	0	0	0	0	11	342

# Resident Capacity Process

Secondary process used to determine open seats for resident transfers

1. Considered current year enrollment by reviewing student numbers on 9/20/23 and on 1/30/24
2. Considered overall school enrollment
3. Set the preferred grade level target
4. Subtracted the actual enrollment from that grade level target

# Resident Capacity Process

	6th openings	7th openings	8th openings	Total Enrollment
Lakewood Middle	16	37	31	672
South Middle	0	0	0	767

	9th openings	10th openings	11th openings	12th openings	Total Enrollment
Central High	30	25	59	40	907
South High	0	0	0	0	1061

# Lottery Process

If transfer applications exceed capacity of requested school and/or grade level, a random confidential lottery process will be used to determine accepted applications

- Each applicant's name will be listed on a card and placed in the lottery pool
- Lottery selection will be done by randomly selecting student names from applicant pool
  - Students will be drawn and listed in order of selection
  - Open seats will be filled by selected students until all seats are filled
  - Siblings of students selected in the lottery will have priority for other open seats in the building
  - If no open seat is available at the sibling's grade level, the sibling will not be approved for a transfer

# Resident Transfer Process

The resident transfer application process does not pertain to employee students or students attending school assigned to legal residence

## Resident Transfer Timeline:

- March 6 – Notify current SPS families of resident transfer process
- March 6 – Applications for resident transfer process available to families on SPS website
- March 6 – Open seats posted to SPS website
- March 27 – Resident transfer application window closes
- April 5 – Resident applicants notified of decision

# Resident Transfer Process

## Other Notes:

- There will be no provision for transportation of a student who lives outside school residency area or lives within 2.5 miles of requested school
- Student may not be eligible for immediate participation in athletic/school activities at middle and high school due to KSHSAA student bona fide move guidelines
- If student approved for a transfer chooses to return to the school of legal residence, the student will not be eligible for a future transfer



# Nonresident Transfer Process

SPS will assess resident transfer process to adjust and finalize nonresident transfer process recommendations

## Nonresident Transfer Timeline:

- April 9 – Nonresident school capacity recommendation provided to Board of Education for adoption
- June 1 – SPS publishes number of open seats available to nonresident students
- June 1 thru June 30 – Nonresident applications accepted
- July 15 – Nonresident applicants notified of school assignment

# Next Steps:

- Implement resident transfer process as presented

*Note: Due to timeline for setting nonresident capacity and open seats there will be no waitlist for students not selected for resident transfers as indicated in the agenda information*

- Review internally how resident transfer process worked to inform the recommendations for nonresident transfer processes requiring approval

## Questions?

