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INTRA-DISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE

Introduction

Mountain Views School District offers the opportunity for parents and guardians to investigate their child attending an elementary school other than their town designated school through Intra-District School Choice.

Families or guardians of elementary students within the Unified District may apply for Intra-District School Choice. Choice may be limited where necessary to the operational needs of the Unified District and any applicable legal requirements. Decisions regarding choice shall consider issues including, but not limited to, transportation, socio-economic equity, proximity to the selected building, unity of siblings, and the classroom capacities of receiving schools and sending schools.

Procedures

To apply for Intra-District Choice, families must apply to the Superintendent following outlined procedures and deadlines, and will subsequently be notified by the Superintendent if application is approved within the outlined procedural timeframe. Approval is not guaranteed.

When applying for a school choice transfer the student is making a commitment. If a student has transferred to a new school via Intra-District Choice, they are expected to attend their choice school through the highest grade offered there. If they wish to attend another school within the district, they must reapply to the Superintendent for consideration.

Siblings may apply to attend a school choice location with an older sibling. Efforts will be made to keep siblings together, but cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation for Intra-District School Choice students is the responsibility of the parents. Bus routes are not designed around school choice, though there may be limited availability along existing bus routes for school choice students. When bus routes are finalized for the school year, the routes will be made available to parents.

Families applying for intra-district school choice must follow the following timetable and deadlines:

Early February: Notification of school choice process.

March 15th: Deadline for first round of applications.

March 30th: Parents notified of school choice application outcome.

August 1st: Deadline for second round of applications.*

Mid-August: Parents notified of school choice application outcome.

*Applications after August 1st and throughout the school year will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be made through a direct request to the Supervisory Union.

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