



# Muscogee County School District

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## NEWS RELEASE

### House Bill 251 Deadline for 2011-2012 Requests

(Columbus, GA)-House Bill (HB) 251 allows parents to choose a school for their child in the district other than the school of assignment from a list of schools with available space. Under the law, no transportation is provided by the district and no appeals are allowed. Parents may only select one school. Students are selected by lottery based on the number of available seats at a school.

A list of the identified schools with space available can be accessed on the district's web site, [www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us), a school, or the Central Registration office located inside the Muscogee County Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road. Parents, who are interested in applying, must complete and submit a HB 251 Request Form.

The request form is available at [www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us), any school in the Muscogee County School District, or the Central Registration Office. House Bill 251 request forms will be accepted **June 29 - July 15, 2011, and must be received at the Central Registration Office in the Muscogee County Public Education Center by 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2011.**

Parents of students who are already enrolled in the district should report to his or her child's school of assignment for verification and contact the assigned school for information on verification dates and times. Parents and guardians who have a child that is not currently enrolled in the Muscogee County School District should report to the Central Registration office to register the child only if he or she is a special needs student, needs English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services, or if the parent or legal guardian lives with someone and not in his or her own residence.

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To determine the school of assignment, parents can also access **MapNetWeb** at [www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us) . MapNetWEB will help parents identify the schools (elementary, middle, and high) specified for students based on the legal home address. Parents should type in the home address to see the school of assignment.

In addition, any parent or guardian who has changed the physical home address since May 31, 2011, or plan to move prior to July 30, 2011, should report to Central Registration office to update the change of address.

**Parents and guardians must bring proof of their address, which includes:**

- A Current Utility Bill
- And Either a Lease, Sales Contract, or Mortgage Statement

**If the parent or legal guardian is living with someone, both parties:**

- Must Complete a Resident Affidavit at the Central Registration Office
- Must Provide Picture Identification
- Must Be Present to Sign and Certify the Affidavit

If a child receives special transportation service, the new address must be on file in order to provide transportation on the first day of school, which is August 8, 2011, for traditional schools. Classes for Year-Round schools (Georgetown Elementary and Rigdon Road Elementary) begin Monday, July 11, 2011.

The Central Registration office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Parents who need more information can call the Central Registration Office, (706)748-2222. Media organizations should contact the Department of Communications, (706) 748-2034, [communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us), or complete an electronic interview/information request form under the *News* link at [www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us) .

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HB 251 11-12  
Available Schools/Grades

**MCS D  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ALLEN						
BLANCHARD						
BREWER						
BRITT DAVID						
CLUBVIEW						
CUSSETA RD.				X		X
DAVIS					X	X
DAWSON	X					
DIMON			X			
DOUBLE CHURCHES					X	
DOWNTOWN			X			
EAGLE RIDGE						
EDGEWOOD		X			X	X
FORREST RD.				X	X	X
FOX	X	X			X	
GENTIAN	X	X	X	X		X
GEORGETOWN				X		
HANNAN					X	X
JOHNSON					X	X
KEY			X	X	X	X
LONNIE JACKSON				X	X	X
M.L. KING, JR.						
MATHEWS					X	
MIDLAND						
MUSCOGEE			X	X		X
NORTH COLUMBUS						
REESE RD.						
RIGDON RD.		X			X	X
RIVER RD.		X	X		X	X
S. COLUMBUS				X		X
ST. MARYS						
WADDELL						
WESLEY HGTS.	X			X	X	X
WYNNTON						

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

	6th	7th	8th
ARNOLD			
BAKER			X
BLACKMON RD.			
DOUBLE CHURCHES	X		X
EAST COLUMBUS			
EDDY		X	X
FORT			
MARSHALL		X	
MIDLAND			
RICHARDS			
ROTHSCHILD			
VETERANS MEMORIAL			

**HIGH SCHOOL**

	9th	10th	11th	12th
CARVER	X	X	X	X
COLUMBUS				
EARLY COLLEGE				
HARDAWAY				
JORDAN	X	X	X	X
KENDRICK	X	X	X	X
NORTHSIDE				
SHAW				
SPENCER	X	X	X	X

**X = Space Available**

**Muscogee County School District**  
**HB 251 Procedures 11-12**  
**Parent Information**

1. Available schools will be posted on the MCSD web site and through announcement to media on June 29, 2011.
2. **The window for HB 251 requests will be June 29 – July 15, 2011. All requests must be received at Central Registration, Muscogee County Public Education Center by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, July 15.**
3. The current hardship transfer form will be used. These are available at all schools and Central Registration, Muscogee County Public Education Center. For HB 251 transfer requests, “HB 251” will be written on the forms. School principals do not have to sign HB 251 requests.
4. Parents may only select one school. Once a parent has completed a HB 251 transfer request, they may not complete a second/third/fourth/etc. form during the present school year unless a change of address creates a new school assignment.
5. Students will be selected using a lottery. For example, if there are 10 students wanting to attend the same grade at a particular school and there are three openings, the requests will be numbered 1 – 10 and then three numbers drawn from a box. These three students will then be assigned to the selected school/grade.
6. Parents will be notified in writing with the results of the lottery. There is no appeal for HB 251 decisions.
7. New students entering MCSD after the July 15 deadline will have an opportunity to apply for a HB 251 transfer at the time of their enrollment. Availability of schools will be based on the school enrollments at the time of the request.
8. Students may remain at the transfer school until they complete the last grade at that school.
9. Students may not apply to attend a school that does not have courses necessary for that student’s graduation or does not have a program with the services identified in the student’s existing individualized education program.
10. **Transportation for approved HB 251 transfers will be the responsibility of the parents.**