



# Muscogee County School District

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Deadline Notice for House Bill 251 2012-2013 Requests**

**(Columbus, GA)**- The window for House Bill (HB) 251 requests is July 2 – July 20, 2012. All requests must be received at Central Registration, Muscogee County Public Education Center, by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, July 20. 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 make one request by completing a HB 251 form and choosing one school. They may not complete another form during the present school year unless a change of address creates a new school assignment. 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), at schools, or the Central Registration Office at the Muscogee County Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road. Parents, who are interested in applying, must complete and submit a request form. School principals do not have to sign HB 251 requests.

Parents are notified about lottery results in writing. New students who enter the district after the July 20, 2012, deadline will have an opportunity to apply for a HB 251 transfer at the time of their enrollment. The availability of schools is based on the school enrollment at the time of the request.

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Students may remain at the transfer school until they complete the last grade the school level. 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.

\*Transportation for approved HB 251 transfers is the responsibility of the parents.

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