



# Muscogee County School District

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## For Immediate Release

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### 2015-2016 Hardship Requests Application Process

**(Columbus-GA)**-Parents and legal guardians may apply for a Hardship Request for the 2015-2016 school year Monday, May 4 – Monday, May 18, 2015, by 5:00 p.m. Applications for hardships are accepted online at [www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us) or forms are available at all schools and the district's Central Registration office. Completed hard copies of the hardship request form should be submitted to the Division of Student Services Central Registration Office, which is located at 2960 Macon Road.

Hardship requests are valid for one year *only*. Parents and legal guardians must re-apply each school year by submitting a hardship transfer request form. Requests for hardship transfers to another school are *only* approved under certain conditions, are based on *space available* at the requested school and the validity of the stated reason for the transfer. Hardship approvals and disapprovals will be sent by mail to the parent or legal guardian no later than the end of June 2015.

The deadline for hardship transfer requests is Monday, May 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Exceptions to the deadline include parents or legal guardians of students who *new* to the district or any parent or legal guardian who has an official change of address. Parents of students who are new to the school district and enroll their child after May 18, 2015, may request a hardship transfer form at the time of enrollment and submit it to the Division of Student Services at the Muscogee County Public Education Center.

Hardship requests are ***automatically denied*** for the following reasons:

1. Inadequate documentation to support hardship.
2. No available seats due to class size restrictions at requested school.

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3. The inability to accommodate all siblings.
  4. The request is based on:
    - a. You are unhappy with or dislike your student's current assigned school.
    - b. The requested school would be more convenient due to its location.
    - c. School performance or state assessment scores.
    - d. Your student would like to play sports or extracurricular activities for the requested school.
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- ❖ NO APPEALS for hardship decisions will be granted due to state-mandated class size restrictions.
  - ❖ Students who display continuous disruptive behavior and/or excessive tardiness and absences may be subject to reassignment to their home school.
  - ❖ Eligibility for Georgia High School Association governed activities such as Athletics, Literary Events, may be lost by a student granted a hardship, especially where a high school student has already attended another high school in the school district. Parents are encouraged to discuss eligibility with the school principal **before** applying for a Hardship Request.

Hardship requests may not be submitted for the following schools:

- Britt David Elementary Magnet Academy
- Clubview Elementary School
- Columbus High School
- Wynnton Arts Academy

The Muscogee County School District maintains attendance zones for school assignments. Parents are encouraged to register students at the school of assignment based on the legal residence.

For more information, e-mail [communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us).

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