



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
VOLUSIA COUNTY**
Application for School Choice

SCHOOL CHOICE OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date entered in Excel:	_____
Application #:	_____
Date entered in Focus:	_____

Applications for the upcoming school year are accepted from March 1 through the last day of the current school year.

Requesting variance for: Current School Year Upcoming School Year

A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH STUDENT

STUDENT INFORMATION: (please print)	
Student Name _____	Student Alpha ID _____
Date of Birth _____	Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Current Grade _____
Phone Number _____	Alternate Phone Number _____
Residence Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
If moved, New Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
Name of Legal Guardian/Parent _____	If shared custody, attach or email documentation
E-mail Address _____	How do you wish to be contacted? Email <input type="checkbox"/> or Letter <input type="checkbox"/>

VARIANCE REQUEST:

School Attending or Last Attended: _____

Zoned School	1 st Choice Requested School	2 nd Choice Requested School
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Reason for variance: (please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Sibling attends requested school Sibling Name _____ Sibling Alpha ID _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VCS Employee (Legal Guardian) School/Dept _____ Position _____ Relationship to student _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved out of zone during current school year (Email proof of residency. See section 11-C on reverse side of form.)
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Other- Provide a brief comment below. Email supporting documents to SchoolChoice@groups.volusia.k12.fl.us.

I, the undersigned, certify I am the custodial parent/legal guardian and am prepared to provide additional documents if requested. I testify that all of the information on this form is true and accurate. I am prepared to provide additional notarized documents if requested. I understand that if the District approves the choice request, I am responsible for providing the transportation of my student in accordance with School Board policy. If any attendance, grades, or behavior issues occur during the school year, the transfer may be revoked. I agree to abide by the policies of Volusia County School District. I understand that failure to comply with these conditions, or falsification of any portion of the application will result in the denial or revocation of my request, and the student shall be reassigned immediately to the school within the appropriate geographic attendance area.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Zoned School #	<input type="text"/>	Attending School #	<input type="text"/>	Requested School #	<input type="text"/>	Variance Code #	<input type="text"/>
Comments:				Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deny	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Signature:	Date:		

For Additional Information Refer to School Board Policy 203

I. DEFINITIONS:

A. Student's Residence

1. The student's residence shall be that place where the student's parents/legal guardian spend at least four nights between Sunday and Friday.
2. The student's residence when the parents are separated, but not subject to a court entered custody order, or an order of shared parenting, shall be the parent's home in which the student primarily lives.
3. The student's residence shall be the residence of the legal custodian/primary residential parent when a student is the subject of a custody order under Chapters 39 or 61, Florida Statutes
4. The student's residence shall be the residence of the student's legal guardian when the student's parent(s) is physically or mentally unable to properly care for the student or because home conditions necessitate the student's removal for protection.

B. Siblings - two or more students in the same family unit and residing in the same residence.

C. Space Availability - space is considered available when membership is less than the permanent capacity listed in the most recent Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Report, and/or class size is not adversely impacted.

II. ATTENDANCE WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC RESIDENTIAL BOUNDARIES:

A. Unless otherwise provided in this policy, attendance at each school shall be limited to those students whose parents/legal guardians reside within the geographical boundaries of the school board adopted attendance area.

B. Students requiring exceptional student education services will be staffed into the appropriate school in accordance with exceptional student education procedures and are not subject to the requirements of this policy unless applying for a choice assignment.

C. A minimum of two forms of documentation of residence shall be required for initial enrollment or transfer of a student from one attendance area to another in the district, including a change in a student's residential address, as required by School Board Policy 203

III. VARIANCE REQUEST:

A. Application

1. Application for requesting assignment to an out-of-attendance area school can be completed online or in writing to the office of School Choice. The request shall be signed by the parents/legal guardians of the student for whom the application is made.
2. Request for the following school year shall not be accepted prior to March 1 of the current school year and must be submitted no later than the last day of school of the current school year.

B. Appeal process and authority

1. The parents/legal guardians of a student who is denied approval for a change of assignment may appeal the decision to the District Student Placement Committee prior to the start of the school year.
2. The District Student Placement Committee's decision may be appealed to the superintendent's designee within ten (10) days of the decision of the DSPC committee.
3. Notwithstanding any other policy of the School Board, the decision of the Area Superintendent shall be final.

C. Athletics

Students intending to participate in sports at a high school other than the student's assigned school based on the geographical boundaries of the school board adopted attendance area should refer to the guidelines and rules established by FHSAA prior to any participation.

D. Duration

1. School choice assignments are approved for specific time periods depending upon both the type of exception and individual student needs.
2. School choice assignments may be revoked if a student does not maintain acceptable grades, behavior and/or attendance.

E. Transportation

Transportation is not provided for students approved for school choice. If the choice application is approved, transportation to the requested school is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.

IV. MISLEADING OR FALSE EVIDENCE:

A. In addition to the criminal penalty associated with the making of a false or misleading statement, if it is discovered that misleading or false evidence was presented in support of an application for a choice assignment, the student shall be reassigned immediately to the school within the appropriate geographic attendance area.

B. Failure to report a change in address shall be deemed evidence of intent to circumvent this policy and shall result in the application for a choice assignment being denied or revocation of the choice assignment.

SECTION 837.06 FLORIDA STATUTES

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided ins.775.083 ors. 775.084

In addition to the criminal penalty associated with the making of a false or misleading statement, if it is discovered that misleading or false evidence was presented in support of the request for waiver, the student shall be reassigned immediately to the school within the approved geographic attendance area.