

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT (COE) TRANSFER APPLICATION  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 27, 2020**

A separate application is required for each student and each available school of choice, if applying for more than one school. Please note that this application is for Controlled Open Enrollment applicants only; it is not intended for Academy or Program of Study requests, or for Gifted or ESE Special Program transfer requests, or hardship requests.

**This application is for (Check only one box)**

<input type="checkbox"/> PVPV Rawlings Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> The Webster School	<input type="checkbox"/> Murray Middle School
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Primary Parents/Legal Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Residence County \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Zoned School 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_ Current School 2019-20 \_\_\_\_\_

What is the student's six digit St. Johns County Schools ID number? (Enter N/A if not available) \_\_\_\_\_

**Sibling Preference**

Although a separate application is required for each student, for the purpose of sibling preference in the lottery process, please complete the section below.

**Please list below any of your students that are currently enrolled at this school as a COE student.**

Sibling Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Sibling Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list below any other siblings applying for this same COE school.**

Sibling Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sibling First Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

So that we may ensure that the appropriate services are available for your child, please answer the following questions below. Your answers will not negatively impact your child's application:

**Is your child currently staffed in an Exceptional Education Program? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (If no, you can continue on to Page Two)**

**Do they have an IEP? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No / Active / Inactive (circle one)**

**Do they have an EP for gifted services? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No / Active/Inactive (circle one)**

Please select the name(s) of the Exceptional Education Program (ESE):

**Check all that apply.**

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Developmentally Delayed
- Dual-Sensory Impaired
- Emotional or Behavioral Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Language Impaired
- Occupational Therapy
- Orthopedically Impaired
- Other Health Impaired
- Physical Therapy
- Specific Learning Disabled
- Speech Impaired
- Traumatic Brain Injured
- Visually Impaired

Is this child a dependent of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders?

- No
- Yes. In order for your application to be considered for preference eligibility, please provide current military orders to the office of Guidance and Choice **before** the application deadline.

Has this child been relocated to a different school zone due to a foster care placement?

- No
- Yes. In order for your application to be considered for preference eligibility, please provide supporting documents (such as court order) to the office of Guidance and Choice before the application deadline.

Has this child been relocated because of a court-ordered change in custody due to a separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent?

- No
- Yes. In order for your application to be considered for preference eligibility, please provide supporting documents to the office of Guidance and Choice before the application deadline.

**PARENT'S STATEMENT:** I have read the Controlled Open Enrollment Transfer requirements as stated on the attached information sheet, OR on the Guidance and Choice website at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gpc](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gpc). I understand that if this application is selected during the COE application lottery and my student(s) is enrolled in the COE school of choice, then I must comply with the items listed below (please check all circles below to acknowledge):

- Yes, I am responsible for providing the transportation of my child to and from school. SJCS D bus services cannot be utilized and a transfer may be revoked if there is an attempt to utilize SJCS D bus service.
- Yes, if any attendance, tardiness, or discipline issues occur during the school year the transfer may be revoked.
- Yes, I agree to abide by the policies of St. Johns County School District.
- Yes, I testify that all of the information on this form is true and accurate. I am prepared to provide additional notarized documents if requested.
- Yes, 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.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE POLICY AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE TRANSFER POLICY.**

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT THE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form: **MUST** be received in the Guidance & Choice Department office by **March 27, 2020**

Mail or Fax to:  
Guidance and Choice Department  
40 Orange Street  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(Fax) 904/547-7683

## **Controlled Open Enrollment Choice Options**

In addition to the established attendance zone, career academies and programs of choice, the St. Johns County School District will provide additional options for school assignment based on Controlled Open Enrollment in accordance with Florida Statute 1002.31. The following controlled choice options are permitted pursuant to School Board Rule 5.03 and will provide additional opportunities for students to attend a school other than their zoned school and will provide parents greater choice options. The Controlled Open Enrollment process and procedures are set forth in this Section IV.

### **A. Determination of Capacity**

A determination of the schools with available capacity is updated annually, and will be posted on the School District's website at the following link: [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/choice](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/choice). Specifications, plans, elements and commitments contained in the School District's Educational Plant Survey, Five Year District Facilities Work Plan and long-range student projections are incorporated into the District's capacity determinations for Controlled Open Enrollment.

For the 2019-2020 school year, a school will be subject to Controlled Open Enrollment when it has been determined that the school's enrollment is less than 80% of permanent Florida Inventory of School House (FISH) capacity. This determination takes into account the rapid enrollment growth in St. Johns County School District, which exceeds 20% over the past five years. In fact, the DOE Capital Outlay Full-Time Equivalent (COFTE) Projections show the District enrollment growing by an additional 21% over the next five years. The Second Twenty-Day Count for the previous (current) school year will be used to measure enrollment for purpose of making the capacity determination. Current enrollment will be compared with the school's permanent capacity based on the current FISH database at the time of the enrollment count. Available capacity will be the difference between the number of then-currently enrolled students and 80% of FISH capacity. In order to allow the District to plan for future growth and establish efficient attendance zones, a new school will not be subject to Controlled Open Enrollment until it has been in operation for three (3) years. Upon completion of the school's third full year of operation, it will be included in the annual calculation of available school capacity.

Each charter school governing board shall determine capacity based upon its charter contract. A charter school may provide preferential treatment in its Controlled Open Enrollment participation process in accordance with Florida Statute 1002.33(10), if such special purposes are identified in the charter contract.

Since Pre-Kindergarten (PK) programs are not mandatory, Controlled Open Enrollment options are not available for PK students.

ESE students are eligible to apply to all programs and eligible schools including Controlled Open Enrollment. If accepted to the school, an IEP team will convene to determine whether the student's needs can be adequately addressed and to ensure the IEP can be implemented at the chosen school. If not, the student will not be enrolled, but placed at the appropriate school based on attendance zone or appropriate placement for services if they are a resident of St. Johns County. Students residing in another county, whom the District is not able to serve, will be expected to enroll in their home county.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the following schools have available capacity for the specified number of seats. No K-8 Schools or High Schools currently meet the Controlled Open Enrollment criteria.

<b>2020-2021</b>				
	2019-2020 Permanent Student Stations	2019-2020 Permanent Capacity	2019-2020 2nd 20-Day Enrollment	Available Seats for 2020-2021 Based on 80% Permanent Student Stations
<b>Elementary Schools</b>				
PVPV/Rawlings	1333	1333	1008	58
Webster School, The	959	959	446	321
<b>Total</b>				<b>379</b>
<b>Middle Schools</b>				
Murray	1093	984	721	153
<b>Total</b>				<b>153</b>

### **B. Application Process and Lottery Selection**

Applications are available on the School District's website during an open enrollment period as listed in the updated schedule for each year, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Paper copies of the application are also available for those without access to a computer. One application is required for each school to which the student would request consideration. (For example, if the student would be willing to attend two Controlled Open Enrollment elementary schools, two separate applications would be required.)

Students subject to a current expulsion or suspension will not be permitted to take advantage of a Controlled Open Enrollment choice.

For purposes of continuity of educational choice, a student who enrolls or transfers under Controlled Open Enrollment may remain at the Controlled Open Enrollment school until the student completes the highest grade level at the school. After completion of the terminal grade of that school, the student must return to their zoned school or apply for and be granted another lottery selection through Controlled Open Enrollment. Students residing in another county must return to their school district in the absence of another lottery selection entitling them to enroll in another District school.

Applications for Controlled Open Enrollment will only be accepted during the application window. Once the window has closed, all applications will be randomly numbered with the assistance of a computer program. Available seats will then be assigned to the applicants for that school starting at 1 and ending at the total number of seats available. (For example in 2020-2021, Controlled Open Enrollment students will be accepted for PVPV/Rawlings Elementary from 1 to 58.)

The application window will run simultaneously for both St. Johns County residents and out-of-county residents. There will be two separate lotteries, with in-county and out-of-county students being numbered separately. The out-of-county applications will only be considered if there are still remaining open seats after the completion of the in-county lottery.

Once notified of a lottery selection of an available seat, the parent/guardian must accept and enroll the student in the specified school. If a student happens to receive a lottery selection for more than one school, the parent/guardian must select one and decline the other. If seats re-open due to a declined selection, the student with the next number in the lottery will be notified and offered the seat. Once notified, the parent/guardian will have ten working days to respond. No response will be considered a decline of the selection. This process will only continue until the first day of school. After the first day of school, the wait list will be discontinued.

There is no appeal process for Controlled Open Enrollment as it is based strictly on a lottery procedure.

### **C. Preferential Placement**

Preferential placement will be provided to the following through the Controlled Open Enrollment process:

1. Students residing in the School District.
2. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
3. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
4. Children who have been moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
5. Siblings: A parent may declare their school preference of an Applicant with respect to the placement of sibling students within the same school. There are two forms of sibling preference for an Applicant:
  - a. The Sibling of the applicant is a currently enrolled COE student in the school requested.
  - b. The applicant has a sibling in the current COE cycle making simultaneous application.

Applicants who are the sibling of a currently enrolled COE student will receive priority preference for placement appropriate to their lottery group (in-county and out-of-county). Sibling preference only applies if the school of enrollment is designated for COE for the school year of application.

Applications with a verified sibling applicant shall be noted and maintained in a separate sibling list. These applications will be given a lottery number along with all other applications. However, when one sibling is selected, the remaining sibling(s) will be given a priority to attend the same school by allowing them to take the next number or to be placed on the waitlist only behind other siblings. If siblings cannot be placed at the same school, a hardship request may be submitted for in-county residents only

Siblings are defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, living in the same household. Verification will be required.

### **D. Availability of Transportation**

No District transportation options are available to any choice option in St. Johns County. Transportation must be arranged and provided by the parent/guardian.

### **E. Student-Athlete Transfers**

Student-Athletes who transfer to another school must comply with the FHSAA Rules of Athletic Eligibility in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

- A student participating in Controlled Open Enrollment or a choice program is immediately eligible upon enrollment to participate in interscholastic athletics and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

- A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets one of the following criteria:
  1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders.
  2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone.
  3. Children who have been moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
  4. Good cause for participation exists under District or charter school policy.

#### **F. Voluntary Return to Assigned School or District**

Upon request, a student shall be permitted to return to the student's zoned school; however, it is recommended that the student return at the end of the marking period or semester, unless extenuating circumstances are present.

#### **G. Rescinding of Placement**

Controlled Open Enrollment placement may be rescinded if:

- Incorrect or false information was provided in the application;
- Attendance, tardiness or discipline/behavior problems develop at the receiving school.

#### **H. Class Size Compliance**

Availability of seats at a school designated as having capacity under the Controlled Open Enrollment process is subject to the maximum class size pursuant to Florida Statute 1003.03 and Section 1, Article IX of the State Constitution.

#### **I. Extension of Application Window for Military**

Applications for dependent children of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders may continue to be filed after the application deadline if seats remain unfilled for the school year.